

2024 Rabbit Focus Questions

Topic of Interest, page 12

Reproduction

- Describe factors that might influence your animal's receptiveness for breeding.
- Research the anatomy of the reproductive tract. What does it look like? Show a diagram or picture. Identify the parts.
- What are the risks and advantages of spaying or neutering your rabbit?

Nutrition

- What are you feeding your animal(s)? How much and how often a day? Is your animal or are your animals receiving the correct amount for its size and age?
- What are different types of feeds available for your animal? Explain the differences between two brands of feed.
- Look at your feed label. What is included in your feed? What nutrients are being supplied, and how does the animal use them?
- Why is nutrition important?
- What cautions should you be aware of when it comes to feeding your animal "treats"?

Selection and Breeding

- Research the judging criteria for market rabbits. List the aspects of judging from most important to least important.
- Evaluate your breeding stock and determine which traits you want to improve.
- What are some good traits and characteristics to look for when deciding which buck and doe to breed together?
- What colors/varieties are included in your breed? Explore which varieties should and should not be bred to each other.
- List two varieties which should not be bred to each other and explain why.
- Look at your animal(s) pedigree. Who is the dam? Who is the sire? Grand Dam? Grand Sire? Include the pedigree.
- Explain the suggested procedure for introducing your buck and doe for breeding.
- How often should an animal be bred? What is the gestation period?
- Why is "culling" important to your breeding program?



Medication Labels and Inserts, page 40

RABOVID 20% Soluble Powder

Ingredients: 5 mg amprolium/kg body weight provided when mixed at the rate 5 oz./100 gallons of water.

Species: Rabbits

Indications

Rabbits: To aid in the treatment and prevention of coccidiosis caused by *Eimeria stiedae* and *E. magna* in rabbits.

Description

Rabovid is a coccidiostat which can be administered orally through the drinking water.

Dose

The nature of coccidiosis suggests that Rabovid should be used on a group/ herd basis to aid in the spread among other rabbits.

21-Day Prevention Plan

5 mg/kg (2.2 lbs) body weight is achieved with a mixed rate of 1/3 teaspoon/ 1 gallon of water when the medicated water is provided as the sole source of water for 21 days.

5-Day Treatment Plan

10 mg/kg (2.2 lbs) body is achieved with a mixed rate of 3/4 teaspoon/1 gallon of water when the medicated water is provided as the sole source of water for 5 days.

If necessary, depending on the severity of clinical signs, consult a veterinarian for guidelines on increasing dosage amount through an extra label drug use.

Storage conditions: Store at room temperature in a dry environment. Avoid direct sunlight. Do not freeze.

CAUTION: Withdrawal time on this medication is 3 days.

Net Contents: 20 ounces

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Treatment Record Scenario, page 41

Rabbit Tattoo # TM1, the four-pound Mini Rex rabbit you plan to exhibit at the fair in August, has a respiratory infection. He has nasal discharge and labored breathing. Today, the veterinarian diagnosed the rabbit's problem as a respiratory infection caused by *Pasteurella multocida* and gave TM1 an initial treatment at the time of the examination. The veterinarian left additional prescribed medication with you to continue the treatment. The directions on the label instruct you to treat the rabbit with a subcutaneous injection of .8 ml once daily for 5 days. You are to begin treatment tomorrow. Your veterinarian treated the rabbit today, June 7, and you will treat it four more days as directed.

JUNE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Owner: John Smith

Date: June 7, 20YR

Tattoo #: TM1

Indications: Respiratory Infection

Directions Inject .8 ml subcutaneously once daily for 5 days. Withdrawal time is 21 days.

Precaution: Do not use concurrently with antimicrobial substances acting antagonistically to quinolones (e.g., macrolides, tetracyclines, or phenicols).

WARNING: Do not treat animals less than 8 weeks of age with this product.

Drug Name: Respiratril 2.5% Injectable Solution

Product Active Ingredient: Enrofloxacin

Expiration Date: December 31, 20YR