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.