# Rabbit General Health Assessment Form

Case # ____________  ID # ____________  Holding Pen # ____________  Other # ____________

Investigating Agency _______________________________

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## Animal:

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## General body condition (seeing condition scale):

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## 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
   - 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
   - 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.
   - Bloat, 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
   - 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, facial staining, minimal wound or infestation of parasites (in ears, on skin, etc.) Manageable state.

2 - Acceptable Condition - Needs Improvement
   - 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 bloate in belly.) Manageable condition.

1 - Ideal Condition - Very Good, Healthy Stock
   - 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: ____________________________________________________________
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Actions taken or recommendations: ____________________________________________
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Examined by: ___________________ Signature: ___________________ Date: ________
Address: ________________________ City: ________________ State: ________ Zip: ______
Phone: ________________________ Phone Type (Cell/Home/Work): ____________