

Rabbit Skillathon 2022 Study Guide

*Exhibitors participate in a livestock skillathon for the species they plan to exhibit at the fair. This study guide includes all topics an exhibitor **might** be tested on. Youth will only be tested on a portion of these items. Examples given are to help you study but may not be the same questions asked. These topics will also help prepare you for Showmanship at the fair!*

The Madison County Rabbit Skillathon will be held on June 21 and June 29th, from 4:00-8:00pm. You must Pre-Register by June 10th. Be sure to bring your completed project book and show up in proper show dress code as stated in the Jr. Fair rule book for your species.

Youth must present completed project book(s) to the judge. The judge will review your record and award points for completion. You will be asked questions based on your project and goals. All questions are pulled from the *Rabbit Resource Handbook*. The appropriate dress code as listed in the Rabbit section of the Jr. Fair Book is required.

POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE & HANDS-ON ACTIVITY STATION TOPICS:

Quality Assurance

Possible questions will be about Good Production Practices (GPP) # 7, 8 & 9.

GPP #7: Practice good environmental stewardship

GPP #8: Maintain proper workplace safety

GPP #9: Provide proper animal handling and care

Breed Identification & Body Type

Identify select rabbit breeds from pictures. You will also be asked the body type for select breeds. Use pgs. 11-26 & 28-29 in the *Rabbit Resource Handbook* & the ARBA website (5 newer breeds found here) to prepare.

Anatomy

Identify select body parts of a rabbit. Refer to pg. 27 in the *Rabbit Resource Handbook*.

Skeletal System

Identify select parts of the skeletal system. Refer to pg. 28 of the *Rabbit Resource Handbook* to review this topic.

Diseases and Health Conditions

Identify different diseases and health conditions that can occur for a rabbit based on definitions, prevention and/or treatment. You can find information about rabbit diseases/health conditions in Chapter 7, pgs. 56-62, of the *Rabbit Resource Handbook*.

Animal Identification/Tattooing:

Know the accepted method of identification for rabbits in the United States. Review purpose and steps in Chapter 5 of the *Rabbit Resource Handbook*.

Animal Care:

Identify and understand the purpose of basic equipment used in raising rabbits. Know and be able to demonstrate proper toenail care. Review Chapters 4, 14 & pg. 63 of Chapter 7 in the *Rabbit Resource Handbook*.

****The Glossary at the back of the *Rabbit Resource Handbook* is a valuable study tool**