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Rabbit Project Record Book

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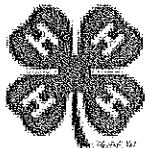*Check one or more Project areas*
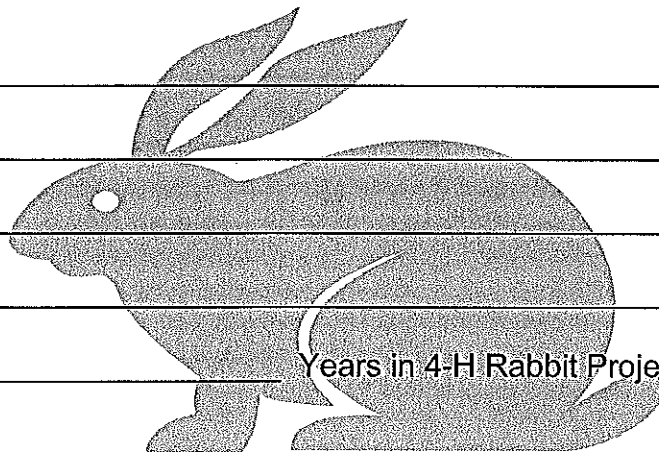
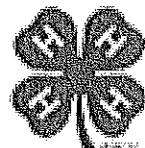_____ Pet

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Name:_____

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4-H Club:_____

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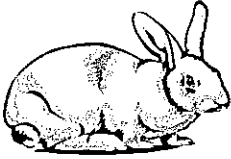
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4-H Project Record Book

Introduction

This Project Record Book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in a rabbit 4-H project. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments, and provide a place to keep important records on your rabbits.

What is a 4-H project?

A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. In this case, your project is rabbits. You learn about your project by attending club meetings and educational workshops, and working with adult leaders and other 4-H members. You can also learn from field trips and by participating in shows and competitions.

Why complete a record book?

A record book is not meant to be a chore. Instead, it is a way for you to learn about your project, as well as other valuable skills such as setting goals, collecting information, evaluating information, tracking costs and expenses, organization, and others.

Completing your 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book.

At the beginning of the 4-H year you should select one/several of your animals to be your 4-H project animal(s) for the year. Then begin recording all of the relevant information on your animal in your record book on a monthly basis. It is important to keep your record book up to date, so that completing it doesn't become a chore at the end of the year.

Take a glance through the record book so that you can see how it is organized. As you can see, there are pages that pertain only to health, and there are pages that pertain to show records and/or financial summaries. You only need to complete the pages relevant to your project animal. But you should complete all of the relevant information for the year.

The record book has been three-hole punched so that it may be easily kept in a 3-ring binder. Your 4-H Rabbit records should be accumulative – meaning that you keep and add to your records from year to year, keeping them all in a 3-ring binder or portfolio. You can organize your notebook however you choose. Some 4-Hers may anticipate having the same project animal for more than one year. In this case you might choose to organize your notebook by project animal and will simply continue to add information and pages to your records for that animal over the years. Then when you change project animals, you just start a new section in your notebook, with a new set of records for your new project animal.

Others may choose to organize their notebooks by year, with tabs dividing one year from the next. In this case, if you have a new project animal from year to year, then you will simply begin a new set of records for your new animal each year. If, however, you have the same project animal from year to year but you still want to organize your notebook by year, you can simply make a photocopy of your completed records from the previous year and then insert them into your notebook under the current year and add any new and updated information to them to bring your records up to date.

These are just a couple of examples of ways that you might organize and present your 4-H Rabbit project records. But, remember – these are YOUR records and part of the goal for completing them is that you use your imagination and be creative in how you develop them. The idea is that at the completion of your 4-H career, you will have a compilation of records that shows your progression in your project from year to year.

Why Keep Records?

- Members learn more about their project animals - costs, feed, health and management skills.

- Documents activities and progress in the project.

- Improves management and production practices.

- Helps plan future projects.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records.
This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships.
Remember - records are no better than what YOU put into them!

Leader's Comments:

_____

_____

_____

Rabbit Leader's Signature:_____

Extra Credit for my Rabbit Project?

An outstanding 4-H project record is one that goes above and beyond what is expected. Be creative!

- A completed record book should have a beginning and final photograph. You are encouraged to be in the photo with your project animal(s) and to include more photographs. Include captions. You may use additional pages.

- Write a report on a related topic of at least one page:

   Proper Care and Nutrition; Selection; Animal Science; Safe Management Practices or Diagram of Farm Set-up; Veterinary Science; Food Products (such as sample "healthy" recipes); Judging, etc.

Rabbit Project Summary

Name:_____ Age (as of 1/1):_____

Club Name:_____

This page is completed using ALL your current 4-H project animals.

1. In my 4-H project I started with: During the current year I added:

    _____ doe(s)   _____ doe(s)

    _____ buck(s)   _____ buck(s)

                                             _____ kindled litters

2. Number of meetings held:_____.

    Number I attended:_____.

3. Number of rabbit project related activities attended:_____.

    They were:_____

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    _____

Complete Show Record

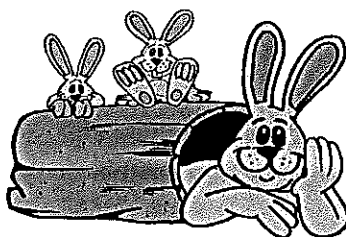| Ear # or Name of Animal	Date of Show	Location of Show	Type of Show	Class Entered	# In Class	Placing Or Award

Project Inventory and Expense Record

List rabbits and any equipment used in this project. Include the cost or value of rabbits and equipment purchased this project year, including feed to-date.

Date	Item	Cost or value of member owned rabbits, equipment, feed, etc.

Date:_____ Total spent on projects during current year $_____.

Housing

1. What type of housing do you use? (for example: all wood, wood and wire, all wire, etc.)

   _____

   _____

   _____

   Why?_____

   _____

   _____

   _____

2. What size cages do you use?_____

   _____

   _____

   Why?_____

   _____

   _____

   _____

Feeding

1. What kind of food do you use?_____

    Why?_____

    _____

    _____

2. Do you feed your rabbit(s) anything other than pellets? What and Why?

    _____

    _____

    _____

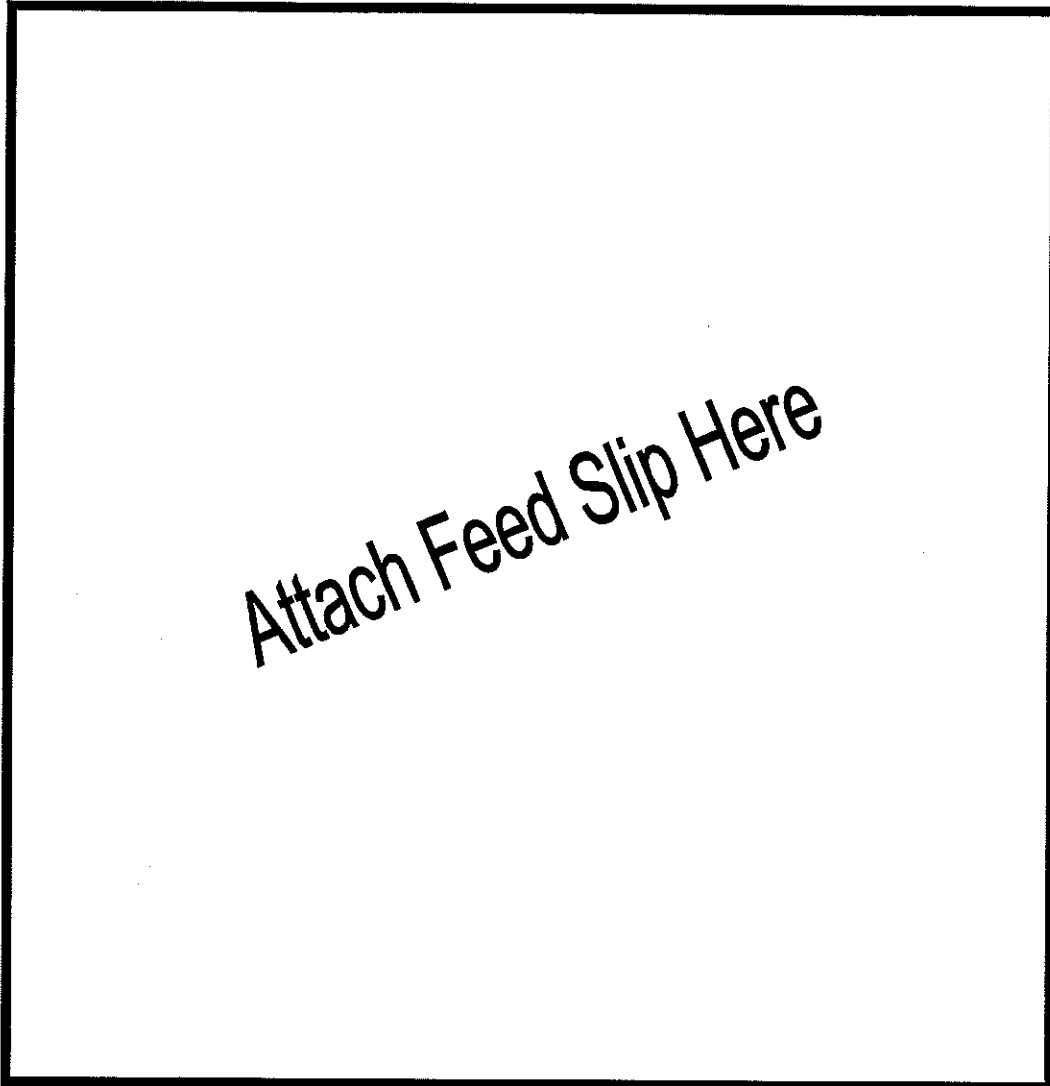3. How often do you feed your rabbit(s)?_____

    Why?_____

    _____

    _____

4. Do you feed your rabbit(s) at a specific time each day? _____ Yes _____ No

    Why?_____
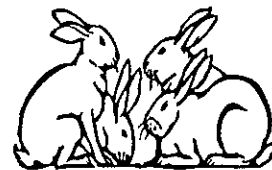
    _____

    _____

5. How do you store your feed?_____

    _____

    _____

6. Attach your feed slip here.

Attach Feed Slip Here

Project Story

When answering these questions, BE SPECIFIC and use examples.
You may attach an extra page if needed.

1.   Tell how you decided to become involved in this project and if you have been in
     it for more than one year, why you have continued in it.

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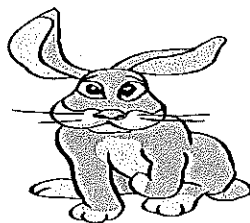
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     _____

     _____

2.   What did you learn NEW this year?_____

     _____

     _____

     _____

     _____

3.   What was the most fun?_____

     _____

     _____

     _____

     _____

4. If you were to do this project again, is there anything you would change or do differently?

_____

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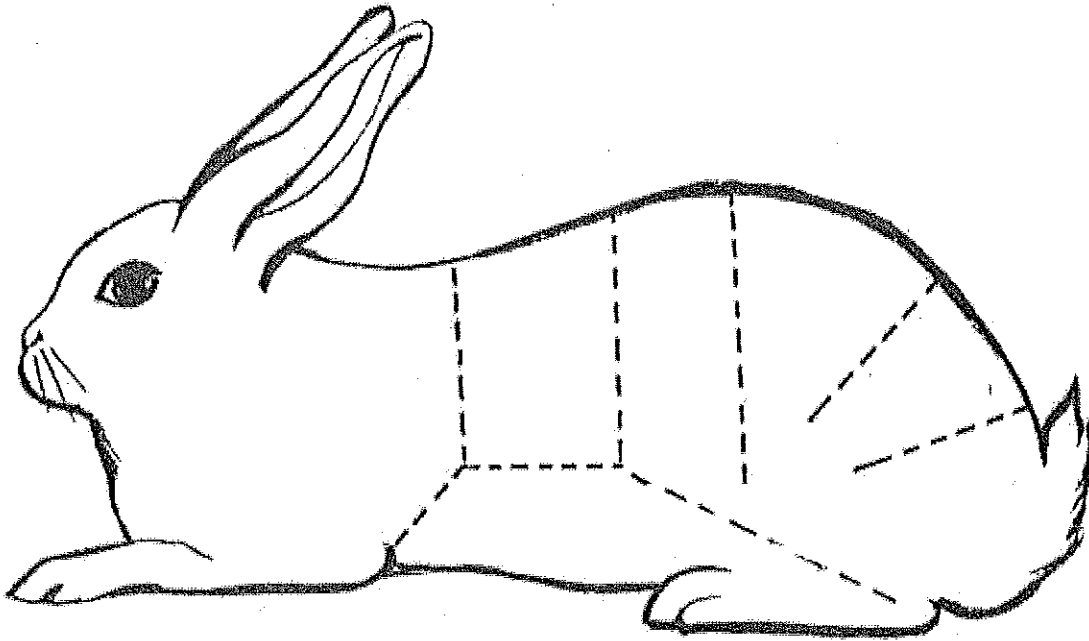
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Why?_____

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5. What resources did you use to prepare your project? (books, magazines, videos, people you talked to, etc.)

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_____

Parts of a Rabbit

Drawing a line to match the parts of a rabbit with the parts listed below.

Leg

Tail   Eye   Cheek   Belly

Shoulder

Ears

Dewlap   Flank

Loin

Hip   Rump

Rib

Standard of Perfection

Complete the Standard of Perfection using any ONE of your current project animal(s).

My breed of rabbit is:_____

1. Schedule of Points:

General Type	_____	Markings	_____
Body	_____	_____ _____	
Hindquarters	_____	_____ _____	
Midsection	_____	_____ _____	
Shoulders	_____	_____ _____	
_____	_____	_____ _____	
_____	_____	_____ _____	
_____	_____	_____ _____	
_____	_____	Wool	_____
Color	_____	Density	_____
_____	_____	Texture	_____
_____	_____	Length	_____
_____	_____	Ticking	_____
_____	_____	Silvering	_____
Condition	_____		
Fur	_____	Total Points = 100	
Sheen	_____		

2.   Where are most of the points concentrated in your breed of rabbit?

_____

Why?_____

_____

_____

3.   What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR BUCK for your breed of rabbit?

_____

4.   What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR DOE for your breed of rabbit?

_____

5.   List some disqualifications or faults associated with your breed of rabbit:

_____

_____

_____

_____

6.   How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit?_____

List them:_____

_____

_____

_____

Pedigree

Complete this Pedigree using any ONE of your current project animal(s). Pedigree should be of your rabbit. DO NOT attach the original pedigree. The fairboard and/or rabbit superintendent CANNOT be responsible for the Rabbit Record Books while on display (and possible subsequent loss of your pedigree record.) **Please fill in as much as possible.**

EAR No. _____

A.R.B.A. Rabbit Pedigree

SOLD TO

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE SOLD _____

BREED _____

SEX _____

BORN _____

SIRE _____

Ear No. _____

Color _____

Reg. No. _____

Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

Winnings:

NAME _____

Reg. No. _____

Color _____

Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

Winnings:

DAM _____

Ear No. _____

Color _____

Reg. No. _____

Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

Winnings:

I hereby certify that this pedigree is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Grand SIRE _____

Ear No. _____

Color _____

Reg. No. _____

Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

Winnings:

Grand DAM _____

Ear No. _____

Color _____

Reg. No. _____

Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

Winnings:

Grand SIRE _____

Ear No. _____

Color _____

Reg. No. _____

Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

Winnings:

Grand DAM _____

Ear No. _____

Color _____

Reg. No. _____

Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

Winnings:

G.G. SIRE _____
Ear No. _____
Color _____
Reg. No. _____
Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

G.G. DAM _____
Ear No. _____
Color _____
Reg. No. _____
Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

G.G. SIRE _____
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Market Rabbit Project

1. Complete the breeding records below to show breeding of your market project doe(s):

Hutch Number:_____   Doe Number and Name:_____

Breed:_____   Born:_____   Sire No.:_____   Dam No.:_____

Served By	Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

Hutch Number:_____   Doe Number and Name:_____

Breed:_____   Born:_____   Sire No.:_____   Dam No.:_____

| Served By	Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

Hutch Number:_____   Doe Number and Name:_____

Breed:_____   Born:_____   Sire No.:_____   Dam No.:_____

Served By	Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

Why?_____

3.   The gestation period for rabbits is about _____ days.

4.   The birth of rabbits is called: _____.

5.   What were some breeding problems or other interesting experiences you have
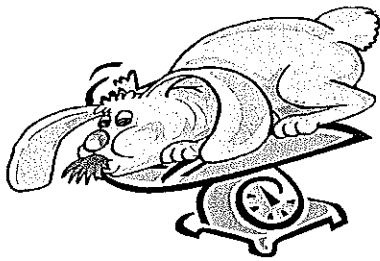   had during this year's projects?

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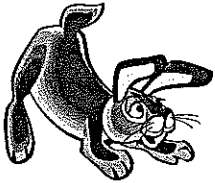
Buck Used

Name of Buck _____Ear # _____

Age at Breeding:_____ Weight of Buck _____ lbs. _____oz.

Attach a photo of the buck used below:

Doe Ear # _____ (use one sheet per Doe—More
sheets may be added if doe had more than 6 kits.

Kit #_____ Ear # _____ If Expired Date _____

Week #4	_____ lbs.	_____ oz	Week #8	_____ lbs.	_____ oz
Week #5	_____ lbs.	_____ oz	Week #9	_____ lbs.	_____ oz
Week #6	_____ lbs.	_____ oz	Week #10	_____ lbs.	_____ oz
Week #7	_____ lbs.	_____ oz			

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Photos

A photo of your rabbit project or market pen is to be attached to this page. Additional picture pages may be added. Be creative!