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# RABBIT & SHOWMANSHIP FITTING & LEADER'S SUPPLEMENT

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## How to Organize and Conduct the Contest

- Meet with 4-H rabbit leaders from neighboring counties to discuss the subject.
- Suggest the idea of showmanship of rabbits to the local animal science developmental committees.
- Inform the county fair board members months in advance of the special requirements for conducting the contest.
- Select a judge or judges in advance.

- Publicize the event.
- Contact possible local sponsors.

## Materials needed

- Judging arena
- Several long tables
- Rug or carpet pieces
- Holding pens for rabbits
- Scorecards
- Judge's checklist
- Identification numbers for the contestants
- PA system
- Awards

## Suggested Details for the Fair Book

**Class:** Fitting and showmanship contest of rabbits

- All participants must be 4-H members.

- All participants must be enrolled in the rabbit project during the current calendar year.

**Section 1:** Junior division — 11 years and under

**Section 2:** Intermediate division — 12 to 14 years of age.

**Section 3:** Senior division — 15 to 19 years of age.

**Group:** In a contest, the number of participants should not exceed more than 10 at one time in any one section. If there are more than 10 participants in a section, they should be divided into groups of 10 or less. In these cases, select the first three places from each group and combine the top three participants from each group for the final contest.

## Scorecard

	Points Allowed
I. Handling of rabbit (5 steps)	10
II. Posing rabbit on table	20
III. Examination of rabbit	30
IV. Condition of rabbit	20
— fitting of rabbit	
— flesh condition	
— fur condition	
— general health	
V. Rabbit quiz	10
VI. Appearance and attitude of participant	10
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<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

# Scorecard Worksheet for Rabbit Contest

Characteristics Scored	Points Allowed	Contestant's Numbers							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>I. Handling rabbit (5 steps)</b>	10								
<b>II. Posing rabbit on table</b>	20								
<b>III. Examination of rabbit</b>	30								
<b>IV. Condition of rabbit</b>	20								
— fitting of rabbit									
— flesh condition									
— fur condition									
— general health									
<b>V. Rabbit quiz</b>	10								
<b>VI. Appearance and attitude of participant</b>	10								
<b>Maximum Points Allowed:</b>		<b>100</b>							

To break ties, ask the participants to repeat any items such as handling, posing, or examination. If this does not help, ask a few more questions.



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