



4-H Rabbit Project

Q & A Sheet D
Grade 8
Noble County

Name: _____ 4-H Club _____

Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

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.

American _____ French Angora _____

American Chinchilla _____ Giant Angora _____

American Fuzzy Lop _____ Havana _____

American Sable _____ Himalayan _____

Beveren _____ Jersey Woolly _____

Californian _____ Lilac _____

Cinnamon _____ Netherland Dwarf _____

Dutch _____ New Zealand _____

English Angora _____ Satin _____

Flemish Giant _____ Satin Angora _____

Digestive System:

Rabbits are monogastric herbivores – their stomachs are non-compartmentalized, similar to

_____. They also have an enlarged cecum and colon

(hindgut), like that of the _____. Bacteria in the gut of the rabbit

do not synthesize essential amino acids; therefore the rabbit is dependent on

_____ provided in its diet. Another word for enteritis is

_____.

THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN RABBIT RESOURCE HANDBOOK – OHIO STATE 4-H 228R

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Digestive System Continued

Answer the following true or false.

1. Fiber digestibility in the rabbit is high. _____
2. The rabbit can efficiently digest the non-fiber portion of forage. _____
3. Fiber is a useful energy source for rabbits. _____
4. Dietary fiber will reduce or prevent fur chewing. _____
5. Fiber reduces enteritis. _____

Housing and Equipment

Fill in the appropriate term from the word list provided. Some words are used twice.

A _____ is a separate building, an area in an existing building, or an _____ area where rabbits are housed. Hutches are _____ designed to house one or more rabbits while protecting the animals from inclement _____ and _____. Cages are usually constructed of all _____ and used only _____. Outside rabbit hutches should be placed at the _____ side of an existing structure so they do not receive direct _____. Rabbits are very _____ animals and become frightened easily. Hutches should be built to protect the rabbit from _____ that could cause it excess stress or injury. Ventilation is the movement of fresh _____ to replace other _____. Choose a feeder with a _____ or holes in the bottom to allow for the _____ from the feed to filter out. _____ is the most important nutrient for a rabbit. It is important to provide a nest box in which a _____ can give birth and nurse her new kits. The nest box keeps the kits _____ and _____. Add the nest box to the doe's cage three to four _____ prior to the expected delivery date.

Air	Animals	Bottle	Boxes	Buck	Cages	Calm
Days	Doe	Dry	Dust	Filter	Fire	Indoors
Inside	Kit	Months	Nervous	North	Outdoors	Outside
Predators	Rabbitry	Screen	Sunlight	Warm	Water	Weather
Weeks	Wire					