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TO: ALL 4-H RABBIT PROJECT MEMBERS

RE: LAFOURCHE JR. LIVESTOCK & RABBIT SHOW

We are having a Rabbit Show which will be held on **Saturday, January 21, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Lafourche Parish Jr. Livestock Show. It will take place at the Agriculture Fair Building in Raceland. The Agriculture Building is located right behind Raceland Upper Elementary off of Highway 308. I would like to encourage you to bring your rabbit(s) to the show. All rabbits should be brought in a leak-proof cage to accommodate your rabbit(s) during the show. Everyone will receive a ribbon for their entries. Rabbits are to be brought in on Saturday morning and entered from 8:00-9:00 a.m. There will be a showmanship contest. The age divisions are 9-11 years old, 12-14 years old and 15 and up. Awards will be given. Rabbits will be released immediately after all rabbits have been judged and ribbons are awarded. 4-H'ers are responsible for bringing their own rabbits to the judging table. You will be able to exhibit rabbits in the following classes:

Buck - Any Other Pure Breeds  
Doe - Any Other Pure Breeds  
Buck - Californian  
Doe - Californian  
Buck - Dutch  
Doe - Dutch  
Buck - Havana  
Doe - Havana  
Buck - Holland Lops  
Doe - Holland Lops  
Buck - Lionhead  
Doe - Lionhead  
Buck - Mini Lops  
Doe - Mini Lops  
Buck - Mini Rex  
Doe - Mini Rex  
Buck - Netherland Dwarf  
Doe - Netherland Dwarf

Buck - New Zealand  
Doe - New Zealand  
Buck - Non-Pure Breeds (large)  
Doe - Non-Pure Breeds (large)  
Buck - Non-Pure Breeds (small)  
Doe - Non-Pure Breeds (small)  
Buck - Silver Fox  
Doe - Silver Fox  
Fryers

Showmanship order  
15 & Up  
12-14  
9-11

Child must bring rabbit to table.

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For the Fryer Class, you will need 2 young rabbits. Each of these rabbits should be around 3-6 pounds. Remember, you may enter only 1 male and 1 female of each breed except fryers which is 2 animals. An exception will be in Any Other Purebreed, you can show more than one of each sex but they have to be different breeds. An Overall Champion and Reserve Champion of the show will be awarded.

Check your rabbits now for ear mites, ear cankers and sore hocks. As for mites, they live in the ear canal and cause damage to the skin lining this area. A brown, waxy material soon covers the inner ear. In severe cases, the entire inner surface of the external ear may be involved. To control this, you need to treat all animals with Mineral or Vegetable Oil. Swab the entire inner ear with medicine on a cotton applicator stick. Allow a small amount to run down into the ear passage. If scales or crusts are sparse, be sure to work the oil well into the ear. If heavy crusts are present, saturate them with oil until they become soft and then remove with tweezers. Then medicate the ear again. Swab the inner ears every day or two until it is clean of crusts. Ear mites are contagious to other rabbits.

Sore hocks are inflamed bare spots, devoid of fur, found on the bottom surface of the hind legs. To get rid of sore hocks, there are some medications sold by your feed and seed dealers or you can use hydrogen peroxide applied to the infected area. Several applications may be necessary.

As a favor to all other rabbit exhibitors, if your rabbit has ear mites or other problems, it would be better to leave them home so that all other rabbit entries will not be exposed to them. If you do bring an infected rabbit, it will not be allowed in the show barn. This is to reduce the spread of diseases among rabbits.

I hope to see all of you at the show. If you have any questions, call me at 446-1316.

Sincerely,



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