

ALL ABOUT RABBITS



Find out more about looking after your rabbits at pdsa.org.uk/rabbits and rabbitawarenessweek.co.uk

If you have other types of pet, you can find out how to keep them healthy and happy at pdsa.org.uk/taking-care-of-your-pet



Environment

- We need a large tall hutch.
- We need access to a large run and safe exercise area all the time.
- Our hutch needs to be kept clean and out of direct sunlight and draughts.



Diet

- We need to always have clean water from a rabbit bottle.
- We need to eat at least our own body size in quality feeding hay every day – chewing it helps wear down our teeth.
- Give us just a tablespoon of rabbit nuggets each day and a handful of fresh vegetables.



Don't feed us rabbit food that looks like muesli.



Behaviour

- We need to be gently handled when we're young, so we're not scared of people when we're older.
- We need boxes and tubes, where we can play and hide.
- We love to dig, so a planter filled with potting compost is a great idea.
- It's normal for us to eat our own poo, so don't worry if you see us doing it.



Companionship

- We need the company of other rabbits – a neutered male and a neutered female make great friends.
- Don't keep us with guinea pigs as we can bully each other.



Health

- Keep an eye on our teeth to make sure they're the right length.
- We need **neutering** when we're young.
- Check our bottoms every day to make sure they're clean and don't attract flies.
- Make sure we have all our vaccinations to protect us from rabbit diseases.
- Brush our coats regularly.

neutering is when vets do an operation to stop pets having babies. It's important that rabbits are neutered, as it stops lots of unwanted rabbits being born and keeps them healthy too.

