

4-H Rabbit Project Rules & Guidelines

Rabbits for the borrowed portion of this project are supplied by Brittany Ridge Farms of Hookerton, NC. These rabbits are an essential part of their families income. For this reason, we ask that you treat and handle your borrowed rabbits by the guidelines below and that they be housed and fed according to the information given to you by your Extension Agent and the project team. These are living creatures and parents are required to take a vested interest in their wellbeing. You can also participate in this project if you have your own rabbit.

1. Participation Fee is \$25. Participants are responsible for providing housing, food and water bowls, and caring for their borrowed rabbit from September 14- to October 22. Feed will be provided by the Extension Office at pickup. Optional: Rabbits can be purchased for an additional \$20.00 during the project.
2. All participants will be required to attend a mandatory orientation zoom on September 7th at 6:30pm. If you do not attend you will not be given a borrowed rabbit.
3. Rabbit pick-up is September 14th 4:30pm to 6pm. Families should be prepared to pick up their own rabbits and will be required to bring their own box or cage.
4. In the event your borrowed rabbit gets sick, the following procedures must be followed:
 - Notify your Extension Agent immediately with symptoms and timeline -
 - Make sure rabbit has warm, dry, clean bedding at all times
 - Monitor food and water intake
5. In the event your borrowed rabbit dies, the following procedures must be followed:
 - Your Extension Agent must be contacted within 24 hours of discovery. - Photo documentation and/or body retrieval by Extension will be required depending on circumstances surrounding death.
 - **Do not dispose** of dead rabbit until you are instructed to do so by your Extension Agent.
 - The participant will be required to pay a \$15 rabbit replacement fee to the farm. Availability of replacement rabbits is not guaranteed. No more than one replacement per participant will be allowed.
 - Failure to follow any of the above procedures will result in not receiving a

replacement and/or not being allowed to participate in future years.

6. Important dates:

- **September 7th @ 6:30pm** Mandatory Orientation Zoom (failure to attend means you will not be given a borrowed rabbit)
- **September 14th @ 4:30pm to 6:30pm**: Floating rabbit pickup (Livestock Arena-Edgecombe Participants) (Nash County Ag Center - Nash County Participants)
- **September 27th @ 6:30pm**: Rabbit Showmanship (highly encouraged to attend with rabbit to practice with us)
- **October 4th @ 6:30pm** Optional Zoom on rabbit breeds, health, life cycles, and uses for those wanting to know more about rabbits.
- **October 11th @ 6:30pm**: Optional Showmanship review and Q/A Session before the show (have your rabbit ready if you need help learn how to do something in particular) -
- October 22nd @ 10am until finished**: Rabbit Show and return borrowed rabbits

Signing below indicates that you, the Parent/Legal Guardian, agree to follow the terms outlined in the above document. This includes attending the mandatory orientation Zoom on September 7th at 6:30pm. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the disallowment of future participation in the 4-H Rabbit Project.

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____