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Comments

HINDQUARTERS

- 60% of meat is found in hind quarters
- Hard, solid flesh
- Wide, deep loin
- Smooth, well-filled out rump

BODY CAPACITY

- Rib spread begins at shoulder and body widens as it moves into loin
- Rib and hip bones should be close together to reduce lion weakness
- Broad, flat chest indicates good heart and lungs

FEET AND LEGS

- Small but strong
- Full pads of hair on hind feet

HEAD

- Broad head and rounded muzzle
- Straight ears moderate to short in length, carried erect and close together

TEETH, NAILS AND TAIL

- Malformed and broken teeth and nails disqualify rabbits
- Tail should be straight up from rump.

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