

Study Guide Rabbit Knowledge

Definitions:

1. Abscess- Isolated collection of pus matter under the rabbits skin.
2. Breeding certificate- A written certificate by the owner of the stud buck, showing its pedigree and the date of breeding to a particular doe.
3. Buck- An unaltered male rabbit Trio- A grouping of rabbits consisting of one male and two females.
4. Conformation- The physical structure, or overall shape of a rabbit.
5. Conjunctivitis- When a rabbits eyes are “weepy and inflamed”.
6. Culling- Selecting only the best rabbits from a litter for future breeding and show stock, cutting out the least desirable specimens from a litter.
7. Dam- A mother rabbit
8. Dewlap- a pendulous fold or folds of loose skin hanging from the throat.
9. Guard Hair- the longer coarser hair of the coat, offering protection to the undercoat and providing wearing quality and sheen to the coat.
10. Heat exhaustion- a dangerous condition that occurs when a rabbit’s body temperature gets too high.
11. Hutch- A house or cage for a rabbit.
12. Kindle- The name for giving birth to baby rabbits
13. Lapin- In the fur trade, it is dyed rabbit fur, also the French word for rabbit.
14. Litter- A group of babies born to a single female at one time.
15. Live weight- The weight of a rabbit before it is dressed for market.
16. Pasteurellosis/snuffles- when a rabbit has symptoms of a cold, with crust on its front paws.
17. Pedigree- the record of giving birth and three generations of ancestors.
18. Sire- The name for a father rabbit
19. Slobbers- Excessive salivation creating wet or extremely moist and unsightly fur around the mouth and lower jaw and forelegs.

20. Sore hocks- When a rabbit's middle joint on the hind legs have open wounds and are infected.
21. Weaning- the process of getting the babies to stop drinking their mother's milk and start eating solid food.
22. Wolf/buck teeth- An inherited defect when the upper and lower jaws do not let the teeth meet, resulting in long uneven teeth extending out of the mouth.

Fun facts

1. Breeds of rabbits- Himalayans, Rex, New Zealand, Lop, Dutch, Polish, Netherland Dwarf
2. The normal body temperature of a rabbit is 101-104° F.
3. The normal gestation length in rabbits is 30-34 days, and on the 27th day you should insert a nest box.
4. A nest box can be made out of wood or metal.
5. There are five reasons why you should raise rabbits there are meat, lab, fur, show and pet.
6. All rabbits should have an identification tattoo in its left ear.
7. To prevent disease in your rabbitry you should make sure it is kept clean.
8. Baby rabbits are usually weaned by the age of 8 weeks.
9. When a dam gives birth the babies, this is called kindle.
10. When one of your rabbits get sick, you should isolate it so illness doesn't spread to your other rabbits.
11. Most rabbits can be breed 6-7 months old.
12. Black crust or scabs inside a rabbit's ear it is called ear canker/mites.
13. Raising rabbits for business your rabbits should have 4-5 litters per year.
14. You should wait 56 days (8 weeks) before you rebreed your rabbits.
15. The sensitive part of a rabbit's toenail and is pink or flesh colored is called the quick.