



Rabbit Project



Monthly Lesson Plan

April 2022



Upcoming Deadlines

- ✓ **May 1** – All rabbits owned and ID on 4HOnline by May 1
 - ✓ **April 18th or 19th** – MQA (Meat Quality Assurance) Training (Fairgrounds)
 - ✓ **April 27th** – MQA (Bennett High School)
- **Announcement**** – Adams County Fair will have a one day live 4-H rabbit show this year. Rabbits will arrive, show and be released on Friday Aug. 5th. Market rabbits selling will stay overnight for Jr. Livestock Sale Saturday Aug. 6th.

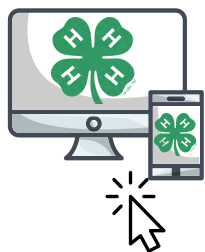


Project Progress

Suggest the following as things your members should work on or accomplish with their project this month. Follow up to see which they achieved:



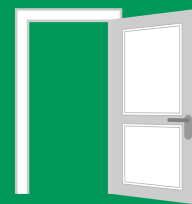
1. **E Record Books:** Update their "Equipment/Supplies Inventory" (p. 3) & "Animal Inventory" pages (p. 4)
2. **Hands On:** Members should practice trimming their rabbits claws so they do not scratch when being handled.
3. **Knowledge:** Members should learn what type of feed they should feed and in what quantities based on their rabbit's needs (Rabbit Resource Handbook pg. 50).
4. **Other:** Brainstorm a topic for their Rabbit educational poster and/or demonstration.
5. **Other:** Update your calendar with 2022 Animal Project Dates



Opportunities

See 4-H Calendars for full details & more recently added events

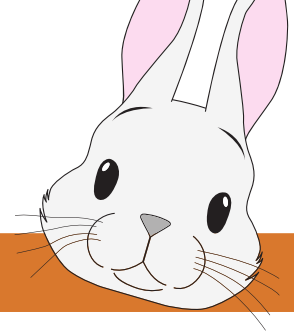
- **April 12** – Record Book Workshop (virtual)
- **April 30** – ADCO Speech & Demonstration Contest



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Attached Activities

Use these suggested activities at club project meetings to increase member knowledge and keep members engaged in their project.

Group: Visit a Pet Store- Need vs. Want

- This activity brings your group to a pet store where you can discuss rabbit supplies sold there and whether the products are a "need" or a "want" for their project animal.

Individual: Parts of the Rabbit

- Members can complete this activity worksheet at home to help them learn the parts of the rabbit.



Fun Fact

A group of wild rabbits is called a fluffle.



Timely Tips to Share

Meat Pens April 20 - 27. This will give you 9-10 week old meat pens at Fair

Litter Pens May 3 - June 1. This will give you a 5-9 week old litter pen at Fair.



Resources



- The following & more can be found on the ADCO 4-H Rabbit Project Webpage: <http://adams4h.org/4-h-rabbit-project/>
 - 2022 Animal Project Save the Dates
 - Rabbit Resource Handbook (Ohio State)
 - E Record Books
 - Fourcast Newsletter Signup
 - Project Tipsheets



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4-H Rabbit Group Activity

Visit a Pet Store – Need vs. Want

Overview:

Take your club members to a pet store to see what rabbit products are being sold, and discuss as a group which products they think are a project NEED vs. a project WANT. Discuss how the products might benefit their animal's health, behavior, care or training.

Supplies:

1. Print the attached activity table for each member.
2. Pencils
3. Clipboards (optional)

Do: Visit the rabbit section of the pet store and list all the rabbit products begin sold and what the products are used for.

Reflect: Discuss whether the products are a need or a want.

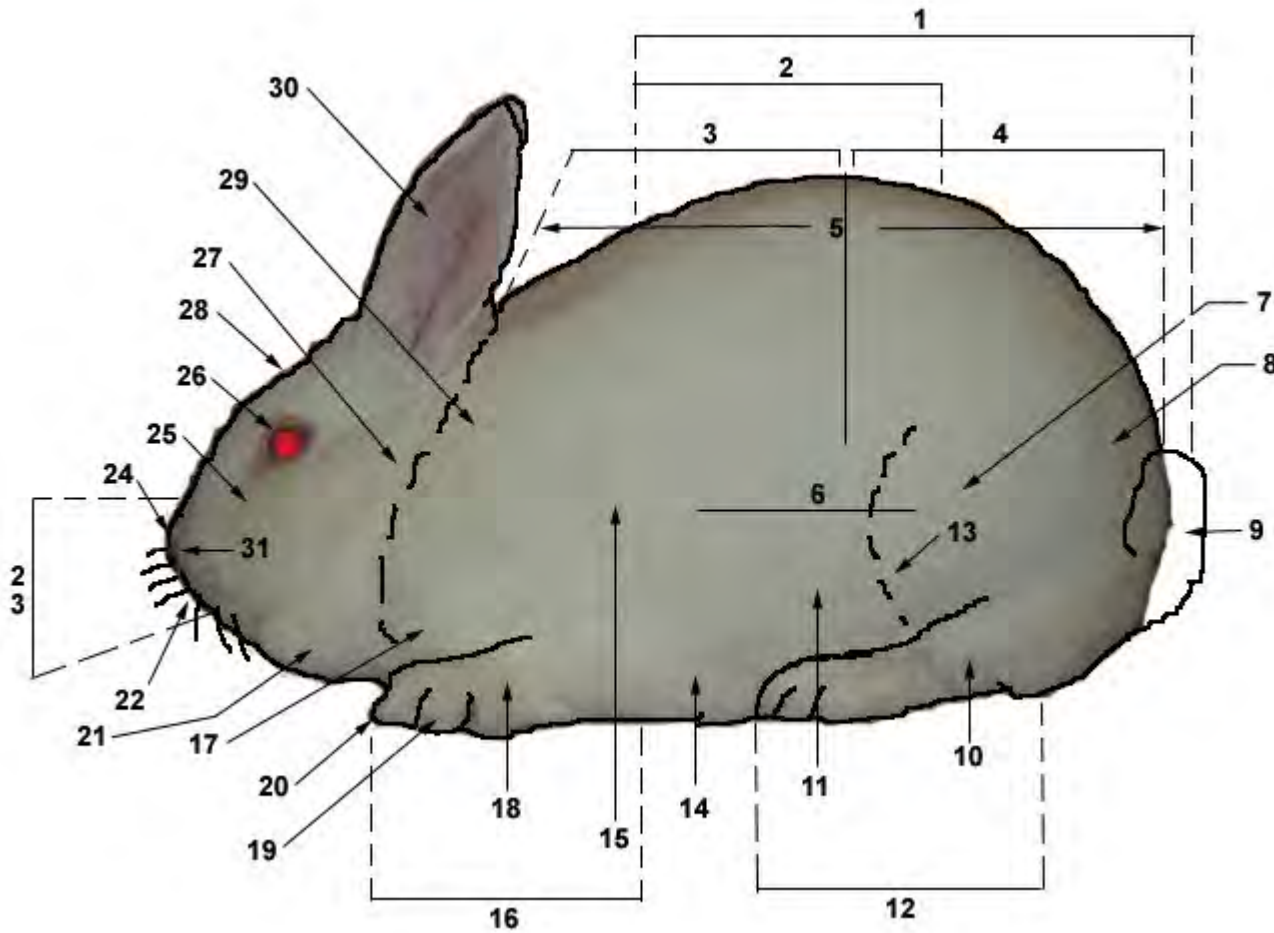
Apply: Members should determine if they need to purchase any of the "NEED" items for their project rabbits.



4-H Rabbit Activity # 4



Please number the parts of the rabbit



Word Bank:

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|------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| ___ Forequarters | ___ Foot | ___ Chest | ___ Muzzle | ___ Eye | ___ Hip | ___ Nose | ___ Tail |
| ___ Hindquarters | ___ Cheek | ___ Ear | ___ Forehead | ___ Neck | ___ Toe | ___ Nostrils | ___ Knee |
| ___ Midsection | ___ Belly | ___ Mouth | ___ Flank | ___ Saddle | ___ Back | ___ Rump | ___ Loin |
| ___ Shoulder | ___ Ribs | ___ Toenail | ___ Hindleg | ___ Foreleg | ___ Hock | ___ Dewlap | |

A hoppy fact: Rabbits perform an athletic leap called a _____, when they are happy. The rabbit twists and kicks in mid-air!

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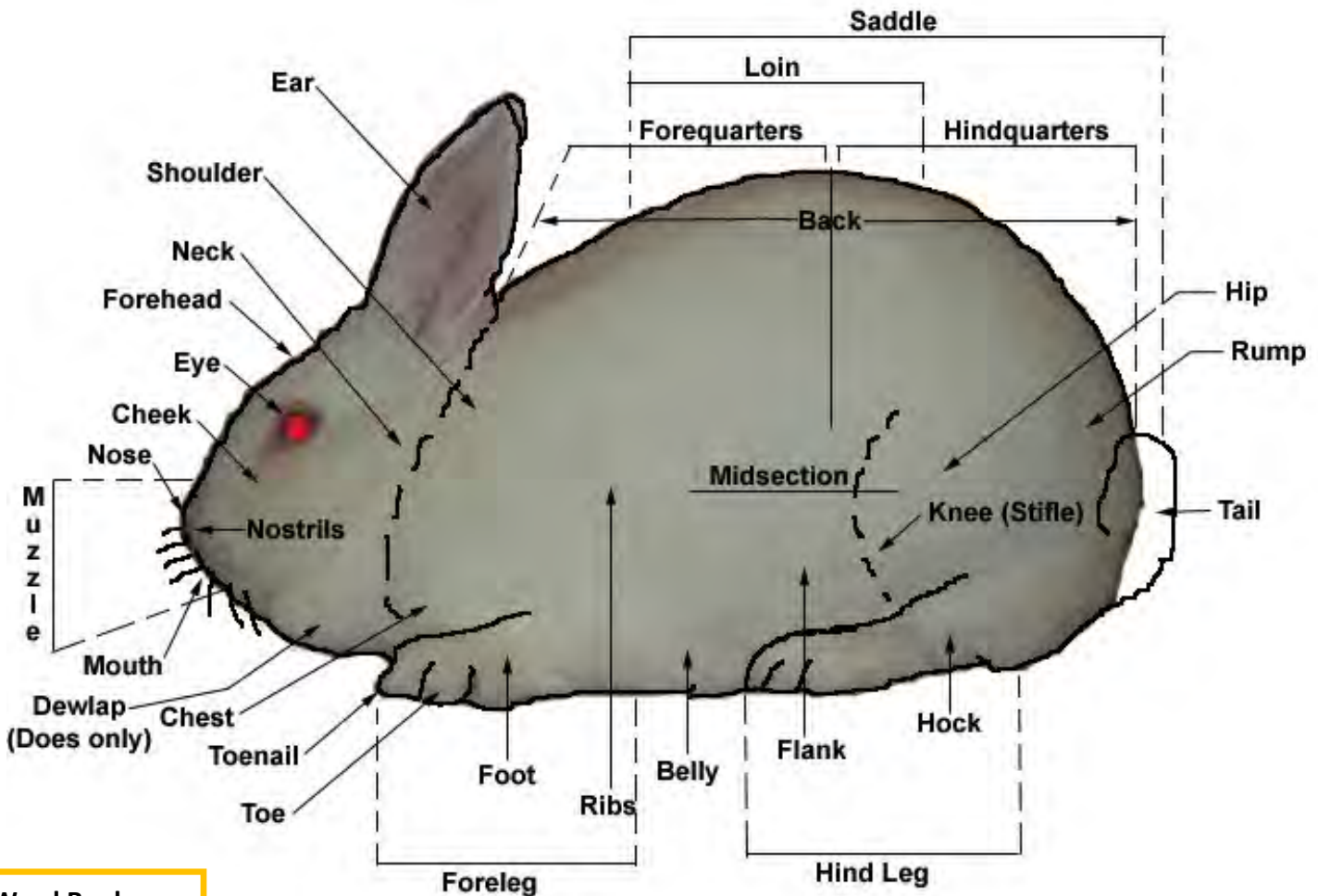
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4-H Rabbit Activity # 4 key



Please label the parts of the rabbit



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| 3 Forequarters | 18 Foot | 17 Chest | 23 Muzzle | 26 Eye | 7 Hip | 24 Nose | 9 Tail |
| 4 Hindquarters | 25 Cheek | 30 Ear | 28 Forehead | 27 Neck | 19 Toe | 31 Nostrils | 13 Knee |
| 6 Midsection | 14 Belly | 22 Mouth | 11 Flank | 1 Saddle | 5 Back | 8 Rump | 2 Loin |
| 29 Shoulder | 15 Ribs | 20 Toenail | 12 Hindleg | 16 Foreleg | 10 Hock | 21 Dewlap | |

A hoppy fact: Rabbits perform an athletic leap called a **BINKY**, when they are happy. The rabbit twists and kicks in mid-air!

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