

Exhibitor: _____

Level: Cloverbud

FSF 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 clean and neat and dressed in official 4-H dress. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required. Long hair is recommended to be pulled back.

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

Appearance and Actions of Showman

- a. Clean ____, neat ____, official 4H/FFA dress ____
- b. Natural ____, graceful actions ____
- c. Good eye contact ____
- d. Confidence ____

Appearance of Animal

- a. Clean condition ____ and healthy ____
- b. Free from major defects ____ and deformities ____

Examinations of Rabbit

- a. With the rabbit in sitting position
 1. Check ears for mites ____, tattoo ____, and tears ____
 2. Examine fur for fur mites ____
 3. Run hands over body ____ & check for blemishes ____
 4. Examine the fur quality ____ and color ____ Completed in order ____
- b. With the rabbit on its back
 1. Properly ____ and safely ____ flip the rabbit over
 2. Check the eyes for blindness ____, white spots ____, proper color ____ and diseases ____
 3. Check the nose for snuffles ____
 4. Check teeth for broken ____, missing ____, malocclusion ____ or simple malocclusion ____
 5. Check the front 5 toes ____ and toenails for broken ____, missing ____ or mis-colored ____
 6. Check the front legs for straightness ____ and signs of broken bones ____
 7. Check the back 4 toes ____ and toenails for broken ____, missing ____ or mis-colored ____
 8. Check back legs for signs of broken bones ____
 9. Check the vent area for disease ____ & sex ____ (examine bucks for missing testicles ____)
 10. Check tail for straightness ____ and signs of broken bone ____
 11. Run hand down entire abdomen looking for blemishes ____ Completed in order ____
- c. Completing the examination
 1. Properly post the rabbit for its specific breed ____
 2. Smooth down the fur ____
 3. Make sure the tail is carried properly ____ Completed in order ____

Knowledge of Animal/Project

- a. Answer general knowledge questions
- b. Answer breed specific questions

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Judge's Notes _____