

PURDUE EXTENSION BOONE COUNTY

4-H Rabbit WORKSHEETS

Grade 7-D



Name: _____

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1. Step-by-step Processing of Rabbits: Fill in the blanks.

1. Render the rabbit _____.
2. Suspend the rabbit _____ down.
3. Slit the skin just below the _____ of the suspended leg.
4. Carefully separate the edges of the _____ from the carcass, and pull the skin down over the animal.
5. Using your _____, remove the tail.
6. Remove the _____ at the atlas joint.
7. Remove the _____ feet.
8. Rinse the carcass with cool _____ and remove all _____ clots.
9. Slit the _____ wall of the carcass along the midline of the belly.
10. Remove the _____ whole and take out the entrails.
11. The _____, liver and _____ are edible by-products of the carcass and can be saved.
12. Remove the heart and lungs by cutting from _____ to neck.
13. Rinse carcass with _____ water and soak in ice water no longer than 10 _____ to remove hairs and blood.
14. Remove rear _____ by snapping the leg bone with your _____ just below the hold and cutting off with a knife.
15. Refrigerate carcass for 24 _____ prior to cutting into usable cuts.

2. Check the tips to prevent diseases in your rabbits.

1. _____ Buy stock that appears healthy from breeders with good reputations and healthy herds.
2. _____ Let your rabbit out of the pen to feed on lawn grass often.
3. _____ Provide plenty of clean, fresh water.
4. _____ Check your rabbits each day. Check closely for ear canker.
5. _____ Give your rabbit special treats of lettuce and nuts.
6. _____ Immediately isolate any animal that appears abnormal and keep it isolated until you identify the problem and correct it.
7. _____ Wash up thoroughly after completing your rabbit chores.
8. _____ Invite your friends to come and play with the rabbits.

Answers can be found in the OSU Rabbit Resource Handbook – 4-H 228R.

2. Mineral Functions: Write the correct term for each definition.

- _____ Enables blood to carry oxygen
- _____ For proper function of mammary glands and normal reproduction
- _____ Needed for thyroxin production.
- _____ Assists with transfer of nutrient to the cells and removal of waste materials. Important in making bile.
- _____ Necessary for enzyme activation.
- _____ Constituent of Vitamin B-12
- _____ Component of several enzyme systems.
- _____ Necessary for hemoglobin formation.
- _____ Essential for nerve function, and appetite.
- _____ Essential for development of normal bones and teeth.
- _____ Necessary for functioning of the nervous system.

3. Disqualifications and Diseases: Write the correct term for each definition.

- _____ Advanced form of this disease can cause blocked tear ducts.
- _____ Disqualification if it is twisted more than one turn.
- _____ A hard swelling or isolated collection of pus or purulent matter occurring in the rabbit's skin. Accompanied by localized fever and heat.
- _____ Fur mites live in the fur causing hair loss.
- _____ This condition prevents normal eating.
- _____ Turn or bend inward, causing the toes to turn outward.
- _____ Intestinal disorder resulting in diarrhea. Caused by parasites in the intestines.
- _____ Occurs when certain intestinal bacteria grow and produce a toxin. This is a dangerous killer. First symptom is usually extreme diarrhea.