

Exhibitor: _____

Level: Junior Intermediate Senior

MANATEE COUNTY 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 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___, **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_____