

PURDUE EXTENSION BOONE COUNTY

4-H Rabbit WORKSHEETS

Grade 9-D



Name: _____

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1. Processing Meat Rabbits

Fill in the blanks.

1. The two methods for rendering a rabbit unconscious are _____ or _____
2. _____ is usually used on older animals.
3. You slice the _____ to prevent a blood clot from forming in the neck and to insure bleeding so the meat will have good color.
4. The hide on a young fryer, less than _____ of age should be easy to remove.
5. Be sure to remove the _____ away from the liver. Spilling the contents of the _____ and _____ on the meat may cause it to taste bad.
6. Refrigerate the carcass for _____ to allow the fat to harden and will make it easier for cutting.
7. What goes into the processing tub? _____, _____ and _____
8. What government agency oversees meat processing? _____
9. You should use _____ or _____ gloves when processing rabbit.
10. If you plan to market the hide you will need some _____ and _____.

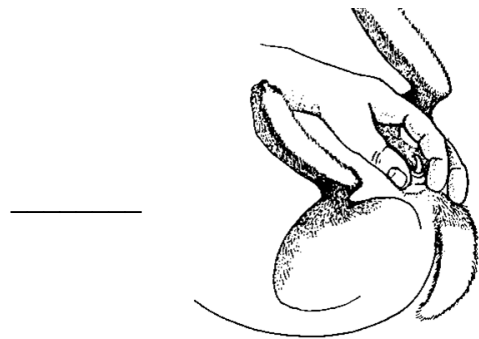
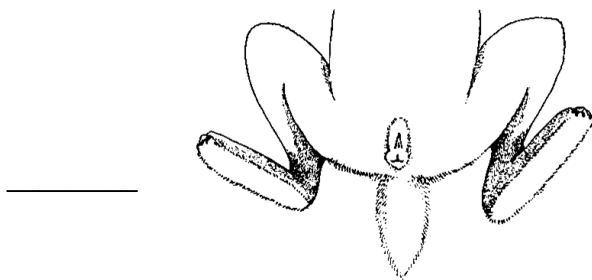
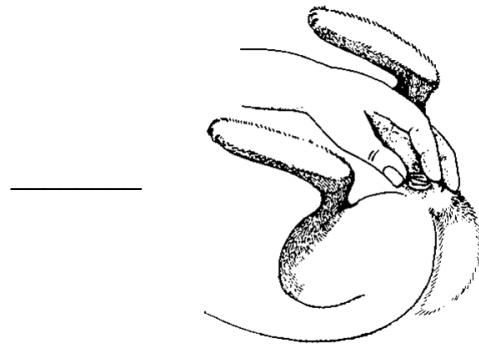
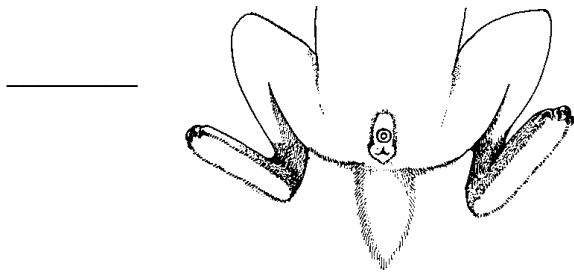
2. Reproduction

Answer the following TRUE or FALSE.

1. Making a distinction between a buck and a doe is called breeding. _____
2. Young rabbits are easy to sex. _____
3. Begin sexing litters of rabbits when they are 6 weeks old. _____
4. Sex them once a month to make sure of their sex. _____
5. To sex a rabbit, first turn the rabbit on its stomach. _____
6. Always take the buck to the doe's cage when breeding rabbits. _____
7. Female rabbits have regular estrus cycles. _____
8. A doe receptive to breeding will raise her back and lower her tail so that the buck can easily mount her for breeding. _____
9. The buck will squeal and fall either to the side or backward when a successful mating has occurred. _____

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

3. **Sexing your rabbit:** Write next to the picture whether it is a BUCK or a DOE.



4. **Tell us about your rabbits.** Have you ever eaten rabbit? _____

If yes, did you like it? _____ How was it prepared? (i.e. stewed, fried)

If yes, what did you think it tasted like? _____

What is your favorite breed of rabbits and why do you like that breed?
