



Our Guide to Rabbits

FEEDING YOUR RABBIT

Fresh hay forms the basis of their diet and should always be available along with fresh drinking water.

A good quality rabbit pellet or mix containing a coccidiostat should be given with fresh fruit and vegetables which should be introduced to the diet slowly and given sparingly as a treat.

It is normal behaviour for rabbits to eat a certain amount of their own droppings this is called coprophagy.

OUTDOOR LIVING

Hutches should be raised off the ground, insulated, waterproof and in a draught free position out of direct sunlight.

Hutches must be protected from mice, rats, cats, dogs and foxes.

Hutches should be made of wood, have a solid floor, separate sleeping quarters and a wire front.

The water bottle should be protected from frost during the winter.

PERSONALITY

Rabbits make a good friendly clean intelligent family pets.

Rabbits enjoy human company preferring to sit beside you rather than be picked up.

They love having their nose, muzzle & ears rubbed or gently scratched.

Rabbits love attention and become lonely if isolated.

INDOOR LIVING

Housing rabbits indoors is not uncommon however when allowed to roam the house they should be supervised to avoid any unwanted chewing of wires.

An indoor hutch or cage should be of suitable size for the rabbit when fully grown.

As rabbits invariable soil the same spot it is easy to litter train them.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

Rabbits can live for 6 to 8 years

HEALTH & FITNESS

Rabbits will wash themselves but do love to be groomed daily, this helps to create a rewarding bond.

Avoid sudden changes in diet and temperature.

Bedding should always be kept clean & dry.

Rabbits teeth continue to grow throughout their lives so require mineral stones, rabbit pellets and chew toys always to be available. If the bottom teeth should grow over the top teeth they will need to have them trimmed at the vets.

Rabbits should be allowed to run freely in a rabbit run on grass during nice weather.

Signs of illness in a rabbit are lose of appetite, listless, coughing runny eyes, sneezing or diarrhoea.

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