

Banks County 4-H Hip-Hop Club

Rabbit 101

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Tonight's AGENDA

Introduction

Hip Hop Club Requirements

Rabbit Record Book

Rabbit Show

Caring for Your Rabbit

Why Rabbits?

Rabbits are a popular youth project in many states due to their small space requirements and low living costs. Students will learn the same life skills from a rabbit that are gained from large livestock projects.



Club Requirements

As part of the Hip-Hop Club each member will be required to:



1. Raise and Care for a Live Rabbit
2. Attend Club Meetings
3. Complete a Rabbit Record Book
4. Participate in the Banks County 4-H Rabbit Show.

Meetings

- Each meeting will have a different lesson about rabbits; each meeting plays an important part for the showmanship routine.
- You will need your Record Book for every meeting! Notes for the meeting will be provided at the meeting and need to be signed prior to leaving.
- The rabbit will need to come to the showmanship meeting; all other meetings it is optional to bring your rabbit.
- If you miss a meeting you are responsible for scheduling a make up time with the 4-H Office.
- Meetings for Novice Members will be held at 6:30 at the 4-H Office on the listed dates.

Banks County 4-H Rabbit Show

April 23rd will be the fourth annual Banks County 4-H Rabbit Show!!!

It will be held at the Recreation Center.

You will be responsible for the caging of your rabbit at the show.
Tables will be provided.

What Prizes Will There Be?

- Showmanship
- Best of Show, Best Opposite
- Record Book Winners
- Display Contest

What is Rabbit Showmanship?



An Oral Health Evaluation

- Evaluate all body parts from nose to tail
- Specific Format
- Must work with your rabbit!
- We will cover everything you need to know in the meetings.

Possible Breeds



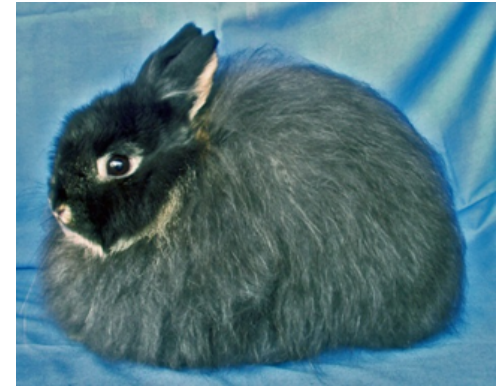
Mini Lop

The ideal Mini Lop is described as being a "basketball with a head". Judges like to see a nice rounded body with thick depth, long thick ears, a wide head and thick bone. Very Friendly and easy to handle
Will Mature to 4-6 pounds



Netherland Dwarfs

Maximum weight of 2.5 pounds. Pretty active rabbit that needs exercise, but with an easy temperament



Jersey Wooly

Weighs about 3 pounds with a bold head and easy-care wool fur on their body. They are noted for their docile nature, and gentle disposition.

Possible Breeds



Mini Rex

They weigh from 3.5 to 4.5 pounds when fully grown. They are short and rather close coupled. The ideal length of fur is 5/8 inch, and the fur is to have a lustrous appearance, good body, and a plush-like effect which offers a distinct springy resistance to the touch.



Polish

A small rabbit with short ears that touch each other all the way to the tips. They should have a short head with full cheeks and bold eyes. Ideal weight is 2-3 pounds. Generally calm and friendly.



Holland Lop

The Holland Lop is a small compact breed with a stocky build, with a short, thick-set body, rounded haunches and short, strong legs. Will weight between 3-4 pounds. Very sweet easy temperament.

Possible Breeds



Himalayan Rabbit

They are one of the oldest and calmest breeds. Adult Himalayans weigh 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 pounds (1 to 2 kg) with an ideal weight of 3 1/2 pounds. They are the only cylindrical rabbit breed. The body is white with colored points, recognized colors are black, blue, chocolate and lilac.



Mini Satin

Without the proper Satin coat, it's just another small rabbit. The Mini Satin mature weight is 2-3 3/4 pound and has a more high strung temperament. Very energetic.



Dwarf Hotot

Strictly a fancy breed. At 3 pounds max, they are too small to be of commercial value. Temperaments can range from outgoing to moody, but as a rule they are friendly rabbits and well suited to a pet life.

And Now The Fun Part...



HOW TO
CARE FOR YOUR
RABBIT!!!



Good Vs. Bad Hutches



The Hutch

Where should I put my hutch?

- The rabbit hutch should be located somewhere quiet and away from any threats (i.e. dog or cat). The hutch should also be in an area with good ventilation.
- If you are getting the hutch in the complete package, the hutch cannot go outside!

Do I need to clean the hutch?

- Yes, the hutch has a removable tray in which you can pull out and empty into a bag. Remember to refill with shavings! Rabbits can be sensitive to pine shavings so it is best to use with aspen shavings or any other bedding approved for rabbits.

Do I need to buy anything extra for the hutch?

- It is recommended that the rabbit have a “resting place” – a spot in the hutch that is solid. For example: a towel or a plastic rabbit resting pad.

Feeding



Recommend feeding Purina Rabbit Chow or Mana-Pro Rabbit Feed
-Feeding rabbit food with little goodies in it encourages them to eat the good part and not the pellets.



Fresh Water and Hay are Equally Important



Additional Food Items



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How to Handle Your Rabbit

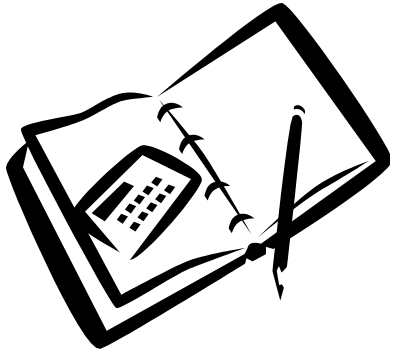


Support the front and back legs-or else the rabbit will not feel comfortable and will panic.

Let your rabbit relax the first day, after that gently handle the rabbit.

Remember: rabbits do have teeth and claws!!

Rabbit Record Book



This is where everything to do with your rabbit will be recorded!

You will keep track of your expenses, record observations of your rabbit, set goals, keep lesson handouts, and most importantly it will keep you organized!

We will now pass out Record Books and go through them.

You will need to set your three goals before you pick up your rabbit on October 19th

When Do I Pick Up My Rabbit?



October 19th

At the

4-H Office



You have to bring in your Record Book and show your goals before you can take your rabbit home!

Questions?