



We can live for 8 to 12 years – please look after us for the rest of our lives.

# Keeping your rabbits happy and healthy

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## Home sweet home



### WE NEED:

- A large shelter where we can rest together and apart from each other.
- A large, secure exercise area permanently attached to our shelter, where we can hop, jump, run, dig and search (forage) for food.
- Places to hide when we feel afraid or want to spend time alone.
- Lots of space so we have room to exercise.
- To be able to stand up fully without our ears touching the roof.
- Protection from hazards, bad weather, high and low temperatures and predators.



## Food and drink



### WE NEED:

- Fresh, clean drinking water – available 24/7.
- Lots of good quality hay and/or grass – available 24/7 (growing or freshly picked grass is fine but NEVER feed us lawnmower clippings).
- An adult-sized handful of safe, washed leafy greens (e.g. cabbage,

broccoli, kale and mint). We'd also enjoy a daily portion of high-quality pellets/nuggets – about two egg cups full are enough for a medium-sized adult rabbit!

- Only feed us carrots and apples in small amounts as occasional treats. Don't feed us other types of treats as these may harm us!



## Act natural



### WE NEED:

- To be able to exercise, graze on growing grass, forage, hide and dig every day!
- To be able to play with our friendly, neutered rabbit companion(s) every day.
- Lots of safe toys to play with and chew.
- To be able to play with people who will be quiet and gentle around us, and who won't punish or shout at us.



## Health check



### WE NEED:

- To be checked for signs of pain, illness, injury or changes in behaviour every day. Talk to our vet if you suspect any problems.
- You to take us for an annual vet health check and regular vaccinations.
- You to check our bottom and tail area every day to make sure they are clean. You should also check the length of our nails and teeth every week to make sure they're not too long.
- You to get us neutered so we don't have unwanted babies. This also keeps us healthy and reduces the risk of us fighting with each other.



## Friends for life



### WE NEED:

- Each other! A rabbit should be kept with at least one other, friendly, neutered rabbit, unless an expert advises otherwise. A good combination is a neutered female and a neutered male that have been brought up together.
- People to spend time with us in a gentle and rewarding way every day. If we are gently handled in the right way from a young age we can learn to see humans as friends, but please don't let children under 10 years old pick us up, to avoid any accidents!
- If you want to introduce unfamiliar rabbits to each other, you'll need to get some advice – just to make sure they will get on well together.





## We have lots of space in our secure, safe enclosure.

We enjoy **relaxing** inside our **large shelter** but when we are active we like to **play**, **graze**, and **forage** for food so we love being able to go outdoors in our run, whenever we want to.

We always need clean water to drink so, every morning and evening, please check we have a fresh supply.

Our living shelter needs to be dry and protected from the wind and rain.

We eat lots and lots of hay and grass – using a rack above floor level helps our hay to stay clean.

We need to have some shade on a sunny day.

We love to dig – a pit filled with child-friendly sand or earth is ideal.

We need to have enough space to run around and we need to have lots of things to do – we'll get plenty of exercise and entertainment if we have a variety of safe toys, tunnels and cardboard boxes to play with.

We need each other for company but we also need you – please spend time with us so you can be sure we have everything we need to stay healthy and happy!

We love eating a handful of different leafy greens every day – cabbage, kale, and mint are some of our favourites!

We want to feel safe – we love having places to hide away and platforms to jump up on so we can check out what's going on around us.

