

Santa Clara County 4-H Youth Development Program

Level I Rabbit Proficiency

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Members Name: _____ Age: _____

Club: _____ Date Started: _____

- _____ 1. Explore what it is about the project you like the most. Identify and express your own goals for this project. Choose one meaningful, realistic and demanding goal. Develop a step-by-step plan to make daily choices that support your goal. Included a copy with this proficiency (see # 19).
- _____ 2. Demonstrate (show and tell) how to handle your rabbit properly, e.g., take rabbit in and out of cage and carry rabbit.
- _____ 3. Gather information and determine the best rabbit for your project. Explain why you chose this rabbit.
- _____ 4. Identify the external parts of a rabbit from a diagram or live rabbit.
- _____ 5. Describe the basic housing and equipment requirements to care for your rabbit on a daily basis.
- _____ 6. Explain the daily nutrition requirements of your rabbit, e.g., how, when, what, how much and what kind to feed.
- _____ 7. Explain how to determine the sex of a rabbit with the proper terminology.
- _____ 8. Demonstrate the basic grooming techniques and equipment necessary for the daily care of your rabbit.
- _____ 9. Enter management records for at least one month on the Online Record Book that indicates how often you provided fresh water, clean feed, and money spent raising your rabbit.
- _____ 10. Explain how you examine your rabbit to tell if your rabbit is ill and needs veterinarian attention.
- _____ 11. Describe two safety issues associated with your rabbit and/or handling your rabbit.
- _____ 12. Present a project meeting report to your club. Share the project with others and describe how taking care of an animal can help you be more confident, competent and caring. This is the first step toward learning public speaking skills. (e.g.: give a project report at a club meeting)
- _____ 13. Attend any (does not need to be in the rabbit project) 4-H event outside of your club.
- _____ 14. Explain how temperature affects your rabbit and things you can do to alleviate it.

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- _____ 15. Explain and demonstrate a simple health check.
- _____ 16. Name and describe the characteristics of seven breeds.
- _____ 17. Define and/or describe the following terms: ARBA, fault, disqualifications, Standard of Perfection, malocclusion (buck teeth).
- _____ 18. Participate in a community service/citizenship activity related to the project. Discuss how your skills helped you in this activity and what new skills you may have learned after the activity. Name of Activity: _____
Date: _____
- _____ 19. Reflect on the goal you established for yourself at the beginning. Describe whether you had to change strategies if you experienced difficulties in reaching your goal. Describe what worked well and what it is that you need to do or learn from others if you had to do this again next year. Describe the advice you would give younger children. Include a copy with this proficiency.

Project Leader's Name: (Please print) _____ Club: _____

Project Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____