

Vetafarm's Pet Rabbit Care Guide

Rabbits are intelligent, social animals that thrive on a balanced diet, a safe environment, and regular health care.

↓ Getting Started

Nutrition & Feeding

A balanced diet is essential for keeping your rabbit happy and healthy. Provide a high-quality, age-appropriate pellet daily alongside unlimited long-strand hay to ensure complete nutrition. Avoid chaff-style mixes, as rabbits may selectively eat their favourite components and miss vital nutrients.



Pellets for Life Stages

Feeding a formulated, extruded pellet ensures your rabbit receives consistent vitamins and minerals in every bite.

Choose an age-appropriate option - such as **Rabbit Origins Junior, Adult or Senior** - to meet nutritional requirements from growth through to senior years.



The Importance of Hay

Hay is the most critical component of a rabbit's diet, supporting both digestive function & dental health.

Lucerne (Alfalfa) Hay

Ideal for young, growing rabbits due to its higher protein and calcium content.

Grass Hays (e.g. Fescue)

Best for adult and senior rabbits, offering lower protein and calcium levels suited to their changing needs.

Healthy Treats

Offering healthy treats such as fruits, vegetables and **Vetafarm's Deli Stix** or **Origins Chews** adds variety and provides safe chewing enrichment.

Treats can also help build trust and strengthen the bond between you and your rabbit.



Young, pregnant or nursing rabbits, or those with special needs should have access to unlimited pellets and hay.

Housing & Enrichment

Rabbits are highly social animals that thrive in compatible pairs or small groups. When adopting, consider your rabbit's mental wellbeing and companionship needs. Avoid housing entire (un-desexed) males and females together to prevent unwanted litters.

Indoor Rabbits

A spacious pen or a rabbit-proofed room with soft, non-slip flooring. Provide a litter tray, sturdy food and water bowls, and a safe environment free from electrical cords, toxins, and drafts. Keep their living area clean, quiet, and comfortably cool.

Outdoor Rabbits

A secure, weatherproof hutch attached to a safe run. It should protect them from wind, rain, heat, and predators while allowing space to move and graze. Always supply fresh food and water, along with daily interaction and enrichment.

Rabbits benefit from varied enrichment, including new textures, scents, safe objects, and supervised exploration. Chew toys, tunnels, balls, and digging areas support natural behaviours, prevent boredom, and help maintain a healthy weight while building confidence.

General Wellbeing

Dental Growth

Rabbit teeth are continually growing. Chewing long strand hay keeps teeth healthy and sufficiently worn to prevent dental issues throughout life.

Vaccinations

Yearly shots are required to prevent Calicivirus, a highly contagious and fully preventable virus.

Urinary Sludge

Rabbits with insufficient room to move, fed diets too high in calcium or provided insufficient water may develop urinary stones. Feeding your rabbit the correct diet will help prevent this debilitating condition. If not identified, early urinary stones may grow and require surgery to remove.

Vetafarm's Pet Rabbit Checklist



Nutrition & Feeding

- ☐ **Quality Pellets***
Such as Vetafarm's Rabbit Origins
- ☐ **High-Quality Hay**
Such as Vetafarm's Mini Bales
- ☐ **Fruits & Veggies**
- ☐ **Healthy Treats**
Such as Vetafarm's Deli Stix

* If choosing not to feed a complete pellet (e.g. fruit & veggie mix, chaff mix or low-quality pellet), adding a vitamin supplement such as **Vetafarm's Vitasol Drops** is essential.

Health & Hygiene

- ☐ **Pest Control**
Such as Vetafarm's Insect & Mite Spray
- ☐ **Dry Bathing Powder**
Such as Vetafarm's Dusting & Bathing Powder
- ☐ **Shampoo**
Such as Vetafarm's Fluffy Bath Shampoo
- ☐ **Grooming Brush**
- ☐ **Nail Clippers**

Home & Environment

- ☐ **Spacious Pen / Enclosure / Hutch**
- ☐ **Litter Box with Paper-Based Litter**
Ensure a paper-based litter is used for safety
- ☐ **Food Bowl**
- ☐ **Safe Chew Toys & Tunnels**
- ☐ **Bedding Material**
Straw is a great option as there is no health risk if consumed
- ☐ **Secure Hiding Place / Shelter**
- ☐ **Water Bottle / Bowl**
- ☐ **Animal-Safe Disinfectant**
Such as Vetafarm's Hutch Clean



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