



# 4-H Rabbit Project

Record Sheet C  
Grade 7  
Jasper County

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

## Step-by-step Processing of Rabbits

Place a number beside the step so that they are in the correct order that they would be completed.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Refrigerate carcass for 24 hours prior to cutting into usable cuts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Suspend the rabbit upside down.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the heart and lungs by cutting from sternum to neck.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Carefully separate the edges of the skin from the carcass, and pull the skin down over the animal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The heart, liver and kidneys are edible by-products of the carcass and can be saved.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the head at the atlas joint.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Render the rabbit unconscious.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rinse the carcass with cool water and remove all blood clots.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rinse carcass with cold water and soak in ice water no longer than 10 minutes to remove hairs and blood.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Using your knife, remove the tail.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove rear legs by snapping the leg bone with your fingers just below the hold and cutting off with a knife.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Slit the abdominal wall of the carcass along the midline of the belly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Slit the skin just below the hock of the suspended leg.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the bladder whole and take out the entrails.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the front feet.

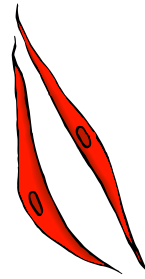
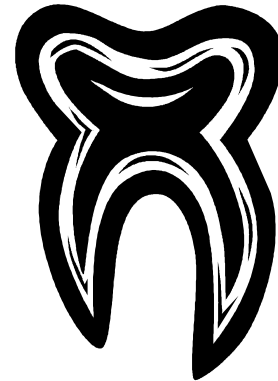
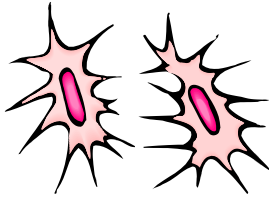
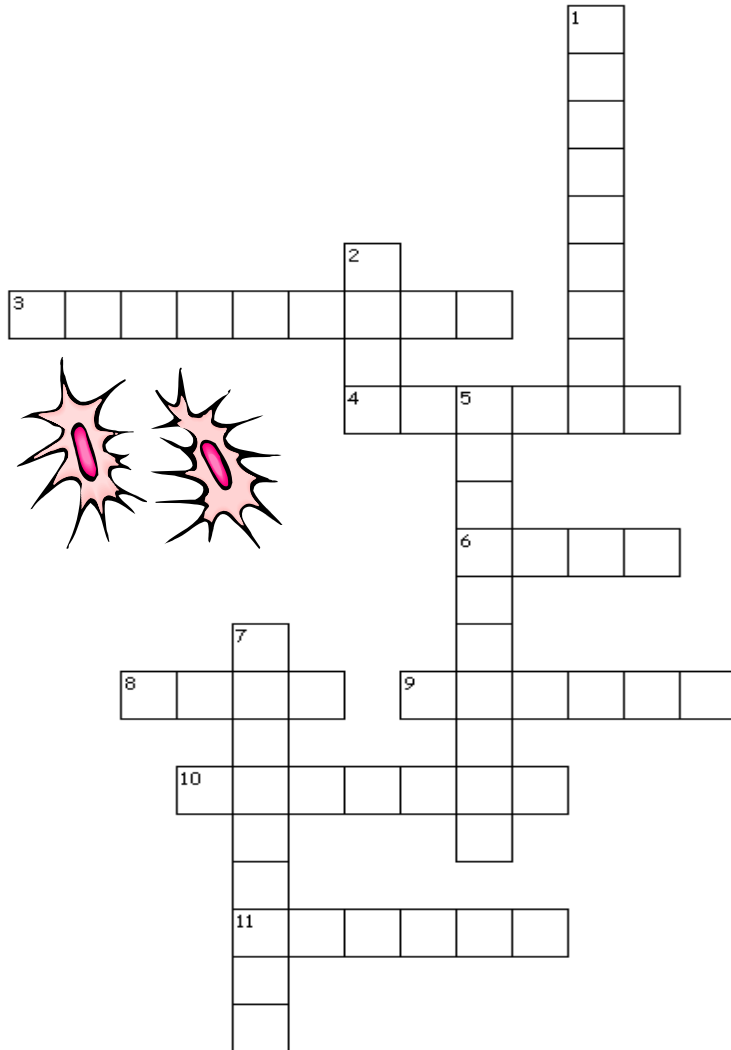
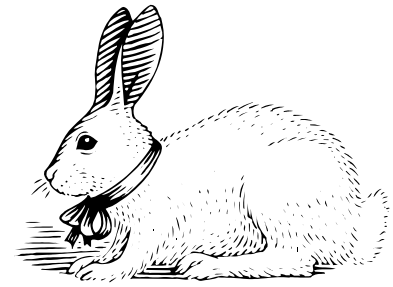
## Diseases and Health Conditions - Answer the following either True or False

1. You should observe your rabbit's behavior once a week to determine its health. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Signs of illness could include severe diarrhea or profuse nasal discharge. \_\_\_\_\_
3. If your rabbit starts to drink less water don't worry. It just means it is not thirsty. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other signs of illness can include grinding their teeth or trouble breathing. \_\_\_\_\_
5. You do not need to have a veterinarian if you are raising rabbits. \_\_\_\_\_

THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN RABBIT RESOURCE HANDBOOK – OHIO STATE 4-H 228R

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**Mineral Functions: Complete the cross word puzzle.**



**Across**

- 3. Necessary for functioning of the nervous system.
- 4. Necessary for hemoglobin formation.
- 6. Assists with transfer of nutrient to the cells and removal of waste materials. Important in making bile.
- 8. Enables blood to carry oxygen.
- 9. Constituent of Vitamin B-12.
- 10. Essential for development of normal bones and teeth.
- 11. Needed for thyroxin production.

**Down**

- 1. For proper function of mammary glands and normal reproduction.
- 2. Component of several enzyme systems.
- 5. Necessary for enzyme activation.
- 7. Essential for nerve function, and appetite.

