

Common Terminology

Buck- male rabbit

Doe- female rabbit

Meat Pen- set of 3 market rabbits

Market Animal- livestock raised & bred for food consumption

Project Opportunities

- Exhibiting a meat pen of rabbits
- Exhibiting a breeding rabbit
- Pet project

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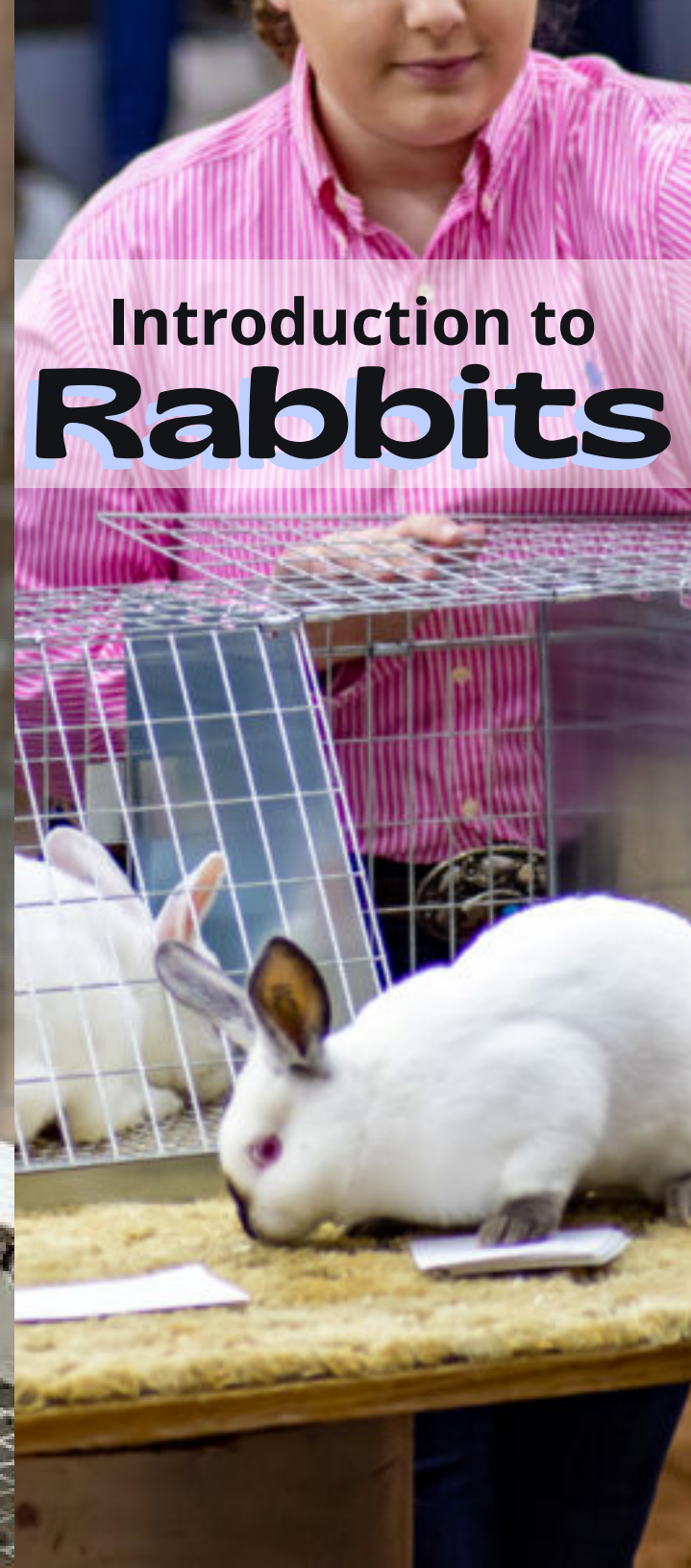
Dates:

2/20 BCYLS Rabbit Validation

3/21-26 Brazos County Youth Livestock Show



Introduction to Rabbits



Facilities

- Cages should be secure & fully enclosed.
- Cages should be sat off the ground, with a tray underneath to collect waste.
- Keep cages out of direct sunlight, but it is not recommended to keep them inside.

Raising Show Rabbits

Project Duration-

- Market Rabbit meat pens are kept for no longer than 8 weeks.
- Breeding Rabbits projects & Pet projects can extend throughout the animal's lifetime.

Time Commitments-

- Daily handling is recommended to let the animal become familiar.
- Set aside enough time daily to feed, change water, & clean pens.

Basic Supplies

- Rabbit cage
- Food bowl
- Hanging water bottle
- A way to transport the animals
- Cleaning supplies

Consider

- What breed are you considering
 - meat pen?
 - breeding pen?
- Cost requirements
 - purchase, feed, supplies, etc.
- Time commitments