



RABBITS

Rabbits, being naturally clean and disease free make very popular pets. They can be housed quite happily with guinea pigs.

They can be kept in a sheltered outdoor position, such as a porch or a garden-shed, or they may be put out in the open air if they are kept in a suitable weatherproof hutch.

DIET

Rabbits feed continuously so they are usually nibbling away at something. The main basis of your rabbit's diet should be a combination of 50% Pet City Rabbit Meal and 50% Pet City Rabbit Pellets. Green food such as cabbage, cauliflower, spring greens, celery, carrots and apples can be offered for variety. DON'T feed rhubarb, as it will lead to death of your rabbit. Too much green food may cause diarrhoea. Bread (preferable brown) may be fed in moderation.

Biting may occur as rabbits can taste the salt on your skin. A salt lick can prevent this problem. A mineral block is essential to provide the nutrients required for your rabbit's health.

Hay and fresh water should be in constant supply. Fresh water should always be available in a drip bottle. Make sure it is securely fastened to the wire of the cage.

HOUSING

Pet City offers a range of suitable hutches. There should be plenty of hay for bedding. A hutch with a run will be required.

Any wet, stale food and droppings should be removed daily. Clean down damp patches (urine) with a hutch disinfectant/cleaner. This should be done once a week with the hutch cleaner available from Pet City.

HEALTH

Ensure hay is dry. Avoid damp, draughts and strong sunlight. Long-haired rabbits need grooming. Pet City can advise you about this. Your rabbit will require a vaccination for the Calici Virus. Your rabbit should be wormed every three months using Small Animal Wormer.

For your rabbit's well being, you can purchase a rabbit harness, which enables you to take your pet for a walk in safety.

Things you might need:

- **Water Bottle**
- **Ceramic Food Bowl (won't get tipped over or chewed)**
- **Rabbit Harness**
- **Salt Lick**
- **Mineral Block**
- **Hay**
- **Pet City Rabbit Meal**
- **Pet City Rabbit Pellets**
- **Small Animal Wormer**
- **Small Animal Shampoo**
- **Slicker Brush**
- **Hutch Cleaner**

This leaflet is just a basic guide. To find out more about your pet, ask Pet City about suitable books.

