

Step	The Showman Will	The Judge Will Cut for:
<p>1. Showing your rabbit to the judge.</p>	<p>A proper way to carry a rabbit is to grasp the fold of the skin over the shoulder with the right hand (include the ears), and support the rabbit's weight by placing the left hand under the rump.</p> <p>The left hand supports the weight of the rabbit while the right hand controls the rabbit. You may keep a firm grip with a right hand since a rabbit dropped from this position can easily break its back. You may want to remove your hand if you feel that you have control.</p> <p>If the judge asks you to move to a different spot on the table, always pick up the rabbit for carrying before moving to the new location.</p> <p>When you arrive at the exhibit table, place the rabbit on the table immediately and pose it. It never hurts to wear a smile. Remember to watch the judge. The animal will be placed with the head facing the judge. Turn the animal to the left to begin the next movement.</p>	<p>The judge may cut points for the following:</p> <p>Lost control of animal; no control of head; no support on body. Unruly animal.</p>
<p>1/ Show the ears and ear number</p>	<p>Open ears so that the judge can see deep into the ear – left then right ear. Pick the rabbit up from the table and move it to the other direction.</p>	<p>Lost control of ears; failure to pick animal up and move to other side.</p>
<p>2/ Check neck for furmites</p>	<p>Run your hand over back of neck to check for furmites.</p>	<p>Failure to check.</p>
<p>3/ Check the body for ruptures and abscesses and blemishes</p>	<p>Run your hand over the chest and abdomen area to check for any abscesses, tumors or abnormalities. Run your hand over the animal to check for blemishes.</p>	<p>Failure to check rabbit thoroughly.</p>
<p>4/ Fur Quality, Cleanliness and Quality</p>	<p>Stroke fur toward rabbit's head to show fur going back to natural position and cleanliness. Stroke rabbit from head to rear, showing your clean hand to the judge which indicates the rabbit's fur is not in molting condition. Since Rex fur does not have</p>	<p>Cut for unclean, stained, or animals in excessive molt, Seniors which have long nails, animals in poor condition or</p>

	the “fly back” quality, pat the fur to feel the density. Blow into fur to show density on normal furred animals.	with diseases.
5/ Show the eyes	Check each eye for signs of blindness or abnormalities, such as cloudiness or spots in iris. You may either pick the animal up and put under your arm to check eyes, or you may turn the animal from one side to the other.	Failure to check eyes.
6/ Show the nose	Check the nose for signs of sniffles.	Failure to check nose.
7/ Show the teeth	Pick the rabbit up, placing the weight of the rabbit under left arm. Place the thumb and index finger on each side of the split upper lip and push back lips to show teeth.	Difficulty turning rabbit, rabbit in uncomfortable position. (Check teeth by reaching in front of mouth)
8/ Show the front legs	With rabbit facing the judge, grasp ears and fur over back, and lift so that rabbit’s hind feet are on the table. Pull each front leg forward to see if legs are straight, crooked or bowed.	Failure to check both front legs for straightness or control problems.
9/ Show the toe nails on front feet	Show toe nails to the judge by pushing thumb into center of paw. Push back fur with index finger if necessary to see the toe nails.	Failure to show toe nails; failure to show
10/ Check the rear legs	As you come to the end of the abdomen areas, force rear legs out straight by placing your cupped hand ahead of the rear legs and pushing toward the feet. Point outstretched legs toward the judge. Check the toe nails on the back feet.	Failure to check both hind legs for straightness
11/ Check the hocks	Show bottom of feet and underside of rabbit to judge	Failure to check both hocks.
12/ Check the sex	Show sex to judge. Clamp tail with index and second finger: place thumb below vent area, and push toward front of rabbit. Check the testicles if male. Return to posed position.	Failure to check sex: control problems.
13/ Check the tail	Show rear of rabbit with tail showing to the judge.	Leaving rabbit sitting on tail

<p>14/Pose the rabbit. Show front, rear, or side in order requested by the judge so that the overall balance can be seen by the judge. Smooth down the fur. Feel shoulders, rib area, loin, rump, etc. Show markings if asked to do so.</p>	<p>Pose the rabbit on the table. This is the most important part of showing a rabbit. Always have the rabbit showing to advantage – front view, rear view, side view. It is the most natural to show a side view with the rabbit facing to your left, but you may be requested to also show it to the right side. The animal should be picked up from the table using your hand to grasp the fold of skin over the shoulders with the ears, and supporting the animal's weight on our left hand. Take one step back after you are finished.</p>	
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