Ionia County

Rabbit Project
Record Book

Ages 9 to 11 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*:

___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

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 used 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 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 Ionia Free 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)   _____ doe(s)
   _____ buck(s)   _____ buck(s)
   _____ kindled litters

2. Number of meetings held:__________________.
   Number I attended:______________________.

3. Number of rabbit project related activities attended:__________________.
   They were:_______________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

Complete Show Record

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Rabbit Eye Colors

Blue  Blue Gray  Brown  Pink  Marbled

Five Eye Colors

Rabbit Tutor®
1. What type of housing do you use and what size is it? (for example: all wood, wood and wire, all wire, etc.)

____________________________________________________________________________
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2. What kind of food do you use?

____________________________________________________________________________
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3. Do you feed your rabbit(s) anything other than pellets? What?

____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

4. How much do you feed your rabbit(s) every day?

____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

5. How do you store your feed?

____________________________________________________________________________
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Attach Feed Slip Here
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 most of the points concentrated in your breed of rabbit?
__________________________________________________________________________

3. What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR BUCK for your breed of rabbit?
__________________________________________________________________________

4. What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR DOE for your breed of rabbit?
__________________________________________________________________________

5. Why did you choose the breed? ____________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

6. What body type and fur type does your breed of rabbit have?________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

7. Is your rabbit a 4 class or 6 class rabbit? ________________________________

8. How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit?____________________________
List them:___________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

9. List some disqualifications or faults associated with your breed of rabbit:
__________________________________________________________________________
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10. What clothing is appropriate to wear when showing your rabbit?_____________________
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11. What did you learn NEW this year? _________________________________________
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Pedigree for Show Rabbit

Complete this Pedigree using any ONE of your current project animals. Pedigree should be of your rabbit. **DO NOT attach the original pedigree.** The fairboard and/or rabbit superintendent CANNOT be responsible for the Rabbit Record Books while on display (and possible subsequent loss of your pedigree record.) Please fill in as much as possible.

Rabbit Pedigree

*Adapted from ARBA Rabbit Pedigree*

Breed: ________________________________________________

Sex: ____________________ Born: ______________________________

Name: ____________________ Reg. Number: ___________________

Color: ____________________ Weight: _______________________

Grand Champ. No.: ______________ Winnings: ________________

Sire ______________________

Ear # ______________________

Color _____________________

Weight _____________________

Grand Champ. No. __________

Winnings: ________________

Dam _______________________

Ear # _______________________

Color _____________________

Weight _____________________

Grand Champ. No. __________

Winnings: ________________
A photo of your rabbit project is to be attached to this page. Additional picture pages may be added. Be creative!
Beginner Rabbit Quiz

1. A document showing the ancestry of a rabbit is a _______________.
   A) Birth Certificate    B) Pedigree    C) Registration    D) Breeding Certificate

2. A baby rabbit is known as a _______________
   A) Calf    B) Kit    C) Kitten    D) Colt

3. At what age do a rabbit’s teeth stop growing?
   A) Birth    B) 4 weeks    C) 3 months    D) Never

4. How many ARBA recognized eye colors are there?
   A) 1    B) 2    C) 5    D) 7

5. How many toenails does a rabbit have?
   A) 4    B) 6    C) 12    D) 18

6. How long is a rabbit’s gestation period?
   A) 4 days    B) 14 days    C) 21 to 24 days    D) 28 to 32 days

7. The mother of a rabbit is known as the __________.
   A) Sire    B) Dam    C) Niece    D) Nephew

8. A male rabbit is called a __________.
   A) Buck    B) Bull    C) Jack    D) Ram

9. All rabbits have simple malocclusion.
   A) True    B) False

Junior Supplement Question

In your animal project what chores are assigned to you? Explain them.

___________________________________________________________________________________
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# My 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: ________________________________
4-H Club: ________________________________

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