

2008 RABBIT DECATHLON

NOVICE DIVISION

Anatomy and Physiology

1. On a doe, what do the mammary glands produce?

(Answer: milk)

2. What is the loose skin called that hangs from the throat and is most common in does?

(Answer: dewlap)

3. What does the mouth do in digestion?

(Answer: mechanically breaks down the food; begins digestion)

4. Where would you find a rabbit's mandible?

a. on its head b. on its backbone c. on its tail d. on its belly

(Answer: a = on its head (specifically, the mandible is the rabbit's jaw bone)).

5. Throughout a rabbit's lifetime, its teeth continue to do what?

a. break off b. get stronger c. grow d. get soft

(Answer: c – Grow)

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Nutrition

1. Rabbits need twice as much water as _____?
- a. Sunlight
 - b. Food
 - c. Hay
 - d. Attention

(Answer: b-food)

2. What happens if you give your rabbit all the food it wants?

(Answer: It gets fat)

3. True or False. A rabbit will eat pellets even if it does not have water to drink.

(Answer: False)

4. What is a plant-eating animal called?

(Answer: Herbivore)

5. Which of the following is not necessary in a balanced rabbit pellet?

- a. fiber
- b. protein
- c. vitamins
- d. seasonings

(Answer: d-seasonings)

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Housing and Equipment

1. How often should water and feed dishes be cleaned?
- a. Once a year
 - b. Once a month
 - c. Once a week
 - d. Once every few years

(Answer: c)

2. Why are water bottles better to use than crocks?

(Answer: The water stays cleaner; rabbits can't dump the water – Your Rabbit pg. 52)

3. Give 2 reasons why a rabbit should not be kept on the ground.

(Answer: May ingest too much grass/greens; it can be attacked by other animals; it will be harder to clean; it can pick up fleas for other parasites from the ground.)

4. Where does a breeder place a rabbit's identification tattoo?
- a. Left ear
 - b. Right ear
 - c. Tail web
 - d. Upper lip

(Answer: a)

5. What should you put in the cage with a doe when she is going to have kits?

(Answer: Nestbox – Your Rabbit)

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Health and Diseases

1. The normal lifespan of a domestic rabbit is _____?:
- a. 1-2 years
 - b. 3-4 years
 - c. 5-10 years
 - d. 12 – 15 years

(Answer: c-5-10 years)

2. What is one of the first signs that a rabbit is sick?

(Answer: It stops eating and drinking)

3. Rabbits defend themselves most often by:
- a. Running away
 - b. Biting
 - c. Scratching
 - d. Attacking

(Answer: a – “Your Rabbit: A Kid’s Guide to Raising and Showing,” pg. 21)

4. Why should you keep rodents and birds out of the rabbitry?

(Answer: b – Because they carry diseases into the rabbitry)

5. How do rabbits remove heat from their bodies?

(Answer: Breathe; air movement, ears)

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Reproduction and Genetics

1. The time between breeding and birth or kindling is called?

- a. Muzzling
- b. Gestation
- c. Lactation
- d. Weaning

(Answer: b)

2. The process of separating the kits from their mother is called?

- a. Kindling
- b. Gestation
- c. Lactation
- d. Weaning

(Answer: d)

3. When a doe has more than one bunny, the group of bunnies she kindles is called what??

(Answer: Litter)

4. What is a male rabbit called?

(Answer: Buck)

5. When a doe gives birth to young, it is called what?

- a. Kindling
- b. Gestation
- c. Suckling
- d. Weaning

(Answer: a-Kindling)

**2007 RABBIT DECATHLON
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Terminology

1. A subdivision of a breed based on color is called what?

(Answer: Variety)

2. What is a permanent identification mark inside a rabbit's ear using special tools and dye called?

(Answer: Tattoo)

3. If your rabbit is mealy, how would you describe its coat?

(Answer: Off-colored stray hairs in a colored pattern, giving the appearance of being powdered or sprinkled with meal)

4. What is a broken rabbit?

- a. A solid-colored rabbit
- b. A senior rabbit
- c. A white-and-colored rabbit
- d. It has a broken bone

(Answer: c-a white-and-colored rabbit)

5. When a hair shaft has 3 or more bands of color, the color of the rabbit is called what?

- a. Broken
- b. Steel
- c. Agouti
- d. Self

(Answer: c- Agouti - SOP)

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Body Type Evaluation and Team Scenario

Novice participants identify body type only.

Juniors identify body type and name one other breed with same body type.

Seniors will identify both body type and fur type of the live rabbit sample and then name 2 other breeds with the same body type.

Participants will be expected to know the difference between full arched, semi-arched, commercial, compact, and cylindrical body types. 5 animals will be provided.

Sample Novice Team Problem Scenario from 2007
New question will be used in 2008

1. What is the proper way to keep your rabbitry sanitary? List the ways and what you use in your rabbitry and tell how and why you do it?

Novice Team Sample Scenario Rubric from 2007

	Poor 1	Fair 2	Good 3	Excellent 4	Score
Gave PROPER ways for sanitation	The information is not correct or logical	Gives two ways	Gives Three ways	Gives Four or more PROPER ways for keeping a rabbitry sanitary	
Gave Reasons Why?	Never mentions any reasons	Gives very little reasons why	Gives some reasons why	Gives a great deal of well thought out reasons	
What ways do you sanitize your rabbitry	Does not give any	Only points out one or two ways they use sanitation in their rabbitry	Points out three ways they use	Shows four well thought out ways they use sanitation in their rabbitry	
How would you provide this in your rabbitry	Does not tell how it is done	Few ways how you can provide sanitation	Has some ways but does not give logical details on how to do it	Many details on how you would provide sanitation and uses some details to completing it	
Clear and Understandable	Very difficult to follow	Mostly difficult to follow and understand	Mostly easy to understand	Easy to read and follow the opinions given	
Worked together as a group	Only one person participates little to no leadership	One or two participate however there is little discussion about the topic	Many participate and some discussion about topic	All participate and there is a lot of discussion about the topic	
				Total	