

Exhibitor: _____

Level: Junior Intermediate Senior

MANATEE COUNTY RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP-FEMALE 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 or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended. 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____ 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____, **Infected mammary glands**____, **also known as mastitis**____, **complete in order**____ 5 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 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_____