

How to look after a rabbit

Rabbits make great pets. They are friendly and fun. However, looking after them can be complex. Don't worry though. Just follow the instructions below and you will have no problems.

Before getting your rabbit



1. Make sure you have the time to look after it.
2. Rabbits can be expensive to keep. Make sure you can afford it.
3. Buy or make a hutch that is big enough for your rabbit. Remember baby rabbits grow!
4. Buy a carrying case.

Every day



1. Feed your rabbit with pellet food, hay and vegetables.
2. Change your rabbit's drinking water.
3. Play with your rabbit every day, especially if you only have one of them.

Every week



1. Clean your rabbit's hutch. It's not a nice job but that mess could contain bacteria.
2. Change the straw that your rabbit uses for bedding.
3. Give your rabbit some wood to chew on. Check which ones are rabbit safe first, though. Untreated pine is good.

Every month



1. Check that the hutch is in good condition and repair any parts that need it.

Every six months



1. Take your rabbit to the vet to get an injection to prevent myxomatosis.

Other times



1. If you go on holiday, make sure someone looks after your rabbit.
2. If your rabbit starts to act differently or stops eating its food, take it to the vet straight away.