

Exhibitor: _____

Level: Junior Intermediate Senior

APRIL RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Rabbit showmanship is quite different from that of other animal species. Rabbit showmanship involves thoroughly examining an animal as a judge would do in competition. Each step that a youth forgets to complete is counted against their overall score. Appearance of the exhibitor and their knowledge are two other areas important in this competition.

ATTIRE:

Required Dress Code: For showmanship, all exhibitors will be required to be in 4-H or FFA official dress. No caps or hats. Long hair is recommended to be pulled back. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.

The following is a list of actions exhibitors must perform in the showmanship class:

Appearance and Actions of Showman.....10 pts

- a. Clean___, neat___, wrinkle free___, **no dangle earrings**___ 4 3 2 1 0
 - b. Natural___, graceful actions___ 2 1 0
 - c. Good eye contact___, smiles___ 2 1 0
 - d. Confidence___ **Introduces self**___ 2 1 0
- Total Points Awarded_____

Appearance of Animal.....5 pts

- a. Clean condition(fur groomed)___, no hutch stains___, and healthy___ 3 2 1 0
 - b. Free from major defects___ and deformities___ 2 1 0
- Total Points Awarded_____

Examinations of Rabbit

a. With the rabbit in sitting position.....10 pts

- 1. Check ears for mites___, tattoo___, and tears___ 3 2 1 0
 - 2. Examine fur for fur mites___, **states what they would look like (dandruff/flaky skin)**___ 2 1 0
 - 3. Run hands over body___ & check for blemishes___ 2 1 0
 - 4. Examine the fur quality___ and color___, **completed everything in order**___ 3 2 1 0
- Total Points Awarded_____

b. With the rabbit on its back.....35 pts

- 1. Properly___ and safely___ flip the rabbit over 2 1 0
 - 2. Check the eyes for blindness___, white spots___, proper color___ and diseases (**conjunctivitis**)___ 4 3 2 1 0
 - 3. Check the nose for snuffles___, **also known as pasteurella**___ 2 1 0
 - 4. Check teeth for broken___, missing___, malocclusion___ or simple malocclusion___ 4 3 2 1 0
 - 5. Check the front 5 toes___ and toenails for broken___, missing___ or mis-colored___ 4 3 2 1 0
 - 6. Check the front legs for straightness___ and signs of broken bones___ 2 1 0
 - 7. Check the back 4 toes___ and toenails for broken___, missing___ or mis-colored___ 4 3 2 1 0
 - 8. Check back legs for signs of broken bones___, **no sore hocks**___, **no hutch stains**___ 3 2 1 0
 - 9. Check the vent area for disease___ & sex___ (examine bucks for missing testicles)___ 3 2 1 0
 - 10. Check tail for straightness___ and signs of broken bone___, **or wry tail**___ 3 2 1 0
 - 11. Run hand down entire abdomen___ looking for blemishes___, **or mastitis (infected mammary glands)**___ **completed everything in order**___ 4 3 2 1 0
- Total Points Awarded_____

c. Completing the examination.....10 pts

- 1. Properly post the rabbit for its specific breed___, **state the pose (compact, comm.)**___ 4 3 2 1 0
 - 2. Smooth down the fur___ 3 2 1 0
 - 3. Make sure the tail is carried properly___, **completed in order**___ 3 2 1 0
- Total Points Awarded_____

Knowledge of Animal/Project.....30 pts

a. Answer general knowledge questions (5 points each)

- 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
- Total Points Awarded_____

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE.....100 pts

Overall Total Points Awarded_____