**Rabbit Fitting & Showing Questions**

**Your Specific Rabbit Questions:**

1. What breed, variety & sex of rabbit are you showing?
2. Is your rabbit a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior?

**Rabbit General Information:**

1. What are male rabbits called? Buck
2. What are female rabbits called? Doe
3. What are baby rabbits called? Kit(s)
4. What is a group of baby rabbits called? Litter
5. What is the gestation period of a rabbit? 30 days
6. Can you identify each of the following body parts on your rabbit?

* Loin, Flank, Rump, Saddle, Hindquarters, Forequarters, Hock, Dewlap
* See Rabbit Body Parts Diagram

1. What does 4/6 Class Rabbits mean?
   * 4 Class: Junior Buck, Junior Doe, Senior Buck, Senior Doe
   * 6 Class: Junior Buck, Junior Doe, Intermediate Buck, Intermediate Doe,

Senior Buck, Senior Doe

* + A general rule is that a rabbit weighing over 9 lbs is a 6 class (so if you are guessing 4/6 that is a good place to start)

1. What is the difference between Junior, Intermediate & Senior Rabbits?
   * Each breed of rabbit is slightly different – you should be able to answer for your specific breed of rabbit (at least)
2. What are the five profile types of rabbits? (Be prepared to provide examples)

Commercial, Compact, Cylindrical, Semi-Arch, and Full-Arch

1. What are the five fur types of rabbits? (Be prepared to provide examples)

Wool, Rex, Satin, Normal-Rollback & Normal-Flyback

1. What are rabbits used for?

* Food
* Fur
* Wool
* Pets (Companion animal)
* Compost Generation
* Fancy/Competition
* Biomedical Research

1. What is the minimum living space required by a rabbit?

1 square foot per pound of rabbit

1. What is the ARBA recognized form of rabbit identification?

* Ear Tattoo

1. Where is the ear tattoo located? Left Ear
2. What environmental threats should you guard your rabbit from?

Temperature Extremes (heat & cold), predators, poor sanitation

1. Is your rabbit more sensitive to heat or cold?

Heat

1. What are signs that your rabbit is too hot?

Ears are open & warm to the touch, lying on its side, panting, lethargic, salivating, and discolored mouth

1. What can you do to cool down your rabbit?

Make sure your rabbit always has water available, good ventilation, hang a damp towel over caging, wet the rabbit’s fur slightly, provide an ice jug

1. What is the normal body temperature of a rabbit? 101F – 103F
2. What is the difference between a fault, elimination, & disqualification?

* Fault: Undesirable characteristic that will affect a rabbit’s confirmation score.
* Elimination: One or more defects of a rabbit assumed to be curable & temporary in nature but render a rabbit unfit for competition TODAY.
* Disqualification: One or more defects, deformities, or blemishes which render a rabbit unfit for competition.

1. What is malocclusion?

The teeth do not meet as they should. The top incisors should overlap the lower incisors. If the bottom overlap the top, or if the teeth meet, it is a malocclusion.

1. Name at least one bacterial infection a rabbit can get?

Mastitis, Conjunctivitis, Abscesses, Coccidiosis, Pasteurella

1. Name at least one parasitic infection a rabbit can get?

Ear Mites, Fleas, Fur Mites, Pinworms, Tapeworms, Ticks

1. Name at least one viral infection a rabbit can get?

Myxomatosis, Rabbit (Shope) Fibroma Virus, Rabbit (Shope) Papillomavirus, Oral Papaillomavirus, Rabbitpox

1. What are the signs of snuffles?

Lots of white discharge from the nose & signs of damp forelimbs

1. What are the signs of ear mites?

Black or rusty colored crust inside the ears

1. What are sore hocks caused by?

Standing on damp bedding or excessive standing on wire caging with no rest boards. Rabbits with rex fur & the larger breeds of rabbits are more vulnerable.

1. What do rabbits eat?

Balanced diet of pelleted feed, free fed hay, & fruits/veggies

1. Why is it important to feed hay?

Hay provides needed fiber in a rabbit’s diet, which helps to prevent constipation (especially important during molt)

**ARBA General Information:**

1. What does ARBA stand for? American Rabbit Breeders Association
2. How many rabbit breeds are recognized by the ARBA? 48
3. What is the newest recognized rabbit breed by the ARBA? Lionhead
4. What publication by the ARBA is used to judge all rabbits? Standard of Perfection
5. How often is the Standard of Perfection published? Every 5 years

Additional Sources:

1. A 4-H Showmanship guide: <https://www.arba.net/PDFs/4HShowmanship.pdf>
2. Breed ID Info: <https://www.arba.net/PDFs/breed_id_rab_cav.pdf>
3. Another Showmanship guide: <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/sites/4-h.ca.uky.edu/files/rabbit_guide_to_showmanship_supplment_1.pdf>
4. LOTS of study questions: <https://quizlet.com/subject/rabbit-showmanship/>