Ionia County

Rabbit Project
Record Book

Ages 15 to 19 Years

Check one or more Project areas

_____ Pet

_____ Breeding

_____ Market

Name: ________________________________________________________________

4-H Club: ____________________________________________________________

4-H Leader: __________________________________________________________

Age (as of 1/1): ________________  Years in Rabbit Project:_______________

Record Started: ________________  Record Closed: ________________

Month/Day/Year  Month/Day/Year

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**Why Keep Records?**

- Members learn more about their project animals - costs, feed, health and management skills.
- Document activities and progress in the project.
- Improve management and production practices.
- Helps plan future projects.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records. This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships. Remember - records are no better than what YOU put into them!

Leader’s Comments*:

___________________________________________________________________________________

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Rabbit Leader’s Signature:_________________________

* Book is incomplete without comments and signature from your leader*

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Objectives of the 4-H Rabbit Project

1. To gain knowledge and skills in managing and caring for rabbits.
2. To learn to select quality rabbits and how to feed them balanced rations.
3. To maintain management records to base decisions on regarding feed, production and breeding of rabbits.
4. To participate in group activities within the club and to assume responsibility in the 4-H Club rabbit program.
5. To gain satisfaction from completing a project to the best of your ability.
6. To let members experience and cope with the values and attitudes of responsibility, in a relatively unsupervised environment. The supervision will be on a periodic basis.
7. To let the member contribute to the family table with rabbit meat, or to experience the marketing process and system in disposal of the product.
8. To let the member experience competing through showing rabbits at local, area and state 4-H rabbit shows.

4-H Rabbit Project Guidelines

1. Members should enroll in the fall, even though they may not yet have animals. This will enable members to be well prepared to receive their animals.
2. Project records must be started and kept until the end of the project year. The latest date for starting records and for ownership of project animals is May 1 of the current 4-H year, with the exception of market pen does, these need to be owned and started on April 1st.
3. Members are encouraged to exhibit their animals at least once during the project year, such as the county fair, area rabbit shows and the state 4-H rabbit show.

4-H Rabbit Project Showmanship

1. All members are strongly encouraged to participate in the showmanship division of the 4-H Rabbit Project.
2. Exhibitors are to be appropriately and neatly groomed/dressed in a long sleeved white shirt or lab coat, dark and clean pants, and closed toed shoes.
Rabbit Project Summary

This page is completed using ALL of your current 4-H project animals.

1. In my 4-H project I started with: During the current year I added:
   - _____ doe(s)
   - _____ buck(s)
   - _____ doe(s)
   - _____ buck(s)
   - _____ kindled litters

2. Number of meetings held:___________________.
   Number I attended:________________________.

3. Number of rabbit project related activities attended:_____________.
   They were:__________________________________________________________________
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Abscesses          Fur mites          Vent disease
Broken back        Hairballs          Vitamin deficiency
Coccidiosis        Mastitis           Weepy eye
Conjunctivitis     Orchitis           Wolf teeth
Dead tail          Pasteurella        Wry neck
Ear canker         Ring worm           Wry tail
Ear mites          Screw tail         
Enteritis          Snuffles
1. What is a sign of poor ventilation in a rabbitry?
   
2. How do you properly manage manure accumulation under a hutch?
   
3. Describe a method of removing fur and waste clinging to the bottom of the hutch:
   
4. What brand of food do you use?
   
5. Describe your feeding routine.
   
6. How do you store your feed?
Rabbit Body Parts
**Standard of Perfection**

Complete the section using any ONE of your current project animal(s).

My breed of rabbit is: ________________________________

1. **Schedule of Points:**

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*Use the current Standard of Perfection. If you need to borrow one, ask your leader or the superintendent.*
2. Where are the most points concentrated in your breed of rabbit? ______________________
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3. What are the weight requirements for your breed of rabbit?________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

4. Does your breed of rabbit have any markings? If so, what are they?________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

5. How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit?___________________________
   List them:___________________________________________________________________
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6. List the body type for your breed. How many are recognized by ARBA?_____________
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7. List the fur type for your breed. How many are recognized by ARBA?_______________
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8. List the eye colors of your breed. How many are recognized by ARBA? ______________
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9. List some disqualifications or faults associated with your breed of rabbit: __________
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10. Describe three diseases and how to treat them: _________________________________
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Advanced Rabbit Quiz

1. Ringworm is the only transmittable disease from rabbits to humans.
   A) True     B) False

2. Rabbits have many sweat glands.
   A) True     B) False

3. Breeding 2 animals of the same breed not genetically related is known as _____________.
   A) Inbreeding     B) Outcrossing     C) Line Breeding     D) Cross Breeding

4. Which of the following breeds is disqualified for having a dewlap?
   A) Mini Satin     B) Satin     C) Dutch     D) Netherland Dwarf

5. A rabbit can be faulted for ____________.
   A) Poor color     B) Hutch stains     C) Pinched hindquarters     D) All of the above

6. _____________ is how far the color descends on the hair shaft.
   A) Depth of color     B) Definition     C) Circumference     D) Surface color

7. A trio of rabbits is typically ________________.
   A) 2 bucks and 1 doe     B) 3 does     C) 3 bucks     D) 2 does and 1 buck

8. The normal body temperature of a rabbit is ____________.
   A) 98.6 degrees     B) 92 degrees     C) 102-103 degrees     D) 42 degrees

9. Rabbits are considered monogastric. What does that mean?
   A) Complex stomach     B) Simple stomach     C) A stomach ache     D) One kidney
Show

RABBIT PEDIGREE

Ear #
Sold To
Address
Date Sold
Breed
Variety
Sex
Date Born

SIRE
Ear #
Color
Reg #
Weight
Grand Champion #
Winnings

GRAND
SIRE
Ear #
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G.G. SIRE
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NAME
Reg #
Weight
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Winnings

I hereby certify that this pedigree is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP

Rabbit Tutor®
1. What did you learn NEW this year? ____________________________________________
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2. If you were to do this project again, is there anything you would change or do differently? Please explain.____________________________________________________________
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A photo of your rabbit project or market pen is to be attached to this page. Additional picture pages may be added. Be creative!
Leadership and Service

Please answer the following questions according to your assigned age category: Beginners-question 1; Intermediate-questions 1-2; Advance-questions 1-3. Additional pages may be attached as needed.

1. In your animal project, what chores are assigned for you to do?

2. Describe a time when you have helped someone else learn about animals or agriculture; this can be an individual (friend or family member) or public education such as your club offering a petting zoo at a local event.

3. What is the leadership or service purpose of animal organizations such as Michigan Sheep Breeders, American Rabbit Breeders Association, etc? What organizations represent your animal species?
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