



CARING FOR THE RABBIT

ORYCTOLAGUS CUNICULUS DOMESTICUS

Rabbits can make good pets for beginners. They are relatively low-maintenance and can be quite affectionate. Rabbits require a lot of attention and care, however, so it is important to research their needs before obtaining one.

A Hoppin' History!



Rabbits were first domesticated in the Middle Ages, with the earliest records coming from the 12th century. Rabbits are social animals and can form strong bonds with their human companions, making them great housepets. Rabbits are very intelligent, curious, and social creatures, making them great companions when they are given the proper care and attention. They can be litter box trained and do well when provided with plenty of space to play and explore. Additionally, rabbits require minimal grooming and are relatively low maintenance, making them ideal housepets.

Habitat Requirements

Rabbits should have a safe, indoor habitat with plenty of space to move around and play. The habitat should include a cage with a solid bottom, and a litter box. Place the litter box in one corner of the cage and line the bottom of the cage with newspaper, hay, or other absorbent material. Additionally, the cage should provide access to plenty of fresh air and sunlight.

Rabbits should be kept in an environment that is neither too hot nor too cold. The ideal temperature for a rabbit's habitat is between 65–75°F.

Proper Diet, Snacks

Rabbits require a high-fiber, low-fat diet. Offer your rabbit a variety of fresh vegetables and herbs such as kale, parsley, carrots, and celery. Additionally, provide a small portion of quality hay or grass daily to ensure your rabbit is getting enough fiber.

As snacks, you can supplement your rabbit's diet with occasional treats such as fresh fruits or vegetables, hay cubes, and small amounts of commercial rabbit treats. Avoid giving your rabbit too many treats, as this can lead to obesity.



Is my pet healthy?

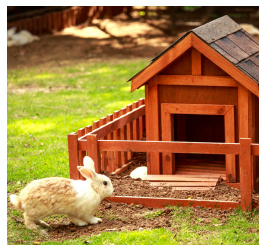
Check your rabbit's body condition. Healthy rabbits should have a smooth, uniform body shape with no visible skeletal structure.

Observe your rabbit's coat. Healthy rabbits have a full, glossy coat and no bald patches, matted fur, or bald spots.

Check your rabbit's behavior. Healthy rabbits are alert and active, and show no signs of pain or discomfort. They should be interested in their environment, and interact with people and other animals.

Always consult with a veterinarian for questions regarding your rabbit's health?!

Exercise & Enrichment



Rabbits need plenty of exercise to stay healthy and happy. Provide your rabbit with a large, enclosed area outside of their habitat where they can safely explore and play. Additionally, provide your rabbit with toys such as tunnels, cardboard boxes, and chew toys to keep them entertained.

Rabbits need mental stimulation in order to stay healthy and happy. Provide your rabbit with enrichment activities such as hiding food in their habitat, providing them with chew toys, and allowing them to explore their habitat. Additionally, spend time playing with your rabbit and interacting with them every day.