

Shows and Sportsmanship

The Best of the Best

Showroom etiquette and sportsmanship are an important part of the rabbit project. You can help younger 4-H members learn how to enjoy the competitions and to have fun being with their new friends. You will have a chance to see "The Best of the Best" and know what you need to be working on when you are preparing and working with your rabbits.



Rabbit Skill:

Help younger 4-H members with showroom etiquette and sportsmanship.

Life Skill:

Relating to others

Success Indicator:

Recognizes instances of bad sportsmanship in a competitive situation.

Science Standard:

Behavior of organisms

“Hop to it!”

Help write a skit about a rabbit show that has only mishaps and bad sportsmanship. In your script correct all the mishaps and bad sportsmanship to good things happening. After the skit have a small rabbit competition in your 4-H club. You may want to invite new friends to come and watch. Help new members and first time “exhibitors” learn what to do. Take turns judging different classes of rabbits and helping with the paper work behind the show table. Write examples of bad sportsmanship you included in your skit.



Examples of Bad Sportsmanship in Our Skit



Rabbit Rap

Share What You Did

Share your ideas about how to have a successful experience at a rabbit show.

Process What's Important

What behavior can be a problem at a show? How can you handle them in a positive way?

Generalize to Your Life

What were some of the things you had to consider in planning a successful rabbit show?

Apply What You Learned

What were the leadership skills you used in developing and planning the rabbit show?



Did you know

What is agouti? It's a rabbit fur color pattern that has three or more bands of color with a definite break between each color.



Rabbit Facts

Show Tips

- Always try to help anyone who may need a word of encouragement or help.
- Be sure to always fill out the entire entry form. It will help the show secretary prepare for the show.
- It is best to enter on time. Late entries are usually not accepted. If you cannot attend the show, do not expect a refund on the entry.
- Take your rabbits to shows in the proper carrying cages. Cardboard boxes and make-shift cages are not good.
- Bring only your best animals to the show. If they are sick be sure to leave them at home.
- Make sure your rabbit has a legible earmark or tattoo in the left ear.
- Listen closely for your rabbits to be called to the table. After three calls your rabbits will not be judged.
- Never try to influence the judge with comments you may be making while the judging is going on.
- When your rabbits are being judged don't leave the table to go talk to friends. Stay and listen to the judge. She will be giving you information to help you in the future.
- If a problem occurs listen closely and be positive and understanding. Opinions of others are as important as your own.
- The judge is the authority for your entry. Discussing his call is not good etiquette. During a break in the show it is permitted to visit with him. Compliment the judge and the members of the show committee. Encouragement and thank you's are good etiquette.

Bounding Ahead

1. Give a presentation on rabbit show ethics.
2. Assist at a show by recording judge comments and ribbon placings.

Registering a Rabbit

You can show a rabbit in 4-H classes without it being registered. However, if you want to sell high quality breeding stock to other exhibitors you'll need to maintain a registered rabbit. Registration ensures that all the recent ancestors have met the necessary requirements for the breed.

Rabbit Skill:



Complete a rabbit registration paper. Keeping records Describe the steps to registering a rabbit. Systems, order and organization

Life Skill:

Success Indicator:

Science Standard:

“Hop to it!”

Using the selected rabbit, act the role of a registrar and record on the registration blank information that a registrar would include.

American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

No. L SAMPLE

Date _____

Breed _____ Sex _____ Variety _____

Name of rabbit _____ Ear Number _____ Date of birth _____

Weight _____ Registrar's remarks _____

Winings _____

Owners name _____ ARBA number _____

Address _____

Co-owner's name _____ ARBA number _____

Registrar's name _____ ARBA number _____

Name of original breeder _____

Address _____

This application is the property of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., and will not be returned. A certificate of registration bearing the name, date of birth, and registration number of the animal will be sent to the OWNER. Make all remittances to: ARBA P.O. Box 426, Bloomington, IL 61702. Please PRINT or TYPE plainly. Registrar is required to keep duplicate copy for at least 6 months. MAKE SURE TO FILL IN ALL BLANKS ON THE APPLICATION.

Animals must meet all senior requirements for their breed to be eligible for registration

Sire _____	Gr. G. G.C. No. _____	G.G. Sire _____
Reg. No. _____ Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____	Variety _____	Reg. No. _____ Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____
Variety _____	G.G. Dam _____	Variety _____
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

OWNER'S AFFIRMATION – I hereby affirm that the above information is correct and true to the best of my knowledge, and further affirm that all animals listed on the above pedigree are of the same breed. The above registration number or the official ARBA registration insignia has been tattooed in the animal's right ear.

Signed _____ Date _____

Phone _____ Owner _____ E-mail _____ rev 06/02

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Rabbit Rap

Share What You Did

What did you include on the registration?

Process What's Important

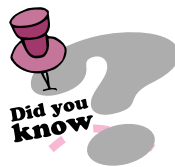
How do you register a rabbit? What are the advantages of having a registered rabbit?

Generalize to Your Life

What other types of records do you keep? Why?

Apply What You Learned

What records will you need to keep in order to keep rabbits registered? Where and how does your family record their genealogy?



Did you know

All the rabbits of the same class - those of the same breed, variety, sex, age and weight range - are generally exhibited on the show table for the judge's inspection. Most judges place by starting with the lowest rated animals. These animals are sent back to their pens, followed by the average animals. At the end, the last rabbits on the tables are the top-rated rabbits in the class.

Rabbit Facts

Registering a Rabbit

You need three things in order to register a rabbit:

1. Be a current ARBA member with a card.
2. Have a completed pedigree which shows the last three generations and weights.
3. Have a rabbit which is at least six months old, meets the minimum weight requirements of a senior animal and is free of any disqualification.
4. Four dollar fee is charged.

A registrar licensed by the ARBA is needed to examine the rabbit for any disqualifications and weigh the rabbit. If the rabbit meets the weight requirements and is free of any disqualifications, then the rabbit can be registered. The Registrar may make comments on the registration blank about type, color, eyes, ears, bone, balance, fur etc. After the application is completed the registrar will tattoo the right ear.

Bounding Ahead

1. Make a family tree for yourself which includes at least three generations on each side of your family.
2. Interview a registrar and report to your helper what you learn.