KENT COUNTY 4-H

RABBIT PROJECT

NAME _____

AGE (as of Jan. 1) _____

FAIR YEAR 20___

4-H CLUB _____

LEADER _____

CIRCLE CLASS

Novice *Intermediate* *Junior* *Senior*

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FAIR EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Each exhibitor is limited to showing in 3 breed classes, and a Get of Sire or Produce of Dam class. You may also show in 2 of the 3 market classes: Pen of 3, Fryer, or Roaster.

2. No rabbits under 3 months are to be shown except in market pen classes.

3. No sick or diseased animal will be exhibited. The Superintendent has the right to disqualify a sick or diseased animal, and send animal home.

4. Each exhibitor must furnish his own food and feed/water cups. Each exhibitor must have his/her name available and where they can be found during Fair. Pen must be cleaned each day. Fair Board has the right to withhold premiums if this not complied with.

5. Each exhibitor must participate in Breed Judging and Showmanship. Your rabbit will have to be presented by someone, preferably the owner, when it is being judged. The superintendent will not be responsible for showing the rabbit.

6. Exhibitor must remove carrying cages or boxes after entering rabbits. Any cages or boxes not removed by Sunday night will be removed by the Superintendent.

7. One rabbit per pen, except meat pens of 3.

8. Ribbons are presented to sixth place.

9. All rabbits must be checked in with a health check on Sunday from 1:00pm. - 4:00pm. HAVE YOUR EXHIBIT TAGS WITH YOUR RABBITS. No rabbit shall be put into a pen until you are assigned a pen number. No changing of cage assignments.

10. ALL RABBITS MUST HAVE A PERMANENT EAR Number IN THE LEFT EAR BEFORE JUNE 30.

11. "Explorers" will bring rabbits on Thursday only to participate in an educational and non-competitive event.

12. RABBIT PROJECT (RECORD) BOOKS ARE REQUIRED OF EACH EXHIBITOR. Obtain the workbook from the 4-H office and enter Class on Premium Statement.

13. Meat Pens that are at least 3 - 5 lbs. may be shown.

********EACH MEMBER MAY SHOW ONLY ONE RABBIT PER CLASS********

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4-H RABBIT PROJECT GUIDELINES

1 .MEMBERS MUST DECLARE THEIR 4-H PROJECT ANIMALS BY JUNE 15 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

2. To declare your animal(s), you must fill out a rabbit declaration from (available at the 4-H office) with the following information on each animal: BREED, VARIETY, AND SEX. It must be returned no later than June 15.

3. The rabbit record book must be started and kept until the end of the project year. The latest date for starting this record book and for ownership of the project animal(s) is June 30 of the current year (except for the market pen classes).

4. Completion of the rabbit record book is REQUIRED for any member entering any rabbit classes within Department A Division 9 of the current Kent County fair book.

5. THE RABBIT RECORD BOOK MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY 4:30pm, the last Friday of JUNE. FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE RECORD BOOK WILL DISQUALIFY THE MEMBER FROM COMPETING IN ANY RABBIT CLASSES. It is RECOMMENDED that your project book be kept on display throughout fair in your club booth.

6. Members may add additional pages to include pictures of their project animals. This is optional, but is encouraged.

7. All members are REQUIRED to enter the showmanship division of the 4-H rabbit project.

8. All members are encouraged to exhibit their animals at least once during the project year, such as the local area shows or the STATE 4-H Rabbit Show.

9. All members are encouraged to enter a rabbit science project.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RABBIT BOOK PROJECT

The following pages contain questions pertaining to the rabbit project area.

Answers to these questions can be found in *Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits* (4-H publication), *The Standard of Perfection*, *A Guide To Raising Better Rabbits*, (publications of The American Rabbit Breeders Association), *Rabbit Production* (published by Interstate Press), or *Your Rabbits* (Storybook publication). These books and other helpful rabbit materials are available at the County Extension Office for your use or can be purchased at rabbit shows. See your leader for this information.

The purpose of this book is to familiarize the exhibitor with the materials available and how to use those materials.

Each exhibitor is required to answer questions bases on their age class in the project area. (See schedule below).

Each year exhibitors will be required to answer different questions from this book. Therefore, the project book **MUST** be kept on file by the exhibitor. It is suggested that this book, all pages of answers and extra pages used be kept in a 3 ring binder.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT BOOKS:

(Pages P1, P2, & P3 are numbered in the top right hand corners.)

Each exhibitor Must fill in all information on their project animal and questions for the project story (P1 & P1a). **Each year, a brief story about the exhibitor and what they have done throughout the project is also required (P1a).**

Novice: (9 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P2, & page 8
Novice: (10 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P2, & page 9

Intermediate: (11 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P2, & page 10
Intermediate: (12 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P2, & page 11

Junior: (13 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P3, & page 12
Junior: (14 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P3, & page 13
Junior: (15 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P3, & page 14

Senior: (16 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P3, & page 15
Senior: (17 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P3, & page 16
Senior: (18 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P3, & page 17
Senior: (19 year olds) Complete P1, P1a, P3, & page 18

P1

INFORMATION ON MY PROJECT ANIMAL AND PROJECT STORY

1. What breed of rabbit do you have?

2. What variety do you have?

3. Is your rabbit a 4 or 6 class breed?

4. What are the weight ranges listed in the Standard of Perfection for your breed?

5. What is the fur type of your rabbit?

6. What is your rabbit's eye color?

7. What is the body type of your rabbit?

8. What type of equipment do you use for your rabbit?

9. How do you groom your rabbit?

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Project Story

Write a brief story about yourself and your rabbit throughout the project.

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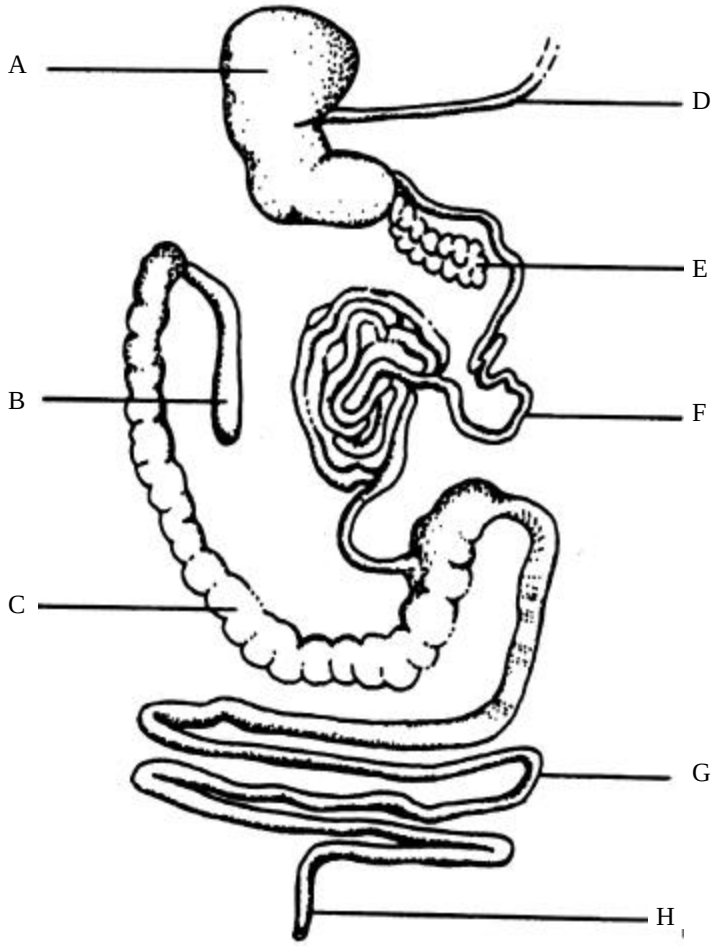
DIGESTIVE SYSTEM OF THE RABBIT



Using the diagram above, identify the parts of the rabbit's digestive system on the blanks below.

A _____ E _____

B _____ F _____

C _____ G _____

D _____ H _____

SENIOR

Page 18 questions 1 - 10 and P1, P1a, & P3 should be completed by the 19 year old.

1. Burning loose fur off cages is no longer recommended. Give three good reasons.
   1.
   2.
   3.

2. What trait of the rabbit is responsible for maintaining adequate supplies of vitamin K in the diet?

3. A deficiency of what vitamin affects the reproductive performance of the doe?

4. Why is it very important to weigh kits 3 or 4 times during nursing?

5. What is the integral part of any breed improvement program, profitable and valuable foundation of your rabbit?

6. Who is the MOST important member of your rabbitry?

7. When building a cage for your rabbit it is very important to make sure the cage is large enough. What is the rule of thumb "theory" that rabbit raisers use for figuring cage size?

8. What you should do twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours prior to weaning of the kits?

9. Why is grass hay essential for rabbits? Give four (4) reasons.
   1. 3.
   2. 4.

10. Nutritionists have devised a system for analysis of feeds that gives a general idea of their overall feeding value. a.) What is the name of the system? b.) What components are measured?
    a.)
    b.)

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