

PURDUE EXTENSION BOONE COUNTY

4-H Rabbit WORKSHEETS

Grade 8-D



Name: _____

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Club Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Use of Rabbits:

Please indicate the primary use of each of the following breeds of rabbits. Place MEAT on the line next to the meat breeds, FUR on the ones that are best known for their fur, WOOL on the ones best known for their wool production and OTHER for those used for exhibition, pets, or laboratory use. Again, this is their major use. Most are used for more than one area.

Breed	Use	Breed	Use
Belgian Hare		Britannia Petite	
Giant Chinchilla		Checked Giant	
Champagne d'Argent		Hotot	
Standard Chinchilla		English Lop	
Crème d'Argent		Palomino	
Florida White		Rex	
Dwarf Hotot		Silver	
Harlequin		Rhineland	
French Lop		Tan	
Polish		Mini Lop	

2. Digestive System Answer the following TRUE or FALSE

1. Monogastric herbivores means their stomachs are non-compartmentalized. _____
2. Rabbit's digestive systems are similar to cows. _____
3. Bacterial growth occurs in the hindgut and is similar to the rumen in cows and sheep. _____
4. Rabbits are dependent on essential amino acids coming from their diet. _____
5. Rabbits digest fiber poorly. _____

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

3. **Digestive System:** Answer the following true or false.

1. Fiber digestibility in the rabbit is low. _____
2. The rabbit cannot efficiently digest the non-fiber portion of forage. _____
3. Fiber is not a useful energy source for rabbits. _____
4. Dietary fiber will not reduce or prevent fur chewing. _____
5. Fiber does not reduces enteritis. _____

4. **Housing and Equipment:** True or False

1. A rabbitry is a separate building, an area in an existing building, or an outside area where rabbits are housed. _____
2. Hutches are cages designed to house one or more rabbits while protecting the animals from inclement weather and predators. _____
3. Cages are usually constructed of all wire and used only outdoors. _____
4. Outside rabbit hutches should be placed at the south side of an existing structure so they can enjoy the direct sunlight. _____
5. Rabbits are very nervous animals and become frightened easily. _____
6. Hutches should be built to protect the rabbit from predators that could cause it excess stress or injury. _____
7. Ventilation is the movement of fresh water to replace dirty water. _____
8. Choose a feeder with a solid the bottom. _____
9. Iron is the most important nutrient for a rabbit. _____
10. It is important to provide a nest box in which a doe can give birth and nurse her new kits. _____
11. The nest box keeps the father rabbit warm and dry. _____
12. Add the nest box to the doe's cage 10 to 12 days prior to the delivery date. _____