

# RABBIT INFORMATION SHEETS



Rabbits make fantastic pets and long term companions. All our rabbits are sourced from local reputable breeders, or are bred by ourselves.

We do not believe in sourcing rabbits from breeding farms, as often overbreeding is the cause of many health problems.

## DIET

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Water must be available fresh at all times.

Rabbits need a high level of fibre in their diet for dental, digestive and emotional well being.

All rabbits are fed on junior/dwarf excel which are a single component which are high in beneficial fibre which means they are great for digestive health, and contain vitamins,,minerals and prebiotics to help with healthy eyes, skin and coat.

Hay is also a beneficial fibre to help digestion and dental health.

Fibrevores can also be fed fresh greens to give additional nutrients.

### SAFEGREENS

BANANA, BRUSSEL SPROUTS, CAULIFLOWER LEAVES, CHICORY,KALE,PARSLEY,SAVOY CABBAGE AND DRIED DANDELION LEAVES.

Do not feed anything that holds a large water content.

## HOUSING

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If you are having an outdoor hutch ensure it is tall enough for your rabbit to stand on its back legs and large enough for your rabbit to take at least three to four hops in each direction.

A four foot minimum, this should be cleaned at least two times a week with fresh shavings and a warm bed of straw to sleep in and keep warm.

It is ideal to use an animal safe disinfectant when cleaning, as many household products contain dangerous chemicals which may harm your pet. Small animal disinfectant kills many viruses and bacteria to maintain a healthy safe clean home.

If you have an indoor bunny ensure you have proofed your home, hide any wires to prevent injuries on your rabbits excursions in the home. Ensure your indoor cage is an adequate size 120cm minimum and is cleaned regularly.

Small animal pellets can be used to reduce odours or a corner litter tray to isolate mess and droppings.

## COMPANIONSHIP

Rabbits are social creatures, so it is advisable to keep more than one of similar size for companionship; especially those living outdoors.

Rabbits left in solitary may become nervous or aggressive, due to depression and stress.

We recommend a neutered buck and doe to ensure harmonious living conditions. During spring/summer months if unneutered two does are likely to fight. Never keep two bucks together.

## NEUTERING

Vets recommend neutering for all pets as it often makes them calmer and eases aggression between rabbits. In females spaying helps to prevent uterine cancer.

## VACCINATIONS

It is advisable to vaccinate against myxomatosis and vhd common illnesses carried by wild rabbits spread by flies.

## GROOMING

Rabbits do moult so it is advisable to brush your rabbit regularly and also creates a bond between handler and rabbit.

If your rabbit has long hair it is advisable to groom daily to remove loose and matted hair.

## EXERCISE AND PLAY

Make sure your rabbit has plenty of toys to keep them stimulated, active and healthy. Also give you bunny a large run with tunnels to hide and play! This will prevent behavioural problems and prevent stress.

It is important to ensure your rabbit has shelter from the sun and plenty of water to prevent overheating and dehydration.

## HANDLING

Leave bunny in his new surroundings for at least 24 hours to let him settle and get used to their new home.

Take time to get to know your rabbit, talking to them softly and stroking them to gain their confidence.

It takes two hands to pick up your rabbit properly, one to hold the rabbit and the other to support its back legs, to prevent kicking as rabbits are ground animals they may panic if not properly supported.

## HOLIDAYS

We offer small animal boarding.

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