

## Piedmont 4-H Rabbit Project

### Rules and guidelines

*Rabbits for the borrowed portion of this project are supplied by various farms. 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.*

1. All participants must be a resident of one of the following counties: Cabarrus, Catawba, Iredell, or Rowan.
2. Cost for borrowed rabbits is \$30. We only have 25 rabbits available to borrow. Participants are responsible for providing housing, food and water bowls, and caring for their borrowed rabbit from March 13 to May 4. Feed will be provided by the Extension Office at pickup. Participants are allowed to purchase their rabbit at the conclusion of the project. The fee to purchase your rabbit will be an additional \$15.
3. If you have your own rabbit to show and you will not be borrowing one, then the cost is \$15 to enter the project. You must supply your own feed.
4. Exhibitors are limited to showing only one rabbit.
5. **Participants must be between the ages of 5-18 as of Jan 1, 2024.** All participants borrowing rabbits or showing their own will be required to attend a mandatory orientation zoom on February 26 9th at 6:30 pm. **If you do not attend you will not be allowed to participate. All participants must also be an active 4-H member.** To enroll in 4-H please visit: [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)
6. All participants must register for the project using the Eventbrite link. Participants can pay either by credit card through the link or by mailing a check to Rowan County Extension Office (2727-A Old Concord Rd. Salisbury, NC 28146). Checks must be made out to CES.
7. Borrowed rabbit pick-up will be **March 13th 3:00-6:00 PM at your county's Extension Office.** Families should be prepared to pick up their own rabbits and will be required to bring their own box or cage.
8. Participants are required to schedule at least one session with their agents to practice show techniques. This will be set up on an individual basis.
9. 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
10. 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.

Important dates:

- **February 26th @ 6:30pm:** Mandatory Orientation Zoom
- **March 13** Rabbit pick-up 3:00-6:00 PM at your county's Extension Office.
- **May 4th @ 9:30am until finished:** Rabbit Show and return borrowed rabbits
  - You may arrive as early as 8:30 AM to set up.
  - Will be held at the Rowan County Fairground (1560 Julian Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146)

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 February 26th at 6:30pm. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the disallowment of future participation in the Piedmont 4-H Rabbit Project.

Participants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_