

PURDUE EXTENSION STEUBEN COUNTY

4-H Rabbit WORKSHEETS

Grade 8-A

Name: _____



4-H Club: _____

Use of Rabbits

Please indicate the primary use of each of the following breeds of rabbits. Place **MEAT** on the line next to the meat breeds, **FUR** on the ones that are best known for their fur, **WOOL** on the ones best known for their wool production and **OTHER** for those used for exhibition, pets, or laboratory use. Again, this is their major use. Most are used for more than one area.

American _____ Satin _____

Giant Angora _____ New Zealand _____

American Chinchilla _____ Lilac _____

Himalayan _____ Satin Angora _____

American Fuzzy Lop _____ Jersey Wooly _____

American Sable _____ Havana _____

Netherland Dwarf _____ French Angora _____

Beveren _____ Flemish Giant _____

Californian _____ English Angora _____

Cinnamon _____ Dutch _____

Digestive System

Rabbits are monogastric herbivores – their stomachs are non-compartmentalized, similar to _____.

They also have an enlarged cecum and colon (hindgut), like that of the _____.

Bacteria in the gut of the rabbit do not synthesize essential amino acids; therefore the rabbit is dependent on _____

American _____ provided in its diet.

Another word for enteritis is _____.

Answers can be found in the OSU Rabbit Resource Handbook – 4-H 228R.

Digestive System Continued

Answer the following true or false.

1. Fiber digestibility in the rabbit is high. _____
2. The rabbit can efficiently digest the non-fiber portion of forage. _____
3. Fiber is a useful energy source for rabbits. _____
4. Dietary fiber will reduce or prevent fur chewing. _____
5. Fiber reduces enteritis. _____

Housing and Equipment

Fill in the appropriate term from the word bank provided. Some words are used twice.

A rabbitry is a _____ building, an area in an _____ building, or an outside area where rabbits are _____. _____ are cages designed to _____ one or more rabbits while protecting the animals from inclement _____ and _____. Outside rabbit _____ should be placed at the north side of an _____ structure so they do not receive _____ sunlight. Rabbits are very nervous animals and become _____ easily. Hutches should be built to _____ the rabbit from predators that could cause it excess _____ or _____. _____ is the movement of fresh air to replace other air. Choose a _____ with a screen or holes in the _____ to allow for the dust from the feed to filter out. Water is the most important _____ for a rabbit. It is important to provide a _____ in which a doe can give birth and nurse her new _____. Add the _____ to the _____ cage three to four days prior to the expected delivery date.

Word Bank

Feeder	Nest Box	Kits	Warm
Animals	Housed	Nervous	Water
Bottle	South	North	Weather
Nutrient	Days	Outdoors	Wire
Buck's	Doe's	Outside	Hutches
Cages	Dry	Predators	House
Protect	Dust	Rabbitry	Direct
Frightened	Filter	Separate	Indirect
Pregnant	Fire	Together	Ventilation
Stress	Indoors	Top	
Injury	Existing	Bottom	