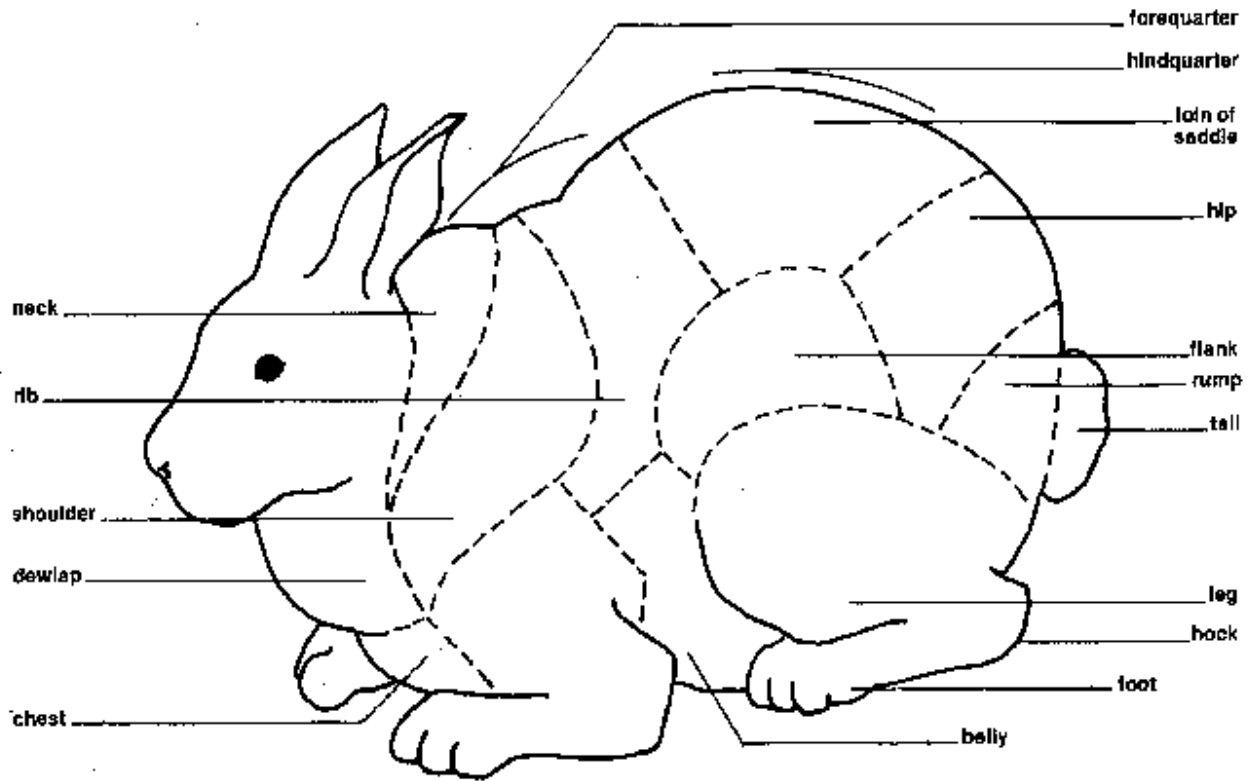


Judging Rabbits

Parts of the Rabbit



Breeding Rabbit Scorecard

When judging rabbits, it is very important to run the hand over the animal to feel the bone structure, muscling and finish.

Breeding classes are judged for their breed characteristics – those traits that will be passed on to their offspring.

	Perfect Score
Body Capacity	35
• strong, broad chest	
• wide, deep loin; smooth, well filled rump	
• good depth to body	
Head, Feet, Legs	30
• broad head, round muzzle	
• straight ears, carried according to breed	
• bright, clear eyes; nose free from mucus	
• small, strong feet with full pads of hair	
• no signs of blindness	
General Condition and Appearance	20
• no broken toes or nails; no ear mites	
• no broken or missing teeth	
• correct fur for breed	
• strong, straight front and rear legs	
• straight, well furred tail	
Condition.....	15
• hard, solid flesh	
• difficult to pick up by shoulder skin	
• fur in good condition	
Total	100

Market Rabbit Scorecard

In a market class, the main concern is whether the animal is ready for market. As with breeding stock, rabbits are judged by running the hand over the animal to determine bone structure and muscle. Does should have medium to long bodies. Bucks should be shorter in length and blockier.

	Perfect Score
Hindquarters	45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hard, solid flesh • wide, deep loin • smooth, well filled and well fleshed rump 	
Body Capacity	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broad chest; deep body • rib and hip bones close together • well fleshed rib cage and rump 	
Head, Feet, Legs	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broad head, round muzzle • straight ears, carried according to breed • bright, clear eyes; nose free of mucus • small, strong feet with full pads of hair • no signs of blindness 	
Teeth, Nails, Tail	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no broken teeth or toenails • tail should be straight up from rump 	
Total	100

Source: 4-H Ontario Judging Tool Kit