In the rabbit project, youth can learn about selecting and raising a rabbit. Youth learn about the breeds, characteristics, and sound care and management practices.

- Learn the basic principles of animal science by owning, caring for, and keeping records on rabbits.
- Explore knowledge of sound breeding, feeding, and management practices.
- Investigate marketing, project expansion, and how you can start a career in the rabbit business. Learn how to market the animals and products for breeding, fur, meat or pets.

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.
Healthy Living

- Discuss the necessity of washing your hands before and after handling your rabbit.
- Discuss your rabbit’s life expectancy, what to look for when they get older.
- Create a display or skit on rules for rabbit safety.

Citizenship

- Use the confidence obtained through shows and expos in all aspects of life.
- Use your animal as therapy for sick and disadvantaged individuals.
- Create a presentation or book on the origin of the “lucky rabbit foot.” Present to a group.

Leadership

- Become a role model for others by taking the position of junior/teen leader in your project.
- Recruit younger youth into a 4-H rabbit project.

Resources

- Iowa 4-H Pets
  [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/pets.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/pets.htm)
- Service Animal
- Animal Assisted Therapy
  [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal-assisted_therapy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal-assisted_therapy)
- Healthy pets
  [www.cdc.gov/healthypets](http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets)
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- Service Animal
- American Red Cross Pet First Aid/CPR
  [www.redcross.org/pets](http://www.redcross.org/pets)
- California State Fair
  [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)
- American Rabbit Breeders Association
  [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net)

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