



Parts of the Rabbit

Learn the parts of a rabbit's body

Time

60 minutes total

Activity 1 Materials

- Labeling Rabbit Body Parts Blank Worksheet (One enough for each member)
- Pencils
- Labeling Rabbit Body Parts Completed Worksheet (One for you to go over with members)

Activity 2 Materials

- Blank white paper (enough for each youth to have one sheet)
- Pencils
- Body Parts Handout (One per youth member)

Space Required

Meeting space with multiple tables.



Before the Meeting

Have enough copies for each member to have a Labeling Rabbit Body Parts Blank Worksheet and sharpen pencils.



Background

Like most animals raised for meat, rabbits have a variety of body parts that are used for a variety of things. During showmanship, the judge may ask youth to identify parts of the rabbit's body. It is important for youth to know what the parts of a rabbit are and where they are located at on the body, not only for showmanship but also for identification purposes. For example, if a rabbit were to be injured the youth could describe to the vet the location of the injury. All of the body parts work together to make the rabbit function. One question in particular the youth may be asked is how many toenail a rabbit will have on both the front and back feet. There are 5 toenails on each of the front feet and 4 on each of the back feet.



Activity 1 Instructions

1. Go over the different parts of the rabbit with the Labeling Rabbit Body Parts Worksheet. Talk about placement on the rabbit's body.
2. Hand out the Labeling Rabbit Body Parts Blank Worksheet and have youth work on the parts that they remember. Have them label where on the rabbit the parts will go. (You could also laminate this page and have youth label using an Expo marker).
3. Go back over the body parts and locations from the first worksheet, so that youth can take their blank copy home to study the correct locations.



Reflect and Apply Questions

1. Why is it important for youth to know about the parts of a rabbit's body?
2. What might be a question that you could be asked during showmanship in regards to the parts of a rabbit's body?



Activity 2 Instructions

1. Have youth draw their own rabbit on a blank piece of paper.
2. Have youth label the parts of the rabbit based off of the body parts you give them from the Body Parts Handout.



Reflect and Apply Questions

1. Besides in the show ring, when else might it be beneficial to know the rabbit's body parts?
2. How many toenails or claws should a rabbit have on both the front feet and the back feet?

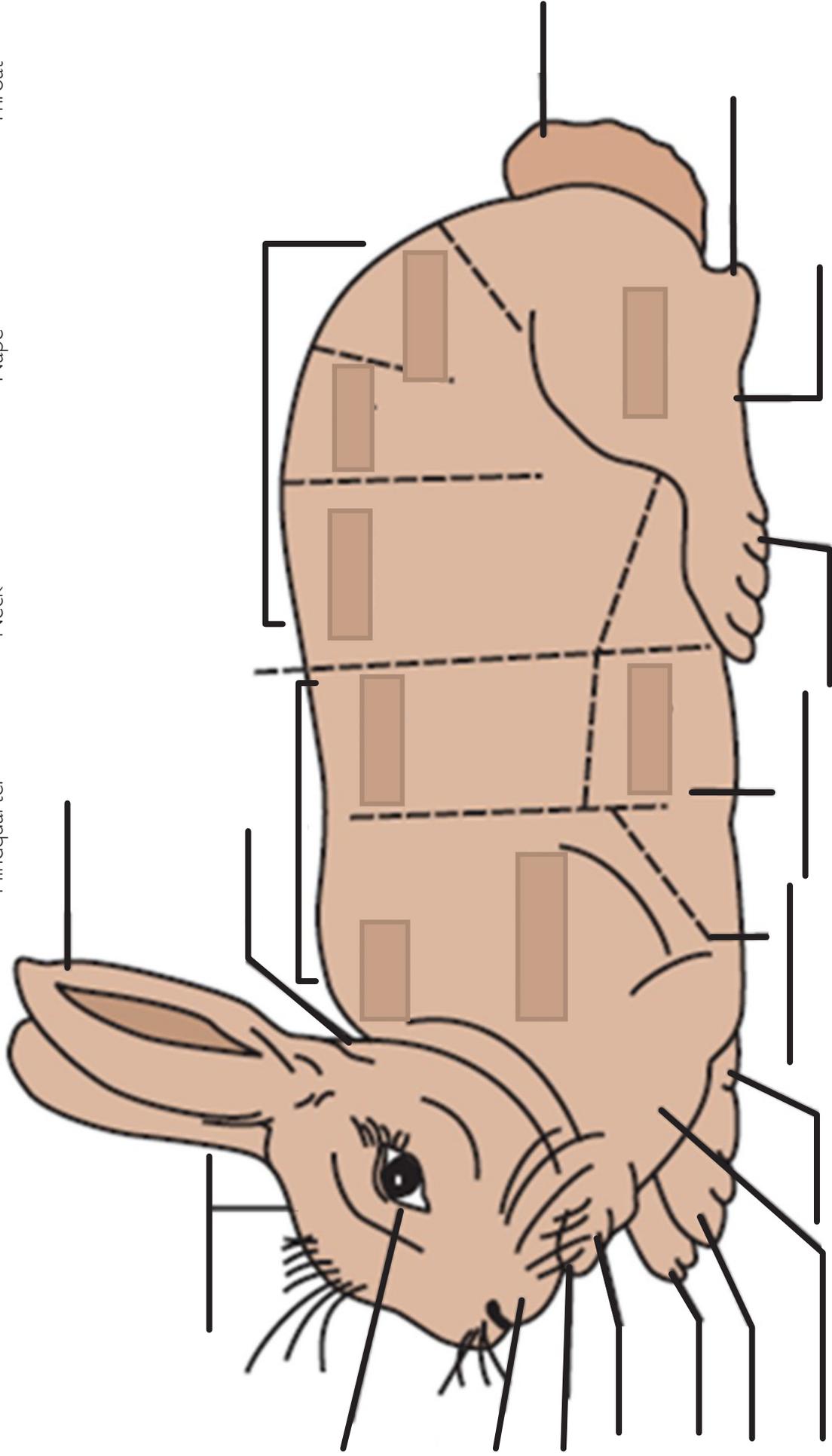
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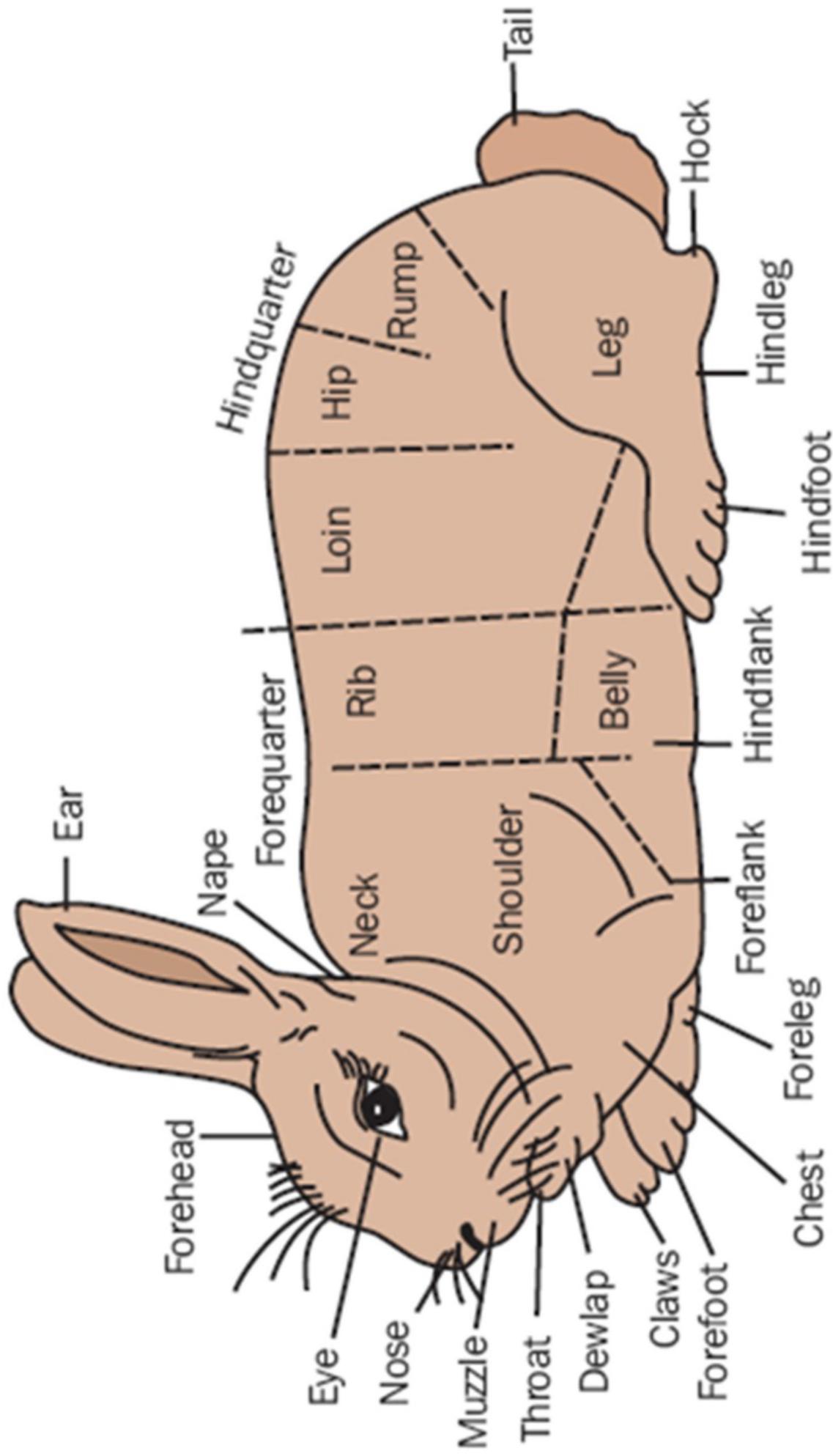
Activity 1: Labeling Rabbit Body Parts Worksheet

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| Forehead | Muzzle | Hind leg | Belly | Shoulder | Rump |
| Hindflank | Foreflank | Chest | Nose | Loin | Leg |
| Forequarter | Dewlap | Foreleg | Hind foot | Hip | Eye |
| Forefoot | Claws | Rib | Hock | Tail | Ear |
| | | Hindquarter | Neck | Nape | Throat |





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REFLECT AND APPLY
ANSWER SHEET

Activity 1 Reflect and Apply Questions

1. Why is it important for youth to know about the parts of a rabbit's body?

It is important for youth to know about the parts of a rabbit's body because not only is it important to know the parts for showmanship, but also for general knowledge purpose. For example, if a rabbit were to be injured, then the 4-H member could describe the location of the injury to the vet.

2. What might be a question that you could be asked during showmanship in regards to the parts of a rabbit's body?

Answers may vary, but the judge may ask any location of a body part. For example, where is the hindquarter located?



Activity 2 Reflect and Apply Questions

1. Besides in the show ring, when else might it be beneficial to know the rabbit's body parts?

It may be beneficial to know the rabbit's body parts when having to identify a specific body part to a vet or another rabbit breeder.

2. How many toenails or claws should a rabbit have on both the front feet and the back feet?

Rabbits have 5 toenails on both of their front feet and 4 toenails on each of their back feet.