

2024 Rabbit Skillathon Study Guide

The Morgan County Jr. Fair Skillathons will take place on Saturday, August 17 at the fairgrounds. All rabbit exhibitors should bring their completed rabbit record.

Age divisions for Skillathon are as follows (your age as of January 1): Juniors 8-11, Intermediates 12-14, and Seniors 15+

This study guide describes each station that will be included in the Rabbit Skillathon. The Rabbit Skillathon is for all youth exhibiting rabbits including market rabbits and breeding rabbits. If your animal is unable to exhibit at the fair, skillathon will serve as a judging requirement.

Station 1: Project Record Book & Quality Assurance

Present your project record book to the judge and the judge will review your record book and award points for completion. ***All youth must have their project books with them and completed or else they will be turned away at Skillathon***

***ALL youth must have a picture of their project animal in their books regardless of what the project is (Market, Breeding, Pack Goat, etc.) and regardless of what the book states. ***

You will be asked 5 questions about the Good Production Practices (GPP) 2, 4, and 5.

- ▶ GPP #2: Establish and Implement an Efficient and Effective Health Management Plan
- ▶ GPP #4: Properly Store and Administer Animal Health Products
- ▶ GPP #5: Follow Proper Feed Processing Protocols

To be eligible to show at the Morgan County Fair, you must attend a Quality Assurance Training **by July 27, 2024**. To be eligible to show at the Ohio State Fair, you must attend Quality Assurance **by June 10, 2024**.

Station 2: Project Interview

You will have an interview for the rabbit project you are exhibiting at the Morgan County Jr. Fair. You will be asked 5 questions by an interview judge. Sample interview questions are included in this study guide. All questions are based on the Rabbit Resource Handbook.

Station 3: Hands-On Activity

Juniors: Will be asked to identify 10 breeds of rabbits. More information can be found on page 11 of your Rabbit Resource Handbook (228R).

Intermediates: Will be asked to identify 5 breeds of rabbits by their traits. More information can be found on page 11 of your Rabbit Resource Handbook (228R).

Seniors: Will be asked to label and identify ailments and conditions on rabbits with pictures. Information can be found on page 57-62 of your Rabbit Resource Handbook (228R)

Rabbit Study Guide Sample Questions

225 Breeding Rabbit Project

Juniors:

1. Rabbits are known as “prey animals.” What does that mean?
2. When should the nest box be placed in the hutch?
3. What does Gestation mean?
4. How old are rabbits when they first open their eyes?
5. What is kindling?
6. What is a pedigree?
7. 2. What is a male rabbit called? What is a female rabbit called? What is a newborn called?
8. 3. According to ARBA, how many breeds of rabbits are there? Name the most recent breed.
9. 4. What is ARBA?
10. What is the range of gestation for rabbits?
11. What is the most important nutrient?
12. Name a breed that is a 4-class rabbit and a breed that is a 6-class rabbit.
13. What is a disqualification?
14. What is the 4-H Motto?
15. When should kits open their eyes?
16. What is the range of gestation for rabbits?
17. Name one reason you would quarantine a rabbit.
18. Rabbits are naturally nervous and subject to stress and injury when they become frightened. Name one thing people can do to avoid frightening them.
19. What does Lactate mean?

intermediates:

1. When should the nesting box be removed from the cage?
2. What is a disqualification and name three?
3. What causes “mastitis”?
4. What is a Sire?
5. Name a rabbit used for wool.
6. What are the four breeding programs. Give a description of two of them.
7. What is finish?
8. What is the treatment for Vent Disease?
9. Why should you tattoo a rabbit?
10. What are the four types of fur found in recognized breeds of rabbits?
11. What is coprophagy?
12. What is VCPR?
13. Name two causes of losses in newborn litters.
14. What is the *standard of perfection*?
15. What does ARBA stand for?
16. How many types of fur are found in the recognized breeds of rabbits?
17. Why is it important to provide a nest box?
18. How many categories of nutrients are there for rabbits?

Seniors:

1. Name two reproductive challenges associated with breeding and maintaining a new litter?
2. What is out crossing?
3. What are ways that can result in a crossbreed rabbit?
4. What is coprophagy?
5. Rabbits that weigh 9 pounds and above are classified as 6 class rabbits. Name the 6 classes.
6. Name a privilege, a responsibility, and a reward that you have as a 4-H animal owner? (Chapter 13)
7. What is wry neck and the two ways to take care of the problem?
8. . What are the four breeding programs? And give a brief description of two.
9. What is the difference between a rabbit and hare?

10. Name a rabbit breed that originated in France.
11. Why is it important to clean out the nesting box and remove it in a timely manner?
12. How many chromosomes does each rabbit have in a cell?
13. What provides energy in a rabbit's diet?
14. How should you never carry your rabbit?
15. What is the most important nutrient?
16. What are the two important things you should know about snuffles?
17. What is a pedigree.
18. What does palpate mean?
19. Describe the characteristics of a newborn kit.
20. What is finish.

226 Market Rabbit Project

Juniors:

1. In the United States, are rabbits classified as livestock?
2. Rabbits are known as "prey animals." What does that mean?
3. Name two purposes a rabbit is used for.
4. What is the most important nutrient?
5. Name one reason you would quarantine a rabbit.
6. Why should you select a commercial feeder or a crock for your rabbits?
7. What is a doe?
8. True or False? Proper ventilation is important for rabbits due to rabbit manure containing ammonia which is harmful to the rabbits.
9. In which ear should rabbits be tattooed?
10. What is the body type of a Californian or New Zealand rabbit?
11. What is the range of weight for a meat rabbit at this fair?
12. What is a male rabbit called? What is a female rabbit called? What is a newborn called?
13. Which is more dangerous to your rabbit, hot or cold weather?
14. What is the most important nutrient?
15. What is the 4-H Motto?
16. What is the maximum age of a meat pen?
17. Rabbits that are sold for meat are divided into 3 classes, what are they?
18. What does it mean to cull a rabbit?
19. What is coccidiosis? What is the best way to control it?
20. Name 3 breeds of meat rabbits?
21. What is processing?

Intermediates:

1. What is a disqualification and name three?
2. What is a balanced ration?
3. What is a rabbitry?
4. Name one reason why ear tattooing is the accepted method of identification for rabbits in the US?
5. What two things make up a rabbit's conformation?
6. What bacteria causes pneumonia in a rabbit?
7. What is Malocclusion?
8. How many classes are meat rabbits divided into?
9. What is withdrawal time?
10. What is a dressed carcass?
11. What is it called when rabbits mark their territory by rubbing their chins on objects, people, and other rabbits?
12. What is the range of weight for a meat rabbit at this fair?
13. What does it mean if a rabbit is in its prime?

14. What is VCPR?
15. What is a disqualification? Name one.
16. What are the four types of fur round in recognized breeds of rabbits?
17. What does the bacteria in the hindgut do for a rabbit?
18. What bacteria cause pneumonia in a rabbit?
19. Define hindleg.
20. A doe and a litter of eight eat approximately ____ pounds of feed to produce market sized fryers.
21. What are the serving portions from a rabbit.
22. Define Hindquarters.

Seniors:

1. How many breeds of rabbits are recognized by the ARBA?
2. The ARBA recognizes how many body types in rabbits?
3. Why is ventilation important in rabbit housing?
4. Name one reason you would quarantine a rabbit.
5. Name three items that is necessary to have good records for successful rabbit raising.
6. What two things does a rabbit need to be registered?
7. What are the two feed systems that work in rabbit production?
8. What does sanction show mean?
9. What is the range of weight for a meat rabbit at this fair?
10. What does the bacteria in the hindgut do for a rabbit?
11. Name a privilege, a responsibility, and a reward that you have as a 4-H animal owner?
(Chapter 13)
12. According to the Standard of Perfection, what are the four factors, by order of importance, for judging meat pens?
13. What are the serving portions from a rabbit?
14. What does it mean when a rabbit is considered in its prime?
15. 4. According to the Rabbit Resource Handbook (228R), when are rabbit pets first prime?
16. Name three rabbit related careers
17. How long can you store feed for before it becomes rancid?

