

Score Card - 4-H Rabbits-Breeding

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Project: _____

Date: _____

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Comments

GENERAL CONDITION AND EXPERIENCE

- Check for disqualification such as malformed teeth and broken toes and nails
- Broken toes or nails are not defect if accidental
- Short fur with good density is required
- Check for strong, straight front legs
- Check ears for mites
- Check tail

BODY CAPACITY

- Strong, flat, broad chest indicates strong heart and good lungs
- Rib and hip bones should be close together to reduce weakness in loin
- Loin wide and deep
- Smooth and well-filled out rump

CONDITION

- As well-conditioned rabbit will have hard, solid flesh and be difficult to pick up by the shoulder skin
- Flesh will be solid rabbit is raised on a balanced diet with necessary exercise

HEAD, FEET AND LEGS

- Broad head with rounded muzzle but not coarse or blocky
- Ears straight, moderate to short in length and carried erect and close together
- Eyes good size , bright and free from signs of weeping
- Nose free from mucus
- Feet small but strong and full pads of hair on hind feet
- If feet are too small, rabbit tends to sit still and not exercise.



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