

ACTIVITY 1

Are Rabbits for Me?



Go through this list of important things to consider before starting a rabbit project. Answer the questions and then go over the questions and answers with your parent or guardian. Mark if your overall response was positive (+) or negative (—).

- Are you allergic to animal fur? + —
- Do you have other pets that might not get along with your rabbit(s)? + —
- Where will you keep your rabbit(s)? Is there a lot of space or is the space limited? + —
- Do you know what a rabbit needs in order to survive? + —
- Can you feed, clean, and maintain a rabbit? + —
- Can you give food and water to your rabbit every day? + —
- Can you commit to cleaning out your rabbit's cage at least once a week? + —
- Do you have time to spend with your rabbit? + —
- Can you afford to take care of your rabbit over a long period of time? + —
- Is there a local veterinarian in your area that takes care of rabbits? + —
- Do you know what type of rabbit project you are interested in? + —
- Will you have the space, equipment, time, and money to support more than one rabbit? + —



Let's evaluate your quiz!

1. Count the number of positive or negative responses that you marked.
2. Use the chart below to determine if a rabbit project is right for you.
3. Discuss the outcome of this quiz with your parent or guardian.

<i>Positives</i>	<i>Negatives</i>	
10 or more	5 or less	It looks like a rabbit project is right for you! Keep in mind that, like with any animal project, there are many responsibilities associated with this project. Remember that you will be taking care of a living creature.
6 to 9		Working with animals can be a difficult task, but if you are willing to put in the time and effort it can also be a very rewarding experience. If you truly want to get involved in a rabbit project there are some things you have to work on to make sure your project is a success.
5 or less	10 or more	There maybe some complications that can make it difficult for you to start a rabbit project right now. With the help of your parent or guardian see if you can over come these obstacles now, or at a later date. You might even want to start the rabbit project as part of a group project, check with your club members. In the meantime you can look into other Animal Science Project options, visit a rabbitry, a rabbit show or checkout a book on rabbits from your local library.

