Exhibitor:_____ 4-H or FFA Exhibitor Level: Junior Intermediate Senior

MANATEE COUNTY RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP – BUCK RABBIT

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 and show, all exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat and dressed in black jeans/slacks, with a solid white shirt with a white collar. FFA official dress is required for FFA exhibitors. 4-H accessories are strongly recommended for 4-H exhibitors. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.

Appearance and Actions of Showman: 10 pts

a. Clean___, neat(wrinkle free)___, official 4H/FFA dress__ no dangle earrings___ 4 3 2 1 0
b. Natural___, graceful actions___ 2 1 0
c. Good eye contact___ 2 0
d. Confidence___ Introduce 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___ Complete items 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___, sore hocks___, hutch stains___ 3 2 1 0
   9. Check the vent area for disease___ ,sex___, split penis___missing testicles___ 4 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___complete in order___ 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 2 0
   2. Smooth down the fur ___ 2 0
   3. Make sure the tail is carried properly___completed in order___ 4 2 0

   Total Points Awarded____

Knowledge of Animal/Project: 30 pts

a. Answer general knowledge questions (up to 5 points each)1. _____ 2. _____ 3. ____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6._____

Total Points Awarded_____

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 100 pts

Overall Total Points Awarded_____