

Rabbits



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Housing

Your rabbit should acclimate well to average household temperatures, not to exceed 80°F due to them having very few sweat glands. They should have 1-2" of bedding that is paper-based so it can be digested if accidentally ingested. You should give your rabbit a hideaway box for privacy and a variety of toys for mental stimulation. You might also consider getting a small playpen to allow your rabbit safe time outside of their habitat to play, run around, and explore their surroundings.



Behavior

Rabbits are crepuscular - this means they are most active at dawn and dusk, but they can adjust to their families routines. They are super social and love to be around people or other rabbits - especially if they are raised together! If you are introducing two rabbits for the first time, make sure to supervise them closely as they can be territorial. Rabbits do love to chew and dig, so make sure you always watch over them when out of their habitats to ensure they don't get into something they shouldn't! Your rabbit can also be trained to use a litter box which would help out with cleaning their habitats.



Handling

Make sure you always fully support your rabbit (especially their back legs) when handling them. Because their back legs are so strong, they can actually cause serious injury to themselves if they kick due to feeling unstable! You can get a harness and leash to allow them to safely explore outside.



Overview

Rabbits are intelligent, affectionate, social animals who need daily interaction with humans or other rabbits! There are at least 60 different types of rabbits which can range from **2 pounds to 20 pounds**. While they are amazing companions, they do need lots of care and attention from their families!

Rabbits can live **10+ years** with proper care and can grow to be **12+ inches long** depending on their breed. Their enclosure should be a minimum of **24"L x 24"W** for small to medium breeds and **36"H x 36"W** for large to giant breeds.

Rabbits are **herbivores** and should be fed a diet of high-quality pellet food, unlimited timothy hay, and limited amounts of treats, veggies, and fruits. They should also have access to clean, fresh water at all times!

Information from [petco.com](https://www.petco.com)