



Basic Bunny Facts

- Rabbits are NOT rodents. They belong to a group of animals call lagomorphs, along with pikas and hares.
- Rabbits with floppy ears are called lops or lop-eared.
- There are many breeds of rabbits:
 - Some “dwarf” rabbits can fit in a person’s hand.
 - Some “giant” rabbits are more than half a meter long!
- Just like dogs, rabbits like to play with toys and chew on things.
- Rabbits have very strong back legs, so when they want to go fast they hop instead of run!



Getting A Rabbit

- Rabbits are fun pets ☺, but you need to take good care of them to keep them healthy.
- A rabbit can live for 10 years! Always talk to your parents before getting a pet.
- Pick a rabbit from the store that is nice and clean, has nice fur and moves around a lot.

Taking Care Of Your Rabbit

- Watch your rabbit carefully when its not in its cage, and give it some safe rabbit chew toys.
- Your rabbit should eat lots of hay, with a little bit of special rabbit pellets from the pet store, and some fresh vegetables. Don’t feed your rabbit too much, and no sweets.



- Don’t take your rabbit or its cage to the kitchen
- Don’t keep your rabbit near your bed.

Picking Up Your Rabbit

- Remember that being picked up can be scary for your rabbit. If your rabbit gets scared, it may get hurt.
- Ask an adult to show you how to pick your rabbit up properly and safely.
- Tell an adult if your rabbit bites you by accident.
- **Wash your hands really well as soon as you put your rabbit down.**



Keeping Your Rabbit’s Cage Clean

- Make sure your rabbit always has nice clean water and that its leftover food doesn’t go bad.
- Ask an adult to help you make sure your rabbit’s cage stays clean and never smells bad.

Is My Rabbit Sick?

If you think your rabbit is sick, tell an adult. Your rabbit may need to go to the vet to find out what’s wrong. Some of the signs you might see if your rabbit is not feeling well are:

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| ✗ Moving less than normal | ✗ Snotty nose, runny eyes | ✗ Dirty or missing fur |
| ✗ Eating less than normal | ✗ Very soft or runny poop | ✗ Bad smell |

Can My Rabbit Make *ME* Sick?

Yes, but it’s not very likely. There are a few rabbit germs that can make people sick, and if your rabbit bites you, the bite can get infected. The best way to stop from getting germs are:

- ✓ Always wash your hands really well after touching your rabbit or your rabbit’s stuff.
- ✓ Keep your rabbit away from food and away from your face.
- ✓ Keep your rabbit in its cage. Get an adult to help you clean the cage often.
- ✓ Be very gentle with your rabbit so it doesn’t get scared and try to bite you.

