

# Fun Facts About Bunnies!

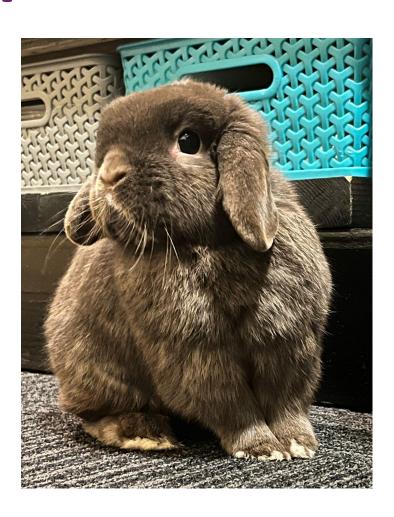
## Did you know....





## Lifespan

Healthy domestic rabbits can live 10-12 years!





## Hay

Rabbits need to have unlimited hay. Hay is almost 90% of their diet! A healthy rabbit should eat a pile of hay the size of their body each day.





## Veggies



A bunny should eat about 1 cup of raw veggies a day.

Leafy green veggies are best, such as romaine lettuce, green leaf lettuce, parsley, and cilantro.



#### Fruit

Fruit is considered a treat and is <u>not</u> necessary in a bunny's daily diet because of the natural sugars.





#### **Pellet Food**





They only need a small amount of pellet food each day, about 1/8th cup.



## Housing



Rabbits need lots of space and should always be housed indoors!

A "hutch" in not enough room for a rabbit!



## Housing

Having a bunny proofed room or area of a house is best for housing a bunny.

An exercise pen that is at least 40 inches high is safe to house them in while their owners are at work/school, sleeping, etc.





#### **Litter Box**



Rabbits can be litter trained! Once they are neutered or spayed, they will start using a litter box without any training.



#### Cleanliness



Contrary to popular belief, bunnies are actually extremely clean animals and should never be bathed.



## **Body Temperature**



Bunnies cannot sweat or pant!

However, they can use their ears to release some heat to help regulate their body temperatures.



## **Toys**

Rabbits teeth never stop growing, making them inherently natural chewers.

Cardboard is safe for them to chew. Most bunnies love boxes, paper towel rolls, and crinkly packaging paper.





#### **Enrichment**



Rabbits are super smart, and are often very good at using foraging puzzles for food - similar to what dogs use.



#### Social

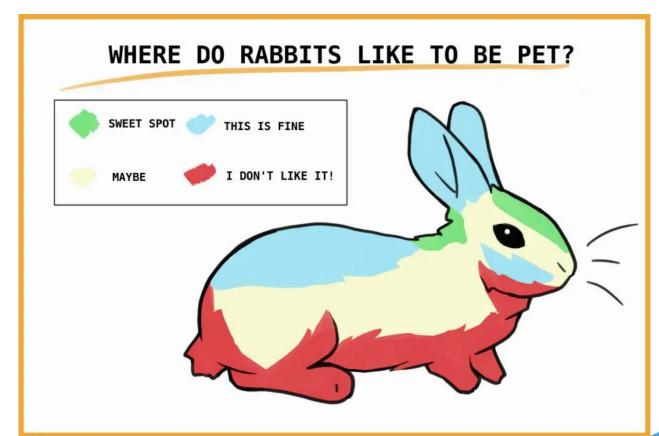
Rabbits are very social and require lots of time to socialize with their owners.





## Petting

Usually a rabbit's favorite spot to be pet is on the forehead between the eyes.





#### Behavior



Since they cannot "speak" like other animals, bunnies display feelings and emotions through different movements.

When they are really happy, they will leap into the air and kick their legs out, similar to gymnastics. This is called "binkying."



## Jumping

Bunnies are very good at jumping and can jump up to 3 feet high, without a running start!





## Handling

Most rabbits do not like to be picked up or carried around.

This is scary for them since they are prey animals and everything is a predator to them.





## Eyes



Their eyes are located on the sides of their head, allowing them to see in an almost 360 degree circle around them.



#### **Ears**

Bunnies can rotate their ears 270 degrees. That's almost a full circle!





#### **Not Rodents**

Bunnies are not classified as rodents. They are actually "lagomorphs."

The only other animal classified as a lagomorph, is a pika.





#### Breeds



There are over 50 different breeds of rabbits.

The smallest breed is around 2 pounds and the largest can weigh up to 20 pounds!

