



Make Mine Chocolate!

The Make Mine Chocolate! UK organisation is about changing the way rabbits are perceived and cared for.

This independent organisation is working hard to raise awareness of welfare needs - especially in relation to the problem of impulse buying from the 'cute fluffy' factor.

It is well documented the issue of impulse buying leads significant number of rabbits surrendered to rescue - or worse, neglected or dumped to face certain death. Around 60% of rabbits entering rescue in the UK have been owned for less than a year, with a staggering 40% of these being owned for less than six months!

It is time to make a significant welfare improvement and Make Mine Chocolate! UK is dedicated to this objective. With ground-breaking projects such as the Easter Amnesty, Make Mine Chocolate! UK is working hard to spread the message that rabbits are a life-long commitment; those not ready can buy a chocolate one instead!

In addition, extensive support material for those with rabbits, or those considering obtaining rabbits, is designed to improve rabbit welfare and understanding of their needs, and finally break the cycle of a lack of education in rabbit care.

Are Rabbits Right for Me?

If you're thinking about getting a rabbit, ask yourself the question "Are rabbits right for me?". Do this before you buy, and before you commit to 10 years or more of total commitment.

Your Responsibility!

Rabbits can live for 10 years or more and rely on you for their health, welfare and happiness. Be sure you can manage this long term commitment before it is too late; after all, your rabbits lives depend on it!

The 10 Point Guide

Our pre-buying guide helps you to consider the commitment before you buy. In addition to this, talk to your local rescue and vet for the complete picture!

1. Accommodation - Needs to be as big as possible. If outside, an attached predator proof run is also needed. Hutch no less than 6ft x 2ft x 2ft, but this is the **absolute minimum!**

2. Routine Healthcare - Annual vaccinations against VHD and Myxomatosis and 6m healthcheck too.

3. The Cost - can be around £1000 or more annually - excluding any health emergencies of course. Be prepared!

4. Companionship - Rabbits are social and need a rabbit partner (not guinea pig!) for their emotional wellbeing.

5. Feeding - Around 80% of daily food intake should be hay - essential for gut and dental health. Minimal pellets and some fresh veg are ideal.

6. Neutering - both sexes should be neutered for health and behavioural issues. Rabbits can be extremely territorial and at a very high risk of cancer if not.

7. Handling - Most hate being picked up, but enjoy interaction. Come down to their level, unless health checking.

8. Holiday Cover - reputable rabbit boarding or experienced full time care only. Cannot be left on their own!

9. Environment - toys and tunnels. Rabbits are very intelligent and need mental stimulation!

10. Cleanliness - their area must be kept clean at all times, and frequently checked all over for any issues.



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