

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Rabbit Showmanship

Quick Guide

Adapted from the
American Rabbit Breeders Association's
Showmanship Score Sheet



Overall presentation:

Show coat/Apron/Long Sleeves,
Smile, Hair neat, no rings, no dangling jewelry,
no gum.



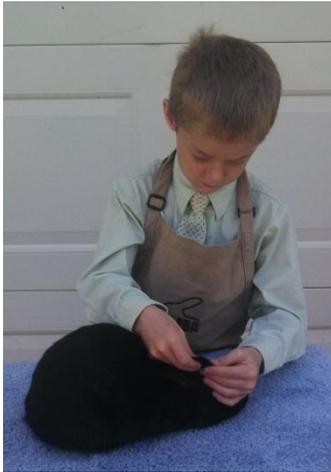
Carry:

Proper support, Maintain control, tuck head
under arm, no dangling legs.



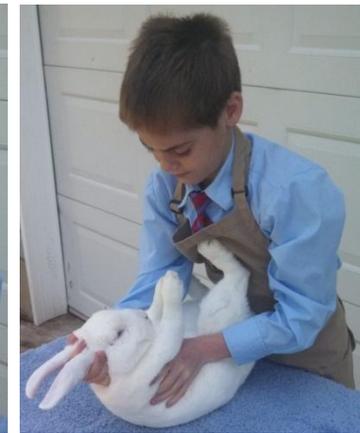
Pose:

Correct pose for breed, Introduction with
greeting and name, step back from the table.



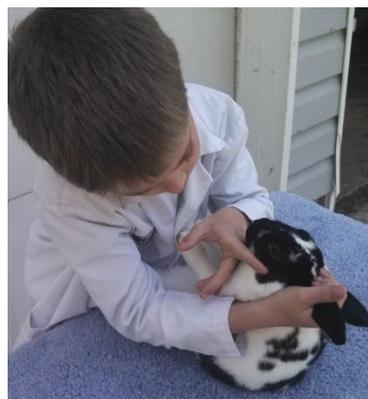
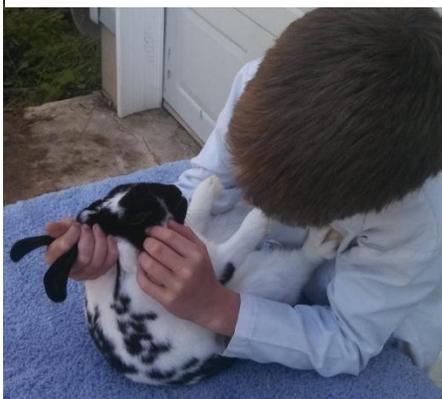
Check ears:

Check both ears, read tattoo aloud, tell ear mite symptoms and treatment.



Turn animal over:

Smooth motion, proper control, rest weight on table.



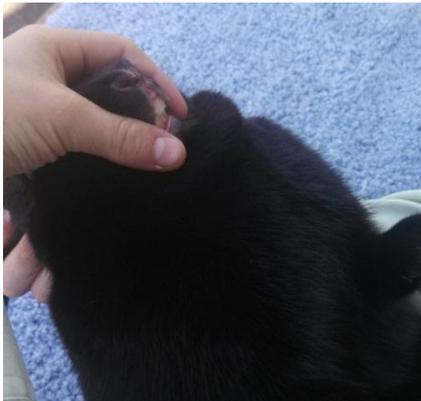
Check eyes:

Check eyes for disease, tell treatment.
Check for eye color, tell colors.



Check nose:

Use proper hand position, show both nostrils, check inside front legs for discharge.



Check teeth:

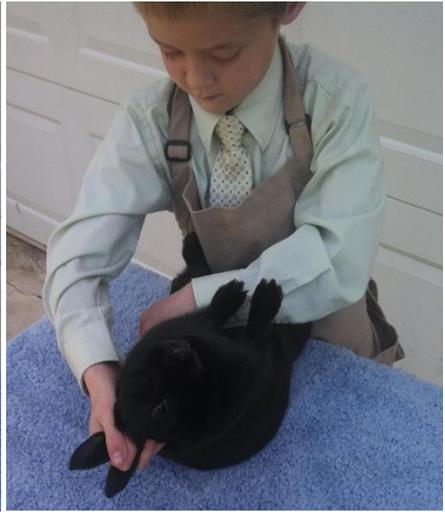
Use proper hand position, show both upper and lower incisors, check for and tell proper alignment, tell forms of malocclusion.



Check front feet/toenails:

Check for straightness of limbs, check toenails, dewclaw, and pad. Tell nail colors.





Check Body:

Check under jaw, chest, abdomen, and sides for abscesses.
Look for smooth and complete fur coverage.



Check hind feet/toenails:

Check straightness of leg, bone density, toenails and hock.
Look for sore hocks and evidence of fungus.



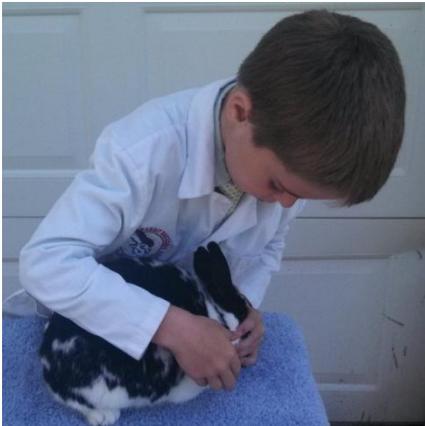
Check sex:

Properly position rabbit to show judge, expose vent/penis and testicles. Look for disease and correct number of testicles for age.



Check tail:

Extend tail, move side to side, examine underside, explain dead tail/broken tail/screw tail.



Check fur:

Return to pose, stroke fur from tail to head to show fur type.



Judge comments:

Final pose, conclude the presentation, and ask for questions.