YOU can start a 4-H rabbit project!

You need a rabbit
Study different breeds. Consider rabbit size and temperament. Talk to local breeders. It is usually better to purchase your rabbit from a reputable breeder. Cost is around $30.

Supplies needed
Cage** $25 or $40 for supplied start up kit
Bedding for waste $2–6 for pine shavings or pellet bedding
Water bottle $5
Food dish $1–$8
Pellet food $5 (2lb) to $20 (50lb)
Grooming brush $4
Nail trimmer $8

(**for small rabbit breeds — use a 24” x 24” x 16” cage)

You can keep your rabbit indoors or outdoors.

Suggested breeds for youth and some local breeders*
Holland Lop/French Lops Laurie Bellinghausen, 402-420-2264
Holland Lop/Mini Rex Mark Hurt, 402-304-1366
Florida White Gordon Maahs, 402-782-6380
Himalayan/French Lop/Netherland Dwarf Kaiya Green, 402-440-6416, email greenk24@icloud.com
Mini Rex Heather Loftus-Micek, email loftusminirex@hotmail.com
website: loftusminirex.webs.com

Some local sources* for rabbit supplies
Tractor Supply Company
7300 Husker Circle, 402-476-2292
9000 Amber Hill Court, 402-420-0011
Orschlen Farm & Home
5640 Cornhusker Hwy, 402-466-1191
Wal-Mart
4700 N. 27th Street, 402-438-4377
3400 N. 85th Street, 402-466-0447
8700 Andermatt Drive, 402-484-6166
Most pet stores carry rabbit supplies as well

For more information, contact Marty at UNL Extension in Lancaster County at 402-441-7180

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Helpful resources online

Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County
http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/rabbit/showmanship.shtml

• Six How to Videos presented by Lisa-Karr, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Companion Animal Specialist. Featuring Lancaster County 4-H youth and their rabbits.
  □ “How to Groom Your Rabbit”
  □ “The Proper Way to Pick Your Rabbit Out of Its Cage”
  □ “Showmanship Example #1”
  □ “Showmanship Example #2”
  □ “Showmanship Example #3”

• “How to Build a Nesting Box” 2-page handout by Extension Evaluation Coordinator Jessie Bauman

American Rabbit Breeders Association
www.arba.net

• Recognized Breeds — the American Rabbit Breeders Association currently recognizes 49 unique rabbit breeds and 13 different breeds of cavies.
• “ARBA Recommendations for the Care of Rabbits and Cavies” 4-page handout
• Frequently asked questions and answers to common questions relative to rabbit and cavy care, health, and management