

House
Rabbit SOCIETY

Leaps + Bounds

Community Youth Outreach

Middle Grade



FUNNY FACTS ABOUT RABBITS!

1 RABBITS ARE NOT "RODENTS"!

They're lagomorphs! The difference? Rodents like rats have 4 incisors while lagomorphs like rabbits have 6. Other lagomorphs include hares and pikas.



2 RABBITS HAVE A "BLIND" SPOT!

They have monocular vision because their eyes are located on the sides of their head, leaving them with a 10-degree blind spot in front of their nose.



3 RABBIT ACROBATICS ARE CALLED BINKIES!

When they're happy, rabbits will leap, kick, and twist in the air. This happy leap is known as a *binky*.



4 RABBITS POOP 200 TO 300 TIMES PER DAY!

And they use a litter box! Rabbits like to eat and poop in the same place. Fixed rabbits have good litter habits.



5 RABBITS ARE CREPUSCULAR!

This means they're most active at dusk and dawn, when other animals' vision is poor. They love to play before you go to school and after dinnertime!



6 RABBITS CAN "PURR"!

Like cats, happy rabbits purr when they're content and relaxed. The sound comes from their teeth chattering softly. It can be felt when you pet them.



7 RABBITS' TEETH NEVER STOP GROWING!

Which is why they love to chew. You need to keep them entertained with toys and games to prevent them from chewing things they shouldn't!



8 1 "PAIR" OF RABBITS CAN BECOME "800" IN A YEAR!

A single pair of rabbits and their offspring can produce over 1,300 rabbits within 18 months. This is why spaying and neutering rabbits is very, very important!



Healthy Habits, Heathy Rabbits

Just like you and me, having healthy habits keeps a rabbit strong and happy. Here are some of the best ways to keep a rabbit safe and loved.



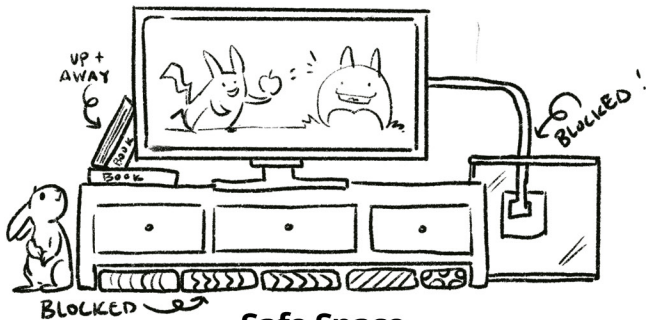
Healthy Diet

Rabbits eat breakfast, snacks, and dinners every day. A healthy rabbit meal is lots of hay, 1 cup of salad and 1/8th of a cup of healthy rabbit pellets. Despite what cartoons have portrayed, rabbits should only be given small pieces of carrot as dessert. Dessert can also be small pieces of fruit!



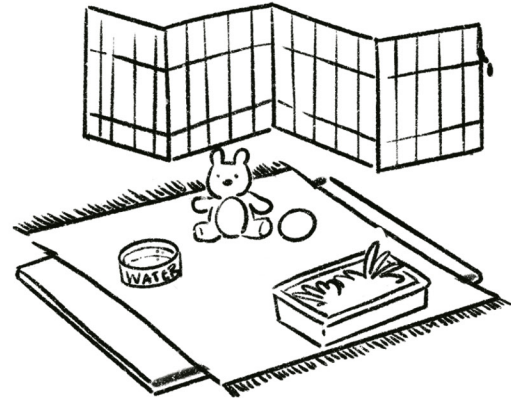
Healthy Friendship

Rabbits like when you spend time with them down on their level. Reading on your stomach and letting your rabbit come to you is a great way to start your friendship with them.



Safe Space

Rabbits love to chew! Be mindful anything on the ground could be chewed by your rabbit. Make sure to block off their access to computer and TV cords to keep them safe.



Healthy Place

Rabbits should live indoors, as part of the family, just like dogs and cats. They're social creatures and like being around people and where the action is. Your rabbit wants to spend time with you!



Healthy Play

Rabbits like to play with toys! Try giving them plastic toys like stacking cups or baby keys, stuffed animals, or toys that make noise. You can also make toys like a dig box for them or stuffed toilet paper rolls hay and a treat inside.

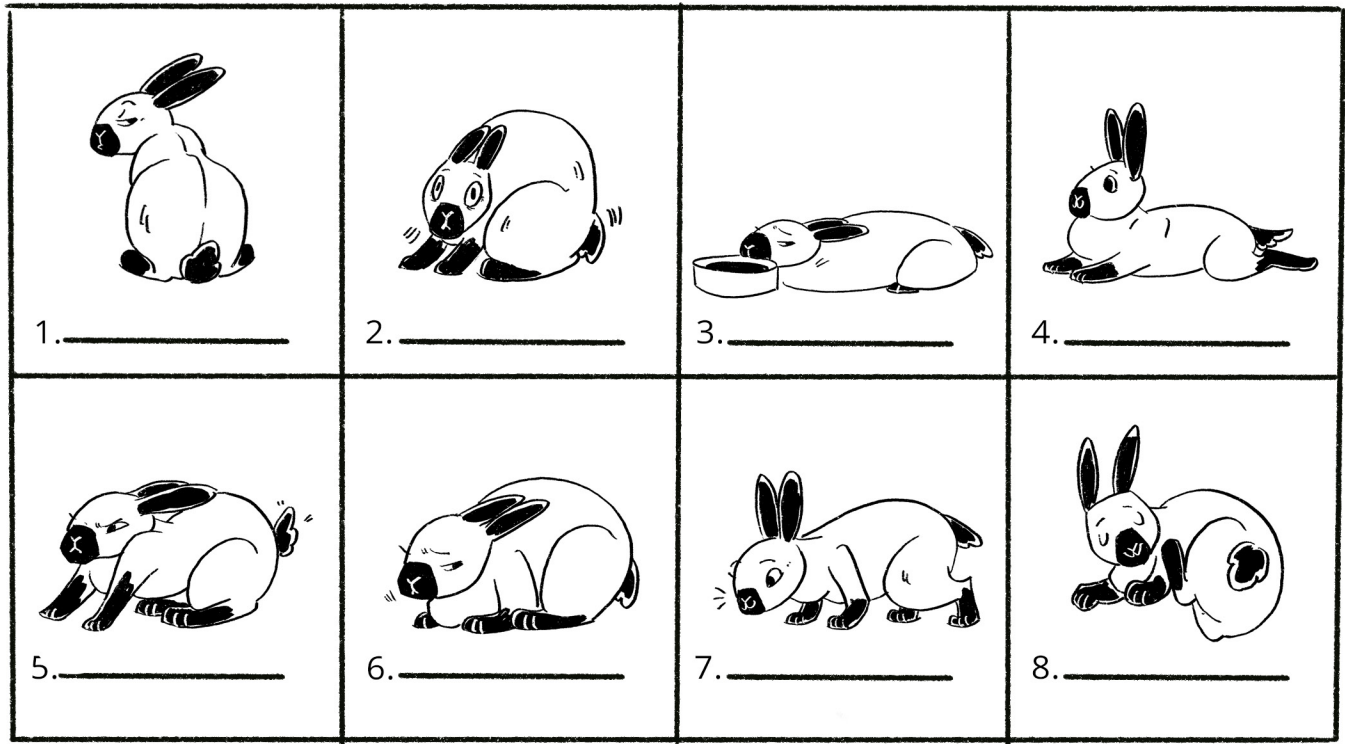


What do you do if a rabbit seems sick?

When a rabbit isn't eating or pooping they may be sick. Let your parent/guardian know that you think your rabbit isn't feeling good so they can call a veterinarian for help.

Rabbit Language

Rabbits have BIG emotions just like you. They show their feelings with their whole body by the way they sit, lay, and play! How does each rabbit below feel?



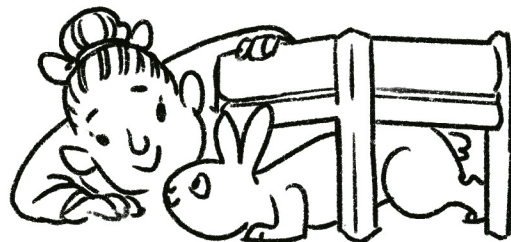
Word Bank: Happy Excited Curious Scared Mad Sad Sick Annoyed

Rabbit Play

Rabbits love to play, exercise, and have fun just like you. They like to play with toys, run, skip, dance, explore, and more. Here are a few ways that most rabbits like to play.



Reading with you



Exploring



Games and Puzzles



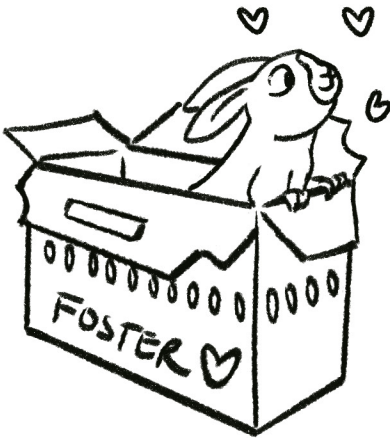
Plastic and Paper Toys



Digging

Part of Your Community

It takes a whole community working together to help keep rabbits hoppy and healthy. With so many rabbits in shelters and rescues, here are some ways you can help them!



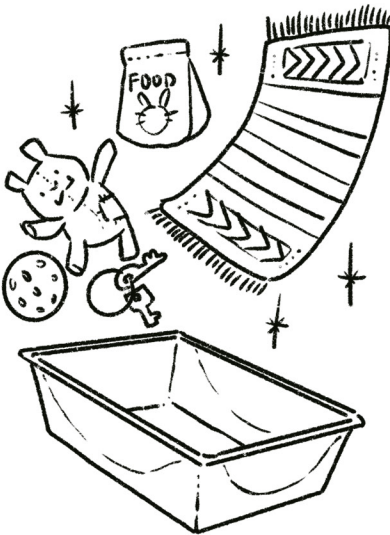
Foster a Rabbit

Fostering is when you temporarily take care of a rabbit, but you don't adopt them. This is very helpful for shelters because it makes space at their facility so they can rescue more. It's good for the rabbit too because in a home they can play, run, and be around people more.



Craft or Bake Things

Make toys for the shelter rabbits out of rabbit-safe materials like paper, cardboard, toilet paper rolls, and hay to help the shelter rabbits stay active and happy. You can host a bake sale or sell lemonade raise money for the rabbits too!



Hold a Supply Drive

Hold a supply drive for much-needed items for the rabbits in shelters. Ask for items like litterboxes, litter, food pellets, toys, and blankets. This helps your local animal shelter save money for medical care and community services.



See a Rabbit Outside?

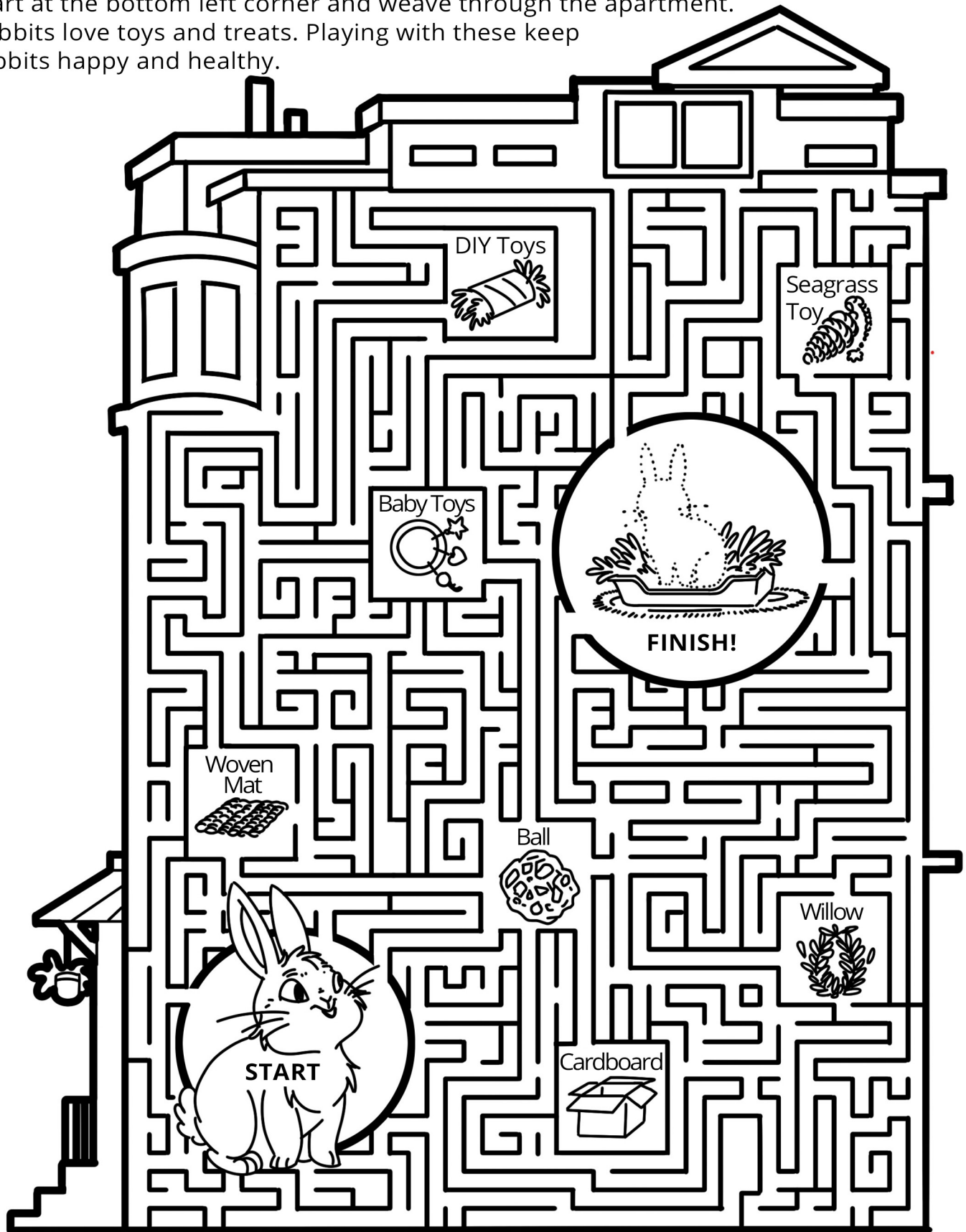
If you see a loose rabbit outside, talk with your parent or guardian. Together you can talk with your neighbors to see if the rabbit is lost. If not, come together with the community to catch, temporarily house, and rehome the rabbit.

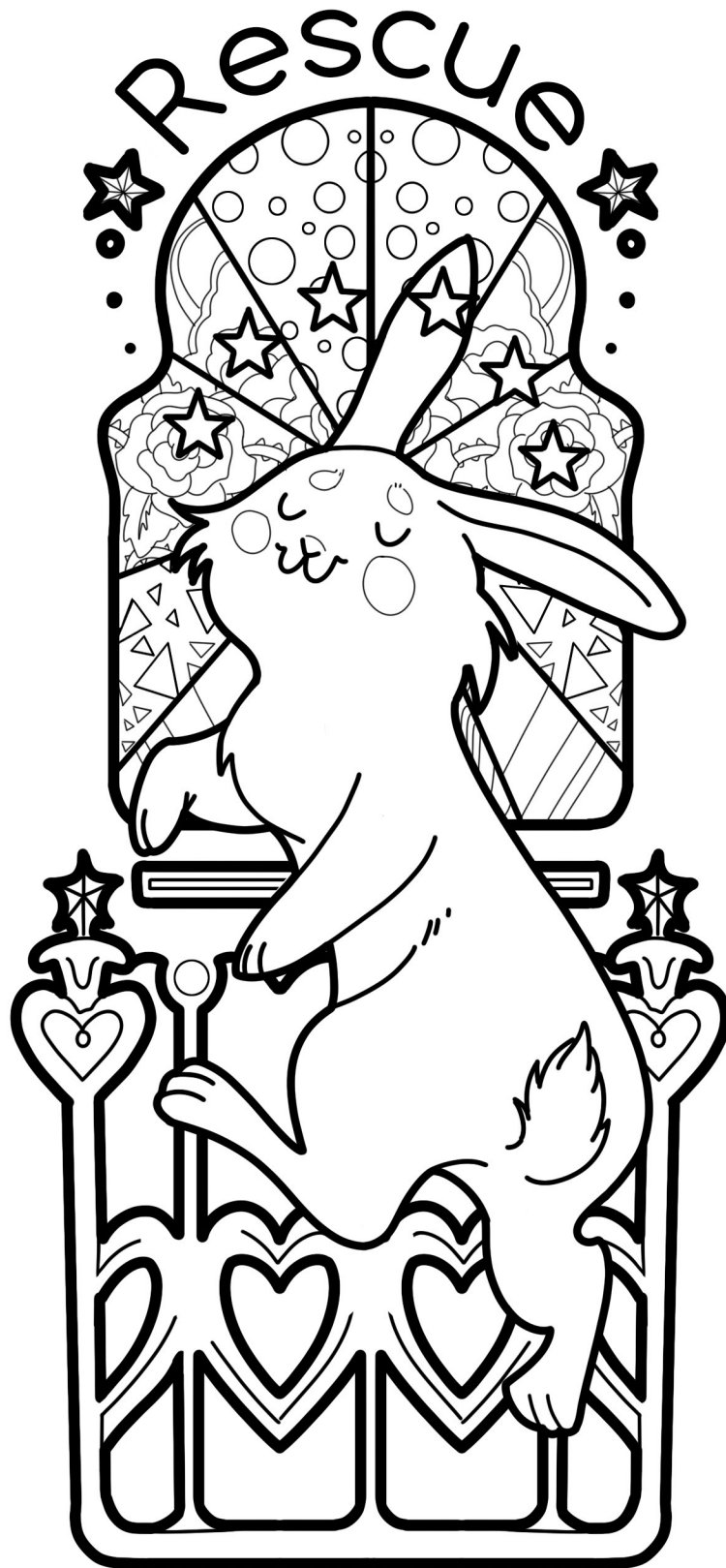


A healthy rabbit breakfast is 1/8 cup healthy pellets, 1 - 2 cups dark leafy greens, and unlimited hay! A healthy rabbit dinner is 1/8 cup healthy pellets, and unlimited hay. Treats like carrot, apple, and strawberry are desserts and should be given no more than 2 tablespoons once a day.

Help Mochi Collect All His Toys And Treats On His Way To His Litterbox!

Start at the bottom left corner and weave through the apartment. Rabbits love toys and treats. Playing with these keep rabbits happy and healthy.





Rabbits are the 3rd most popular family pet in America. They are companion animals just like cats and dogs. They can live 8 to 10 years and thrive in an indoor setup with their loving families. Their favorite way to play is down on the ground with toys and treats.