

RABBIT DECATHLON - NOVICE DIVISION

Anatomy and Physiology

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

(Answer: milk)

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

(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 jawbone))

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 – once a week)

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 attached 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 – left ear)

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

(Answer: Nest box. "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 – Running away. “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: 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 - gestation)

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

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

(Answer: d - weaning)

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)

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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))