

The Rabbit

If you were a rabbit you would want ...

- 1 To be with other rabbits.
- 2 Fresh food and water every day, and something to gnaw on.



- 3 A big hutch to live in with a room for sleeping.

- 4 Your home to be kept clean and tidy.



- 5 To be brushed every day if you have long hair.



I need you to
look after me for
all my life.

I don't want to produce unwanted babies, so don't keep male and female rabbits together.

I need a mixture of oats, wheat, rabbit pellets and washed fruit and vegetables, together with some good quality hay.

I should have an operation to stop me producing young.

I need to be handled with care. Never pick me up by my ears.



I need a safe grassy place to play in every day.

I need some time just to be with my friends.

I need my hutch to be kept somewhere inside when it is cold, and in the shade when it is hot and sunny.

I need to be taken to the vet every spring for an injection to protect me against myxomatosis and if I become unwell.

I need to be looked after when you go on holiday.

I need deep straw in my hutch, with a layer of peat or paper underneath. This should be changed once a week.

If you decide to have rabbits, find out as much as you can about them from books, the Internet or by contacting your local SPCA.

Having rabbits can be fun, but they need a lot of looking after. If you want to own rabbits, think very carefully. Can you be sure that you will always have the time and interest to give to your pets?

Always talk about having a pet with the rest of your family. If you are really not sure about it, please don't get a pet.