

Rabbits

FACTSHEET

All animals need the following five things to be happy and healthy: a comfortable home, suitable diet, companionship, normal behaviour and vet care.

Find out how you can care for rabbits by using the information below.



HOME

Animals need a comfortable home with enough space to exercise.

Rabbits love to run, dig, hop and jump. Giving them a nice big house attached to a safe run will help keep them active, happy and healthy.



DIET

Animals need a healthy diet and access to fresh water at all times.



A healthy rabbit needs to eat a pile of hay at least as big as itself every day! They should also have safe, fresh plants and vegetables every day and can have a few healthy brown rabbit nuggets too.



COMPANIONSHIP

Some animals need friends of their own kind, some would rather live by themselves.

Rabbits really need to live with another rabbit to feel safe & happy.



Many rabbits who live on their own become very upset and worried and may hide or sit huddled in a corner or in a hiding place. The best combination is a neutered male and a neutered female but other mixes can work.



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NORMAL BEHAVIOUR

Animals need exciting things to do and space to behave normally.

- ♥ Rabbits feel safe when they have plenty of places to run into or hide. Make sure they have several shelters such as plastic tables and chairs, cardboard boxes, tunnels or even plastic cat carriers lined with newspaper and hay.
- ♥ Rabbits need to be able to gnaw on things to keep their teeth nice and healthy. Try giving them apple tree or willow twigs as they love to chew the bark off of these much more than they enjoy wooden chew toys.



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Our fun rabbit videos?

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While you're on our website, why not find out how to make a tasty hay kebab for your pet rabbits: www.woodgreen.org.uk/fun_and_learning/petpals



VET CARE

Animals need to be kept healthy and see the vet if they are sick or injured.

It is really important that your rabbit sees the vet at least once a year for a full health check and to get their vaccinations to help protect them from some nasty illnesses.

A neutered rabbit is also a happier and healthier rabbit. It will make sure that they don't have any unwanted babies and it protects them from some illnesses too.

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