

RABBIT

Rabbits, an ideal pet for families!

Rabbits make suitable indoor pets as they have little odour and can be trained to use a litter tray!

Rabbits will thrive & live a long life when cared for correctly.

Their average life span is 6-12 years. It is important for your rabbit to have adequate periods of exercise outside of its hutch, if possible, daily, whether it is in a run, a fully fenced yard, a rabbit-proofed room or on a harness.

If you have a fence that is rabbit proof you can let your rabbit out for a run, with supervision. If this is not the case, you may wish to purchase a rabbit run.

As well as hearing, rabbits ears help regulate its body temperature.

Blood vessels within the ears swell when it's hot & contract when it's cold!



If you have a room which you can keep all electric wires out of harm's way, you can let your rabbit run around this room, supervised. This is a great way for them to become part of the family.

Another option is to have a lead & harness fitted on your rabbit. It is unlikely that your rabbit can be taught to walk like a dog, but he or she will certainly take you for a walk!

Rabbits are born chewers! Their teeth grow 4-5 inches every year. This is why it is important for them to gnaw on something hard to wear their teeth down. You can provide them with mineral chews or bunny bites to help. Carrots are not hard enough to do the job & a rabbit with overgrown teeth will have trouble eating.

Rabbits require fresh rabbit & guinea pig pellet or mix each day, fresh oaten hay & fresh water.



A water bottle that fits on the side of the hutch will supply your rabbit with water that they cannot spill or make a mess of.

Rabbits are herbivores; therefore they should also be fed plenty of green vegies daily. Cabbage, broccoli, spinach, brussel sprouts, celery, endives, beet/carrot tops, Asian greens, parsley, dandelion, coriander, mint, dill and basil are all very healthy for your rabbit.

Treats may be offered in the form of most fruit, root vegies & capsicum, in small quantities (1-2 tablespoons a day).

The following are big no-no's for rabbits: cereal, grains, nuts, seeds, corn, beans, peas, bread, biscuits, sugar, sweets, & chocolate!

Rabbits can be kept inside or out. If you choose to house your rabbit outdoors, we recommend our purpose built rabbit hutch be used.

Unless you are going to breed your rabbit, it is advisable to have it de-sexed.

