



Ask the Vet
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How much care does a rabbit require? Do they make good pets?

Rabbits can be great pets! When handled regularly, they are friendly and enjoy attention. Veterinary care is fairly minimal with rabbits compared to other species. We do recommend spaying females and it decreases risks of certain diseases. They don't typically need annual vaccinations, though annual exams are recommended just to be sure they are healthy. During the annual exam, we can advise you on flea control, as this is recommended for all bunnies.

As far as housing, we recommend bunnies stay indoors if possible. They can be litter box trained (the House Rabbit Association has a website with info). If you cannot keep your bunny indoors, a large enclosure with plenty of shade is best. A 10 foot x 10 foot enclosure, preferably on the ground, gives them room to exercise and play. It is also better for their feet not to be in wire cages all the time. Rabbits are happy either alone or they may enjoy having a friend (take care introducing two male rabbits as some may fight). Some rabbits get along well with dogs and cats also.