

# RABBIT PROJECT

## WHAT IS THE RABBIT PROJECT?

The rabbit project teaches proper methods of caring for, raising, breeding and marketing rabbits. There are three project options: Market Rabbit Project (breeding and raising rabbits for meat); Rabbit Breeding Project (breeding and raising rabbits for desired or unique characteristics); and Pet Project (maintaining rabbits for companionship).

## OBJECTIVES

- Attain a broad knowledge of the 4-H project and related activities as to the way they improve family and community life.
- Acquire life skills through project participation essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings in the project area to everyday project experiences and work.
- Develop an understanding from 4-H project training and experiences which can assist you in the future for choosing and preparing for a job.
- Develop leadership skills that promote positive youth development.

## PROJECT EXPERIENCES

Educational Presentation (Companion Animals)

## PRINTED RESOURCES

National 4-H Curriculum ([www.n4hccs.org](http://www.n4hccs.org)):  
Rabbit - Group Activity Helper's Guide  
Rabbit 1 - What's Hopping?  
Rabbit 2 - Making Tracks  
Rabbit 3 - All Ears  
Rabbit Project Reference Manual

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Rabbit Breeder  
Show Judge  
Veterinarian

## WEB RESOURCES

American Rabbit Breeders Association ( <http://www.arba.net> )  
American Satin Rabbit Breeders Association  
(<http://www.asrba.org>)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Livestock Mentor Program (Rabbit)  
Texas 4-H Volunteer Conference

## RECORDBOOK CATEGORY

Rabbits

## LIFE SKILLS TARGETED IN THE RABBIT PROJECT

*Head - Managing*  
Keeping Records  
Wise Use of Resources  
Goal Setting

*Head - Thinking*  
Service Learning  
Critical Thinking  
Problem Solving  
Decision Making  
Learning to Learn

*Heart - Relating*  
Communication  
Cooperation  
Social Skills  
Nurturing Relationships

*Hands - Giving*  
Community Service Volunteering  
Leadership  
Responsible citizenship  
Contributions to group Effort

*Hands - Working*  
Marketable Skills  
Self-motivation

*Health - Being*  
Self-esteem  
Self-responsibility  
Character  
Managing Feelings  
Self-discipline

*Health - Living*  
Healthy Lifestyle Choices  
Stress Management  
Disease Prevention  
Personal Safety



For more information about this project, or about 4-H in general, contact your local County Extension Office or visit the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>