

Rabbit General Health Assessment Form

Case # _____ ID # _____ Holding Pen # _____ Other # _____

Investigating Agency _____

Location of exam	Examination date	Examination time
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Animal:

Name	Breed	
Gender	Age	Weight
Color/Markings	Description	Temperament
Temperature	Pulse	Respiration

General body condition (seeing condition scale): _____

Mouth condition	Head and neck condition
Ear condition	Body and tail condition
Eye condition	Foot and leg condition

Overall condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor Inhumane



BODY CONDITION SCALE FOR RABBITS

SCORING WILL FOLLOW 5 (FIVE) EMACIATED TO 1 (ONE) IDEAL BODY CONDITION

5 - Emaciated, Severe/Fatal Condition



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- _All bony prominences evident even from a distance. Spinal vertebrae extremely evident upon view, even without contact.
- _No discernible body fat.
- _May be accompanied by a distended/bloated belly/abdomen (usually evident in emaciated rabbits).
- _Loss of muscle mass, sagging skin, in dehydrated state.
- _Severe abdominal tuck, listless, long thin look at head/neck.
- _Loss of fur, severe neglect/abuse, wounds, maggot infestation, paralysis/broken limbs, eyes, ears in poor condition, severe urine scald, severe heat prostration, skin broken in any area and/or accompanied by any of the above categories. Life threatening condition, loss of life and suffering unless immediately corrected.

4 - Serious to Poor Condition



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- _Ribs, spinal vertebrae, hips, rump, shoulder and neck area bony and still easily visible with or without contact.
- _No palpable body fat.
- _Some loss of muscle tone or mass.
- _Prominent abdominal tuck still evident, poor response to stimuli in immediate area.
- _Not dehydrated, but in thin malnourished state.
- _Bloated, distended belly (hard to touch, excessive pain, gurgling sounds).
- _External wounds serious or signs of neglect. Serious condition, fatal unless improvements are made immediately. Suffering by animal(s) is evident.

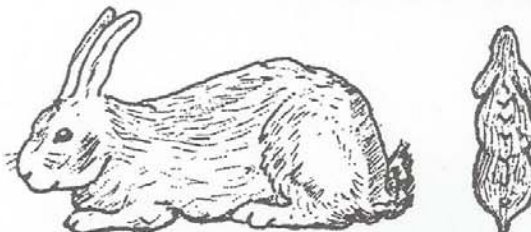
3 - Fair Condition - But Guarded



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- _Top of spinal vertebrae evident upon contact by running hand down spine, but not visibly evident.
- _Bony protrusions at hips, shoulders, neck, flank areas when hand contact is made, but not visible.
- _Guarded condition but not as serious as categories 5 or 4.
- _Minimal loss of muscle mass, not in dehydrated condition.
- _External signs of neglect such as urine scald, fecal staining, minimal wound or infestation of parasites (in ears, on skin, etc.) Manageable state.

2 - Acceptable Condition - Needs Improvement



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- _Body is in good condition but needs nutritional and environmental improvements.
- _Ribs, shoulder, neck, spine palpable, but barely felt.
- _Animal is lively, alert, responds to stimuli in area.
- _No loss of muscle mass, no dehydration present. Normal position without signs of abdominal tuck.
- _External signs of neglect minimal but still needs slight improvement; (sore hocks at feet, perineal staining or urine scald, slight bloat in belly.) Manageable condition.

1 - Ideal Condition - Very Good, Healthy Stock



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- _Animal is lively and alert, easily responds to stimuli in area.
- _Body weight is normal; all areas evenly covered by flesh and fur.
- _All areas of rabbit body is muscular without any bony protrusions. Slight bumps of lumbar spine felt when pressure is applied with finger(s). Body fat equal proportion in all areas with no obesity evident. Body condition is healthy, robust.
- _External signs good; bottom of feet normal with no ulceration/break in skin; eyes are bright, ears normal, no injuries.
- _Environmental and nutritional husbandry is very good. Animal(s) are comfortable. No immediate improvements necessary.

General comments: _____

Actions taken or recommendations: _____

Examined by: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone Type (Cell/Home/Work): _____	

