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