

Exhibitor: _____

Level: Junior Intermediate Senior

FSF RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP – MALE 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 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.....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 1 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 3 2 1 0
 - 2. Smooth down the fur 2 1 0
 - 3. Make sure the tail is carried properly __ **completed in order** __ 4 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 _____