

Rabbit Care Sheet

1. Housing:

Provide a spacious and secure indoor or outdoor enclosure for your rabbit.

If kept outdoors, ensure the hutch is well-ventilated, protected from extreme weather, and predator-proof.

If kept indoors, provide a large pen or a designated rabbit-proofed area.

Include a cozy sleeping area and hiding spots.

2. Diet:

Offer a balanced diet consisting of unlimited fresh hay, such as timothy hay or orchard grass.

Provide a measured amount of high-quality rabbit pellets formulated for adult rabbits.

Supplement with fresh vegetables, such as leafy greens (e.g., romaine lettuce, kale) and a variety of safe vegetables.

Introduce new foods gradually to prevent digestive upset.

Fresh, clean water should be available at all times in a sipper bottle or a heavy ceramic bowl.

3. Exercise and Enrichment:

Allow daily supervised exercise outside the enclosure in a safe and rabbit-proofed area.

Provide toys, tunnels, and chew items made specifically for rabbits.

Offer untreated, rabbit-safe branches or cardboard boxes for chewing and exploration.

Provide a large litter box with rabbit-safe litter for them to use as a bathroom.

1. Handling and Socialization:

Handle your rabbit gently, supporting their body and avoiding excessive stress.

Spend regular time with your rabbit to build trust and bond.

Avoid sudden loud noises and sudden movements that may startle them.

Supervise interactions with children or other pets to ensure safety.

2. Grooming and Hygiene:

Regularly brush your rabbit's fur to prevent matting and hairballs.

Check and trim their nails as needed.

Monitor their teeth and ensure they have proper chewing materials to prevent overgrowth.

Clean the litter box regularly and replace soiled bedding.

3. Health and Veterinary Care:

Schedule regular veterinary check-ups for vaccinations and preventive care.

Watch for signs of illness, such as changes in appetite, behavior, or litter box habits.

Rabbits should be spayed or neutered to prevent health issues and aggression.

Protect your rabbit from common hazards, such as electrical cords and toxic plants.

4. Temperature and Environment:

Keep your rabbit in a comfortable temperature range (around 60-70°F or 15-21°C).

Avoid direct sunlight and extreme temperature fluctuations.

Provide a cool area during hot weather and a warm, draft-free area during colder months.

Remember, rabbits are social animals that require mental stimulation, exercise, and a balanced diet to thrive. This care sheet serves as a general guideline, but it's important to research and understand the specific needs of your rabbit breed. Consulting with a veterinarian or experienced rabbit owners can provide further guidance for the care and well-being of your pet rabbit.