



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

# 4-H Rabbit Project



Do you like rabbits? Do you want to learn how to raise and care for rabbits? Then this project is for you. It is suggested that you start with a doe rabbit and extend the project each year that you take the project. You will want to enroll in the fall to prepare for receiving your animal.

## Starting Out

### Beginner

- Learn about rabbits  
Learn to identify the parts of a rabbit
- Identify breeds of rabbits
- Evaluating different rabbit breeds
- Purchase, feed and care for rabbits
- Learn about goal setting  
Evaluate project with leader  
Learn how to keep records  
Learn how to assume responsibility  
Do a demonstration about rabbits

## Learning More

### Intermediate

- Learn about nutritional requirements for rabbits
- Investigate rabbit breeds
- Learn how to select the type of rabbit project -breeding, market or companion
- Learn about goal setting
- Identify common rabbit diseases
- Exhibit the rabbit at the county fair or other rabbit shows
- Develop public speaking skills
- Do a demonstration about rabbits

## Exploring Depth

### Advanced

- How to deal with current issues relating to raising rabbits
- Gain leadership skills by helping other learn about rabbits
- Explore career opportunities in the rabbit industry
- Investigate technology's impact in the rabbit project
- Exhibit rabbits at the county fair or other rabbit shows
- Develop public speaking skills
- Build lifelong friendships



To cool a rabbit, put a gallon jug of frozen water in the cage. Put long wet towels on the sides of the cage. Dampen the roof with cool water.

## Resources and Links

- Rabbit Resource Handbook
- Companion Animal e-Re-cord (Jr./Int./Sr.)
- Showmanship Standard Re-souce