



RABBIT CARER'S SCHEDULE

ROUTINE

Rabbits like routine and this forms an important part of preparing them for their new homes. Also having a routine allows us to pick-up if a rabbit is unwell.

LITTER TRAINING

We are litter training the rabbits to go to their new home, therefore it is important to always have a hay and litter tray in the open area of their fenced enclosures.

IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTES

Signs of an unwell rabbit includes:

- If they are not interested in their food or seems lethargic
- if there are no droppings, small droppings, runny or mucous droppings
- if the bunny seems quiet, sitting uncomfortably, not moving much
- if they seem to have lost weight within a couple of days to a week but are still eating
- if they are moving awkwardly, unsteady on their feet, head tilted
- in they are sneezing, coughing or wheezing

HOUSING

All the rabbits must be housed indoors and **MUST** be supervised if outside in their runs during the day. This is to protect them from predators, viruses and stress. **NOTE:** no wire floors or direct concret

DAILY WELFARE CHECKLIST

Health	Please check the rabbits at least twice a day for signs of ill health as noted above IMPORTANT: Please go immediately to the vet if they seem unwell or if you are at all concerned. If vet treatment is delayed, the rabbit will die quickly.
Eating	Please feed the rabbits a selection of 5 greens (one handful each) twice a day with a small slice of fruit/veg with the evening meal. (see food list) A dessertspoon of pellets may be given AM and PM as a treat and welfare check. Do not feed seed blocks or mixes with seed and fruits. IMPORTANT: Use the food as a welfare check Please watch to see that the rabbit is eating and interested in their food.
Droppings	Fecal: large round hay type droppings Cecal: darker type moist droppings shaped like a bunch of grapes If there are an excess of the cecal droppings, please cut down on pellets and fruit to see if this solves the issue. IMPORTANT: check daily that there are fecal droppings and that they have not changed in size. If the fecal droppings look soft, take a sample to the vets for testing for parasites.
Persona (alertness)	Observing your rabbit's behaviour will allow you to see what is normal for them. If they seem quieter than normal, inactive, lethargic or have mobility problems it IS a vet emergency. IMPORTANT: You must see a vet without delay, a delay of a few hours will likely see the rabbit die.
Water	Fresh water daily in a flat-bottomed water bowl. Do not use water bottles as the only water supply. IMPORTANT: check a couple of times a day in case bowl is empty
Hay	Unlimited supply of hay in a hay tray. Please do not place the hay directly on enclosure floors as this will interrupt the litter training. Check hay trays have enough hay morning and night.
Litter	Paper based litter can be used in a separate litter tray. IMPORTANT: Do not use clay-based litter or soft wood shaving/litter, as these are dangerous to health.