

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 and show, all exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat and dressed in white, green, blue or black jeans/slacks, or tan Khaki slacks with a solid white shirt with a white collar. FFA or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended. No caps or hats. 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

- 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

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Judge's Notes \_\_\_\_\_