

# Pet Pals

## Rabbits

Rabbits are popular pets that could live up to 12 years old. Find out below what rabbits need to keep them **happy** and **healthy**...

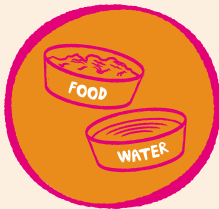
### Home



Rabbits should have a large **hutch** and **run area** where they can play and stretch. Their home should include **places to hide** and **toys to play with**.



### Diet



**Hay and grass** are the most important part of a rabbit's diet but they also need a variety of **leafy green vegetables**, a small handful of **pellet food** and **fresh water every day**. Give rabbits **apple, pear or willow branches** to gnaw on and wear their teeth down.



### Normal behaviour



Rabbits need plenty of **toys** in their home to keep them active. **Dig trays full of soil, tunnels, plastic flower pots, cardboard tubes stuffed with hay, cardboard boxes and willow balls** will encourage rabbits to show their natural behaviour.



### Companionship



Rabbits need to live with a **rabbit friend** or in small groups. A single rabbit can feel sad and lonely. The best mix is normally a female and a male rabbit that have both been **neutered** so they can not have any baby rabbits. **Rabbits and guinea pigs should never live together**.



### Vet care



Rabbits need to be seen by the vet every year to have **vaccinations**. They also need to have **health checks** and their nails will need cutting regularly. **Microchipping** your rabbit is a good way of making sure your rabbit can be reunited with you if they ever go missing.



Are you giving your rabbits **everything** they need?

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