

Whitley County Rabbit Club Agenda 2024

Meetings are the THIRD Tuesday of the month and will start at 7 p.m. (4-H Center) unless stated otherwise.

Rabbits can be tattooed at all meetings.

Facebook Account has been set-up – Search for, Whitley County 4-H Rabbit Breeders We are offering <u>5 Workshops</u> this year. If you participate in at least one (1) of them, you do not have to complete the rabbit activity sheet.

October 1, 2023 – January 15, 2024: Online 4-H Enrollment

January 15: Deadline for Online 4-H Enrollment

December 13: 6 pm to 8 pm

• Toys for Tots, location posted on Facebook at a later date

January 16:

• Education for the Night: Todd Naragon

February 20: Start time at 6:30pm Workshop #1

• Education for the Night: Rabbit 101 (everything you need to know to get started in Rabbits).

March 19: Start time at 6:30pm Workshop #2

- Education for the Night: JEOPARDY GAME NIGHT
- Open show information and discuss donations for the show. (Sign Up Genius)
- Service Project Door decoration creation for nursing home-Spring & Easter

April 16: Workshop #3

- Education for the Night: Breed Identification **WORKSHOP** (members bring rabbits) We will talk about meat pens and evaluating/posing rabbits.
- Demonstration on how to complete Fair Entry for Animal ID that is due May 15.

*May 10 & 11: Rabbit Open Show Weekend: Bring rabbits to get show experience. The club will be running the kitchen & raffle. Set up is Friday, May 10. This counts as a WORKSHOP #4, if you help during the show. Saturday is a double show with specialties in the morning, Online entries on Easy2Show

May 15: Fair Entry - Animal ID due in Fair Entry by END OF DAY 11:30 p.m.

May 19: Workshop #5

Rabbit Ambassador Competition (counts as a WORKSHOP) in the Rabbit Barn starting at 2:00 p.m. Winners will compete at the Indiana State Fair. (Alternates will be chosen). NO REGULAR MEETING!

May 21:

Meet at Rabbit Barn 6:00 pm. We will work in flower beds and clean-up around the barn. <u>Dress accordingly, bring gloves and garden tools</u>. Be ready to work! May need to paint some of the sawhorses and we will provide food

June 18:

- Education for the Night: Go over check-in and show day (show etiquette) procedures (fair preview). Proper nail trimming, grooming supplies and demonstration on short and long fur animals. Show feed/treats.
- Discuss online Fair Entry for animals that you plan on bringing to the fair. Fair Entry MUST BE COMPLETED no later than July 1. This is a requirement.

July 1:

- Online entry due, enter what you are bringing to the Whitley County Fair. No limit on cages!
- Rabbit State Fair forms due can be done online with credit card. You do not have to show the
 animal(s) at the county fair to take it to the state fair, but they do have to be entered in Fair
 Entry by May 15.

July 7:

• Rabbit Barn Work Day at 1:00 p.m. Wear work clothes, bring gloves and garden tools. Come when you can and be ready to work!

July 10:

Rabbit Barn set-up at 6:30 p.m. Final touches inside and out. <u>LAST CHANCE FOR TATTOOING!</u>

July 11:

- Rabbit check-in All rabbits MUST be checked in between 4:00 and 9:00 p.m.
- All carriers must go home or put in your car for storage.
- Rabbits checked in must stay till released on Wednesday or Thursday

July 13:

- Show day! Arrive at 7:30 a.m. sharp for meeting! Show starts at 8:00 a.m. Plan to stay all day.
- All carriers must go home or put in your car for storage.

July 17:

• Animals not going through auction released after 8pm

July 18:

• Auction Day – if you are selling an animal, you must be present to sell (unless otherwise already approved by Todd Geiger)

August 2 - 18:

Indiana State Fair: Rabbit Show is currently not posted, will update later.

August 25:

• End of Year Party and Election of 2025 club officers, details TBA.

Rabbit Club Leaders (cell numbers):

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Advisory Board Members (cell numbers):

Joel Akerman	260-213-0472	Katie Myers	260-610-1640
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2024 Club Officers

Jada VanHouten, President	Tanner Miller, Devotion Leader
Greta Minthorn, Vice President	Emma Maddox, Blue Ribbon Leaders
Shealyn Stoppenhagen, Secretary	Rylan Stoppenhagen, Refreshments

Cal Myers, Demonstration Leader Reese Minthorn, Librarian