## Tattooing: Art and Function

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#### What is a Tattoo?

- Basic
  - Ink under skin
- Our Purposes
  - Permanent, legible identification





## Considerations

Why

When

Method

## Why Should I Tattoo My Rabbit?

- Permanent Identification
- Shows
- Tracking Health
- Pedigrees



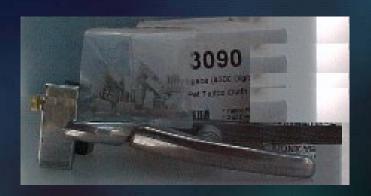
### When Should I Tattoo?

- Age of rabbit
- Before a show
  - Excess ink



## Methods

- Clamp or Tong
- Pen







### Restraint

- Towel
- Helpers
- Apron
- Tattoo Boxes



## **Loading a Clamp Tattoo Plier**

- Choose your letters and numbers
- Place them from right to left
- Lock the bar
- Test your tattoo







## Clamp Method 1

- What Do I Need?
  - Tattoo clamp, tattoo letters and numbers, paper towel, ink, alcohol, cotton balls, vaseline/antiseptic ointment
  - Know your tattoo
- Process
  - Load your pliers
  - Clean ear
  - Check lettering
  - Tattoo rabbit's left ear
  - Ink tattoo, remove excess
  - Apply ointment

## Clamp Method 2

- What Do I Need?
  - Tattoo clamp, tattoo letters and numbers, paper towel, ink, alcohol, cotton balls, vaseline/antiseptic ointment
  - Know your tattoo
- Process
  - Load your pliers
  - Clean ear
  - Check lettering
  - Ink ear
  - Tattoo rabbit's left ear
  - Ink again
  - Apply ointment, remove excess

#### Pen Method

- What Do I Need?
  - Tattoo pen, battery, needle, ink, paper towel
  - Know your tattoo
- Process
  - Load tattoo pen with ink
  - Position ear
  - Write in tattoo
  - Wipe out excess ink

# Clamp or Pen?

