

Responsible Bunny Ownership

Bunnies are one of nature's precious creatures. Ownership involves a responsibility to care for them for their lifetime, to shelter them from harm, feed and care for them and ensure that they have a bunny's life full of companionship, safety and happiness.

Responsible Bunny Ownership involves...

- *Caring for a bunny for the term of its life, which may be a 12-year commitment.*
- *Understanding that bunnies are not a child's pet, they have fragile bones, sharp claws and frighten easily.*
- *Understanding that bunnies should never be hit, intentionally frightened, kicked or picked up by the ears.*
- *Understanding that children under 8 yrs must always be supervised around a bunny, for both the child's and the bunny's wellbeing.*
- *A dog or other animal that can harm the bunny must be kept separated at all times and secured away from the bunny area.*
- *Bunny owners that live in an area with wild rabbits that have been exposed to the Myxomatosis Virus, that is carried by mosquito's are at high risk of exposing the bunny to this terrible virus, and a very painful death.*
- *Longhaired breeds, such as angora rabbits require extra care and daily brushing.*
- *Bunny owners should be willing to take a bunny to a specialist bunny vet when it is injured, in pain or sick, as well as for regular vaccinations and checkups.*
- *Bunny owners should be able to afford to pay for vet visits.*
- *Bunny owners must provide unlimited fresh hay and water, and fresh salad greens, vegetables and fruit twice a day.*
- *Bunnies should live inside the house or in a secure, large, mosquito proofed wooden hutch that is sheltered from the heat and cold.*
- *Bunnies must have room to run, jump, and exercise daily, outside their hutch.*
- *Bunnies do not sweat and retain the heat; therefore, they must be brought inside the house on hot days when the temperature is above 25 degrees.*
- *Bunnies are sociable animals and are happier with a companion bunny for company.*
- *If you can no longer care for a bunny, the bunny must be taken to an animal shelter (bunny orphanage) and not let go in the wild, as it will not survive predators.*

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