

4-H / Open Youth Rabbit Showmanship Score Sheet

Carry Rabbit to the Table 5 pts _____
To properly carry the rabbit, tuck the head under one arm and support the rabbit's weight by placing the other hand under the rump. If the judge asks you to move to a different spot on the table, always use the same manner to move the rabbit.

Pose Rabbit 5 pts _____
For proper pose, front feet should be even with the eyes. Rear feet should be firmly on table with toes even with haunch (thigh joint) with tail up. Facing left is natural position for a right-handed presenter.

Check Ears 5 pts _____
Examine ears for ear mites, proper tattoo, torn or missing portions of ears that distract from general appearance.

Turn Rabbit Over 5 pts _____
Properly support rabbit on the table or against your body while turning it over, in order to complete the following tasks.

Check Teeth 4 pts _____
With your hand over the area of the eyes, place a thumb and index finger on each side of the split lip and push back lips to examine teeth for defects.

Check Eyes 4 pts _____
Examine eyes for defects.

Check Nose 3 pts _____
Check for signs of cold. White nasal discharge and/or matted fur on inside front legs may indicate presence of a cold.

Check Toenails On All Feet 4 pts _____
Push thumb into center of paw to examine toenails for missing, unmatched and proper color toenails. Be sure to check dewclaws.

Check Hocks and Front Feet 4 pts _____
Check the bottom of hind feet for sore hocks. Check bottoms of front feet for sore areas.

Check Legs 10 pts _____
Extend front legs to check for straightness. Extend rear legs by placing your cupped hand ahead of the rear legs and pushing toward feet. Legs should not be bent, bowed, deformed or cow-hocked.

Check Body for Ruptures and Abscess 6 pts _____
Run your hand over the chest and abdominal area to check for any abscess, tumors or abnormalities. Ruptures may appear as large lumps or bumps under the skin. Abscess may appear as red lumps or sores in the belly area.

Check Sex 6 pts _____
Place thumb below vent area and push toward front of rabbit with index finger.

Return Rabbit to Posed Position and Check Tail 6 pts _____
Check for straightness in the tail.

Check for Proper Coloring, Smut and Foreign Spots 4 pts _____
Check the fur for foreign colored spots not typical of the breed you are showing. Inspect for smut. Under color and/or ring color should be consistent with desired coloring in the breed you are showing.

Check for Quality and Cleanliness 4 pts _____
Stroke fur toward rabbit's head to show fur returning to natural position, either flyback or rollback. Patting and blowing into several areas will help to check density standing/upright fur in some breeds. Check for stains and molting.

Pose Rabbit for Evaluations of Overall Balance 5 pts _____
Check front, rear, and side views for overall balance. Locate shoulders, rib spread and fullness of loin with you hand. Check hindquarters for fullness by examining width and depth of the rump. Check hips for smoothness/fullness by running your hand over top of the hip to tail.

Participant Appearance 5 pts _____
Should demonstrate good posture, eye contact, pleasant attitude, neat dress, remove chewing gum, hats and cops. Long hair should be neatly managed.

Participant Actions 5 pts _____
Demonstrate a gently and smooth flowing presentation. Confident manner though out the examination, considerate to animals, fellow participants, and the judge.

Participant Knowledge 5 pts _____
Quick, confident, and correct response to questions asked during the presentation.

Comments: _____

TOTAL SCORE: _____ out of 100 pts _____