Caring for your rabbits

Diet

Provide:
- Fresh water
- Feed each rabbit their body size in hay daily
- Make changes gradually

Protect:
- No grass cuttings
- Consult with vet if changes to eating or drinking

Provide hay, greens and nuggets

Spoonful of commercial nuggets*

Rabbits' body size in hay*

Handful of greens or safe wild plants*

*daily dietary requirements

Environment

Provide:
- Space to stand and hop
- Safe outdoor space
- Holiday care
- Choice

Protect:
- Shelter from extreme weather and temperatures
- Protect from predators

space to stand

room to hop

Housing runs to be at least 3m long (approx 4 human steps) and 1m high

Companionship

Provide:
- **Rabbits should not be kept alone.** They need the company of other rabbits
- Good pairing: neutered male + neutered female
- Rescues will rehome in bonded pairs or provide a suitable partner for a single rabbit

Protect:
- Handle at ground level

Rabbits don't like cuddles

Health

Provide:
- Register with a rabbit 'savvy' vet
- Neuter ALL female and male rabbits
- Microchip and insure

Protect:
- Vaccinate yearly to prevent deadly disease
- Check daily in hot weather, especially bottoms for flystrike
- Healthy poos are pea-shaped, pop to the vet if not

Transport me safely

Behaviour

Provide:
- Safe hiding places
- Digging spots
- Foraging areas
- Toys and tunnels
- Interaction with people

Protect:
- Check spacing to avoid bottlenecks etc
- Consult with a vet if behaviour changes

places to dig

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