

Rabbit Care Checklist

A rabbit care checklist covering housing, a hay-based diet, litter, grooming and health.

Housing & Space

- ☐ Provide a large enclosure or rabbit-proofed pen
- ☐ Allow daily time to run and stretch in a safe area
 - Rabbits need exercise well beyond a small hutch
- ☐ Add a hideout or covered area for security
- ☐ Keep housing out of extreme heat, cold and drafts
- ☐ Use solid flooring or soft surfaces to protect feet

Diet

- ☐ Offer unlimited fresh grass hay at all times
- ☐ Provide a variety of rabbit-safe leafy greens daily
- ☐ Give a small measured portion of quality pellets
- ☐ Limit treats and avoid sugary or starchy foods
- ☐ Supply clean, fresh water daily in a bowl or bottle

Litter & Cleaning

- ☐ Set up a litter box with rabbit-safe litter and hay
- ☐ Spot-clean the litter box daily
- ☐ Clean the full enclosure and replace bedding regularly
- ☐ Wash food and water containers
- ☐ Check corners for soiling outside the box

Grooming

- ☐ Brush the coat regularly, more often during molts
 - Rabbits ingest loose fur when self-grooming
- ☐ Check and trim nails as needed
- ☐ Inspect the rear end for soiling, especially in warm weather
- ☐ Check ears and eyes for discharge or irritation
- ☐ Never bathe a rabbit unless advised by a vet

Health Monitoring

- ☐ Watch appetite and droppings daily for changes
 - A rabbit not eating or pooping needs urgent vet care
- ☐ Check teeth alignment and watch for drooling
- ☐ Observe behavior, posture and energy levels
- ☐ Feel for lumps or signs of pain during handling
- ☐ Schedule routine check-ups with a rabbit-savvy vet

Enrichment & Social Needs

- ☐ Provide chew toys to support dental health
- ☐ Offer tunnels, boxes and digging or foraging options
- ☐ Spend daily time interacting at floor level
- ☐ Consider a bonded companion, as rabbits are social

☐ Rotate toys to keep the environment interesting