

# Showmanship Judging Expectations for Rabbits

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## **Handling**

- Your rabbit should be comfortable on the table.
- You should be able to pose your rabbit per the ARBA Standard of Perfection and it should remain calm for your examination
- You should be able to examine your rabbit to the best of your ability
- *If your rabbit becomes unruly while you are attempting to handle it stop, reposition and start from the beginning if needed.*

## **Knowledge:**

- Know your rabbit's
  - Breed
  - Variety
  - Class
  - For older 4H'ers you need to be able to verbally explain the strengths and weaknesses of your animal compared to the ARBA Standard of Perfection (if a non-showable animal be able to explain why)
- Know what you do to care for and feed your rabbit
- How you care for kits and mothers preparing to kindle (Intermediates and Seniors)
- Identify all major body parts
- Intermediates and Seniors know the basics of breeds outside of your own

## **Personal Appearance:**

- Long sleeve shirt or show coat
- Long pants
- Shoulder length and longer hair should be neatly pulled back away from the face
- No jewelry of any kind
- Clean hands, no nail polish
- No gum
- Safe foot wear (no open toed shoes/sandals/high heels, etc.)
- Your rabbit should be well groomed and presentable (clean bottoms, no stains, minimal molting, nails trimmed, etc.)

I know this last year has been crazy, so I just want you all to do your absolute best. But most importantly, I want you all to have fun! If you are unsure of anything don't be afraid to say so – I'm happy to answer any questions also, so just ask!

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