

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP EXAMINATION CHECKLIST

- Explain each step to the judge as you are performing your showmanship examination.
- Explain all faults and disqualifications for your breed.
- Also explain disease causes, symptoms and treatments.
- Study the ARBA Standard for your breed.
- Adhere to proper dress code; Show coat, nice pants & shoes (no shorts or sandals).
- Neat & clean appearance, long hair tied back, no gum, no nail polish, no excessive jewelry.
- Speak clearly.
- Properly carry, handle & control your rabbit.
- Begin your showmanship by introducing yourself and telling your rabbit's breed, variety, show class (junior, intermediate or senior) and sex.
- "I will begin my showmanship now"

INITIAL POSE

- Side Pose
- Front Pose
- Back Pose
- Side Pose (opposite from first side pose)

EARS

- Check left ear for legible tattoo.
- Check for ear canker (ear mites).
- Check ear length & carriage.
- Check for torn or missing portion from ears.
- Check for proper thickness & fur covering.

EYES

- Check for proper color or mismatched eyes.
- Check for blindness, eye spots, marbling or wall eye.
- Check for conjunctivitis & weepy eye.
- Check for notched eyelids (entropion).

TURN RABBIT ON IT'S BACK

-NOSE

- Check for foreign colored spots on nose.
- Check for thick, white, nasal discharge (snuffles).

TEETH

- Check for buck teeth (malocclusion), butting teeth (simple malocclusion), broken or missing teeth.
- Check for slobbers.

BODY

- Check jawbone for abscesses.
- Check dewlap area for wet dewlap (fungal infection).
- Know if a dewlap is a DQ in your breed.
- Check for pigeon breast (deviated sternum).
- Check belly for mastitis (does), rupture, hernia or abscess or abnormal lumps on belly.
- Check for proper surface, undercolor & foreign colored spots.

LEGS

- Check bone density on front leg (fine, medium, heavy).
- Check for 4 tonails & 1 dewclaw on front feet, 4 tonails on back feet.
- Check for broken toes.
- Check for missing, mismatched or white toenails.
- Check legs for straightness, weak ankles, bowleg or cowhocks.
- Check for lumps on the leg bones (evidence of healed break -- DQ)
- Check for sore hocks.

GENITALS

- Sex your rabbit.
- Check for vent disease or hutch burn.
- Check for 2 descended testicles in senior bucks and none or both descended testicles in junior bucks.
- Check for split penis (hypospadias).

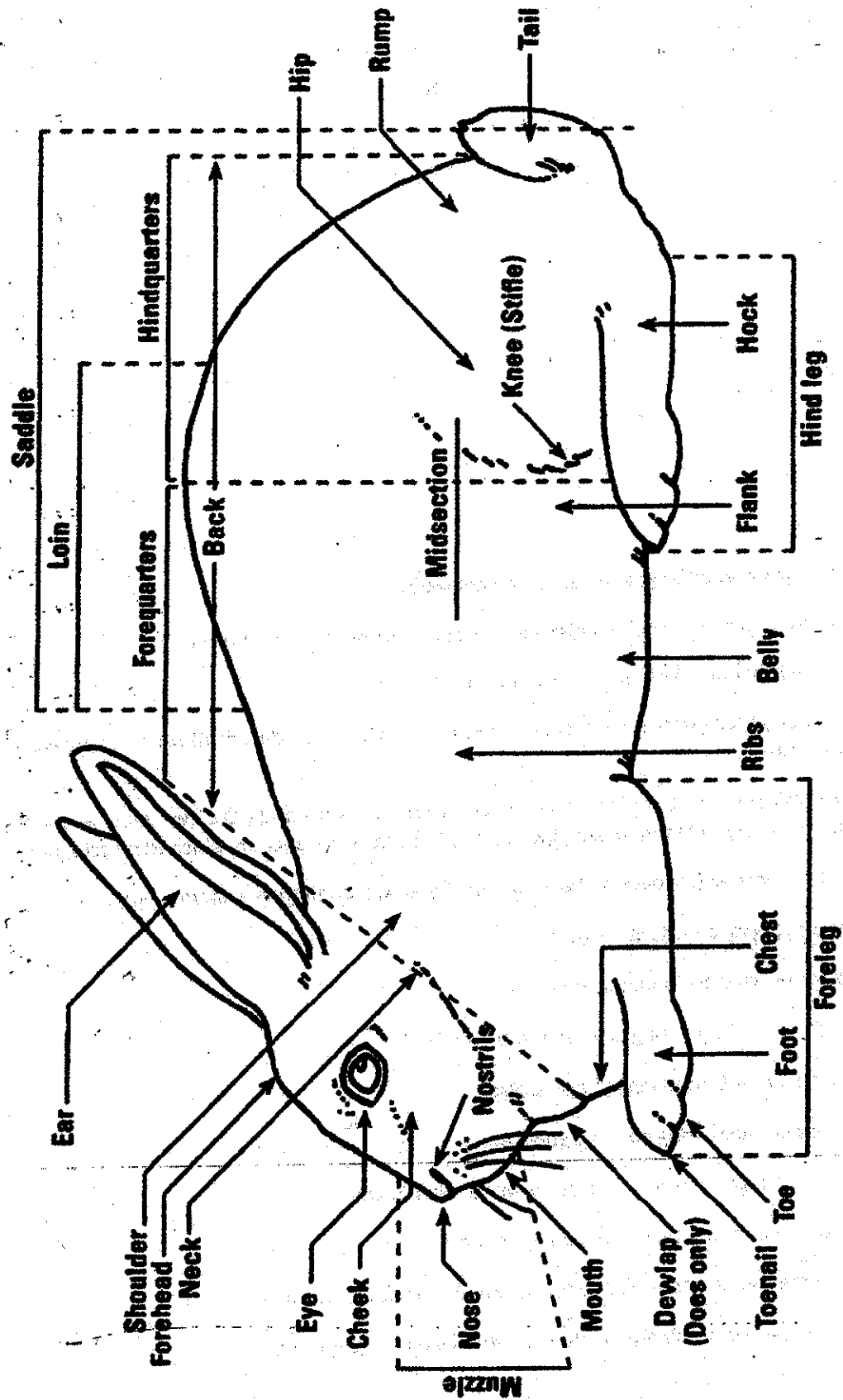
TAIL

- Check for straightness, wry, bobbed, dead or broken tail.
- Check tail color.

TURN RABBIT BACK TO ITS FEET

FINAL POSE

- Evaluate your rabbit's type, balance and condition.
 - Know how much your rabbit weighs and proper weights for your breed.
 - Know the Schedule of Points for your breed.
 - Explain body type (arch, semi-arch, commercial, compact or cylindrical) & posing position (how & why) for your breed.
 - Check head, shoulders, midsection & hindquarters for faults and DQ's. (ex. low, narrow shoulders, pinched or chopped hindquarters, lack of depth, narrow midsection, pinched muzzle, narrow head, etc.
 - Check fur - normal (rollback, flyback, snappy flyback, standing), rex, satin or wool.
 - Check fur length, density & texture.
 - Check for hutch stain, sunbleach or molt.
 - Check for fur mites or fungus infection (ringworm).
 - Explain fur color & markings (if applicable).
 - Check undercolor & ring color (if applicable).
 - Check for foreign colored spots, stray white hairs or smut.
 - Check flesh condition (firm, fat, rough or soft)
 - Explain whether or not you have found any disqualifications or faults.
- "I have completed my showmanship, do you have any questions?"





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Rabbit Showmanship

General Note to judge: Judge the contestants actions and knowledge- Do not judge the behavior or condition of the rabbit

Step	Actions	pts	Terms	pts	pts
Carry	Proper support Maintain control	5			5
Pose	Correct pose for breed Introduction- greeting/name, Step back	3	Breed, Compact, Cylindrical, Full Arch Mandolin, Semi-Arch, Commercial	2	5
Ears	Check both ears Read tattoo	3	Mites, Canker, Carriage, Thickness, Color Torn or Missing Portions, Fur Covering	2	5
Turn over	Smooth motion, Proper control Rest weight on table	5			5
Eyes	Properly open eyes Not forcing open	3	Proper Color, Blindness, Wall eye, Moon Eye Weepy Eye or Signs of Conjunctivitis	2	5
Nose	Proper hand position Show both nostrils Check inside legs for nasal discharge	3	Snuffles, Nasal Discharge Foreign Spots or Colors	2	5
Teeth	Proper hand position Show upper and lower incisors	3	Malocclusion, Buck teeth, Wolf Teeth Peg Teeth, Broken Teeth	2	5
Front Feet/ Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails, pad & dewclaw Proper thumb position	3	Broken, Extra & Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Dewclaw, Pads	2	5
Belly	Check under jaw & chest Check abdomen & sides Smooth and complete coverage	3	Abscess, Tumor, Abnormalities Pigeon Breast, Blemishes, Mastitis	2	5
Rear Feet/ Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails and hocks Proper thumb position	3	Broken & Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Straightness, Sore Hocks	2	5
Sex	Proper position of rabbit and hand Expose vent/ penis & testicles	3	Buck/Doe, Vent Disease, Hutch Burn Split Penis, Descended Testicles in Int/ Sr	2	5
Tail	Extend tail, Move side to side Examine underside	3	Wry, Dead, Bobbed, Broken Color, Straightness	2	5
Fur	Return to pose, Smooth motion Proper control, Stroke coat from tail to head to show fur type	3	Density, Texture, Sheen, Luster Rollback, Flyback, Rex, Standing, Wool Undercolor, Ring Color, Surface Color, Molt	2	5
Judging Comments	Final pose, Head, Ears, Shoulder Chest, Midsection, Loin, Hindquarters Rump, Breed specific (markings/color)	10	Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Balance Condition, Finish Did not use word "Nice"!	5	15
Overall Presentation	Show coat/ Apron/ Long sleeves Smile, Hair neat No rings, No dangling jewelry, No gum	5	Humane treatment/ controls animal at all times Good eye contact, Follows directions Thanks judge	5	10
Knowledge			Answers to questions	10	10
Judge			Total Score		100

Comments:



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Cavy Showmanship

General Note to judge: Judge the contestants actions and knowledge- Do not judge the behavior or condition of the rabbit

Step	Actions	pts	Terms	pts	pts
Carry	Proper support, Maintain control Long haired on a show board	5			5
Pose	Correct pose for breed Introduction- greeting/name. Step back	3	Breed, Variety, Proper Pose	2	5
Ears	Check both ears Read ear tag	3	Mites, Carriage, Proper Color Torn or Missing Portions	2	5
Eyes	Properly open eyes Not forcing open	3	Proper Color, Blindness, Spots Pea Eye or Signs of Conjunctivitis	2	5
Stand cavy on hind legs	Smooth motion, Proper control Rest weight on table	5			5
Teeth	Proper hand position Show upper and lower incisors	3	Malocclusion, Buck teeth, Wolf Teeth Peg Teeth, Broken Teeth	2	5
Nose	Proper hand position Show both nostrils Check inside legs for nasal discharge	3	Nasal Discharge Foreign Spots or Colors	2	5
Front Feet/ Legs	Check straightness of legs Check 4 toenails	3	Broken, Missing Toes, Polydactal Mismatched, White or Missing Toenails	2	5
Belly	Check under jaw & chest Check abdomen & sides Smooth and complete coverage	3	Abscess, Tumor, Pigeon Breast Abnormalities, Blemishes	2	5
Rear Feet/ Legs	Check straightness of legs Check 3 toenails	3	Broken, Missing Toes, Polydactal Mismatched, White or Missing Toenails	2	5
Sex	Proper position of cavy and hand Expose vent/ penis & testicles	3	Boar, Sow, Impaction	2	5
Hair	Return to pose, Smooth motion Proper control, Check hair	5	Density, Texture, Sheen or Luster Short or Long, Rosettes, Resiliency, Kink Color, Undercolor, Molt, Stray White Hairs	5	10
Judging Comments	Final pose, Head, Shoulders, Crown, Top line, Body type, Rump Breed specific (markings/color)	10	Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor Balance, Condition Did not use word "Nice"!	5	15
Overall Presentation	Show coat/ Apron/ Long sleeves Smile, Hair neat No rings, No dangling jewelry, No gum	5	Humane treatment/ controls animal at all times Good eye contact, Follows directions Thanks judge	5	10
Knowledge			Answers to questions	10	10
Judge			Total Score		100

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