

# Judge Along



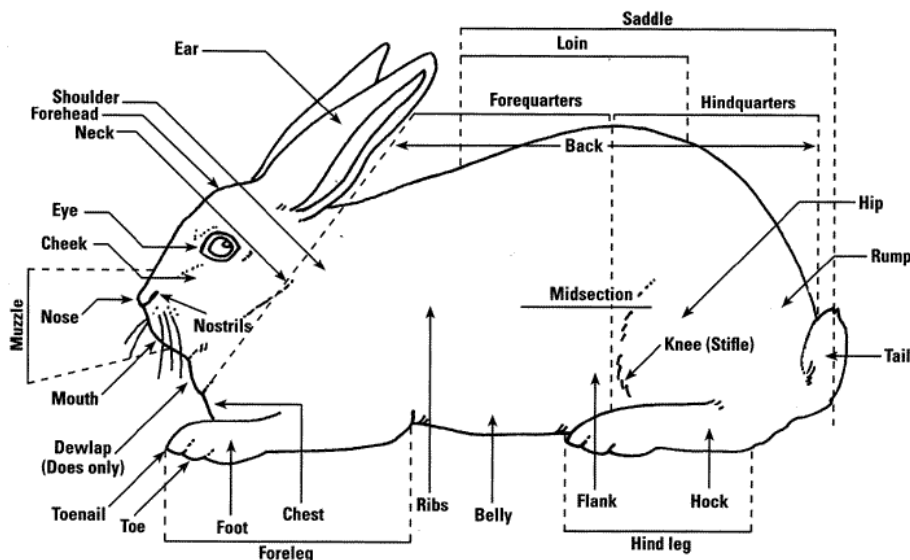
## ◆ RABBITS

### What a Judge might look for in Rabbits:

- ◆ A properly balanced rabbit that is also uniform in weight.
- ◆ Straight front and hind legs
- ◆ Good overall physical condition (ex. cleanliness, health).
- ◆ Good fur texture and exceptional fur quality.
- ◆ All markings that are correctly positioned on each breed.
- ◆ Eyes and toenails that are the proper color, depending on each breed.
- ◆ A meaty loin on commercial breeds

### What a Judge might look for in the show ring:

- ◆ Showmanship includes general appearance, especially cleanliness of the animal and the exhibitor's ability to control and pose the animal during judging.
- ◆ Each exhibitor brings his/her rabbit to the show table, where the judge examines each animal.
- ◆ Rabbits are grouped into classes for judging purposes.
- ◆ A good showman is polite and courteous to other exhibitors and pay attention to both animals and to the judge at all times.



<u>Your Choice:</u>	<u>Judge's Decision:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> _____	1 <sup>st</sup> _____
2 <sup>nd</sup> _____	2 <sup>nd</sup> _____
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## Did you know...

- A female rabbit is called a **Doe**. A male rabbit is called a **Buck**. A baby rabbit is called a **Kit**, and they are born with their eyes closed and without fur.
- Most rabbits can actually turn their ears 180 degrees. This rotation can pinpoint the exact location of a sound.
- A rabbit's life span is about 8 years, though sterilized rabbits (those who are spayed/neutered) can live as long as 10-12 years.
- Rabbits can have multiple litters each year consisting of 4–10 kits per litter.
- Rabbits and Hares are two different species and cannot reproduce with each other.
- The Flemish giant rabbit is the largest type of rabbit in the world. They're usually anywhere from 2.5 to 4 feet long and weigh 15 to 22 pounds, but the heaviest recorded Flemish giant rabbit weighed 50 pounds!
- The Columbia Basin Pygmy is the smallest and also one of the rarest rabbit breeds on Earth, its weight only reaches up to a pound.
- There are 51 rabbit breeds currently recognized by the American Rabbits Breeders Association (ARBA).

### List of 16 Breeds originated in the US:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| • Altex rabbit          | • Chinchilla rabbit    | • Mini Lop           |
| • American Fuzzy Lop    | • Cinnamon rabbit      | • Mini Rex           |
| • American rabbit       | • Florida White rabbit | • New Zealand rabbit |
| • American Sable rabbit | • Jersey Wooly         | • Palomino rabbit    |
| • Californian rabbit    | • Lionhead rabbit      | • Silver Fox rabbit  |
|                         |                        | • Silver rabbit      |



## Test Your Knowledge

### True or False

1. Rabbits are classified as rodents. **True or False**
2. An extra claw on the inside of the front leg is called dewclaw. **True or False**
3. The hind end of the rabbit should be facing the Judge when showing straightness of tail. **True or False**
4. The dark colored mark on a rabbit's nose is called a ladybug. **True or False**
5. A Rabbit has a total of two eyelids, upper, and lower. **True or False**

1.F 2.T 3.T 4.F 5.F

### Unscramble word match.

General disqualification reason

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| 6. rose yeas  | a. fleas      |
| 7. elfas      | b. colds      |
| 8. rose skoch | c. sore eyes  |
| 9. rovetewigh | d. sore hocks |
| 10. dolcs     | e. overweight |

6.c 7.a 8.d 9.e 10.b