



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.

Disaster Plan

Whether your rabbits are housed inside or out having a Disaster Plan ready should the unthinkable happen is a sensible precaution; always prepare for the worst and hope for the best!

Preparation is the key!

Plan ahead; decide what actions you need to take and what items you need. There's nothing worse than being in a blind panic during an emergency. Being prepared will help you be in control should the unthinkable happen.

The 10 Point Guide

The following guide is not exhaustive, but covers some of the essentials. Take a look at your situation; anything specific you need to prepare for?

- 1. Veterinary emergency.** Do you know where your out of hours vet is located? If you don't drive, do you have the number of a 24hr local taxi company?
- 2. Carriers at the ready!** The last thing you want to do in an emergency is waste time putting a carrier together. Think 'grab and go'!
- 3. Medications** - keep a written list if they are difficult to remember, and keep them all together..grab and go!

4. Unexpected trip away? Your rabbits need their daily care; what will you do if your local rabbit boarder is full and you've a family emergency?

5. Evacuate Now! Know where the essentials are; a secure carrier and the rabbits.

6. Make it known to neighbours there are pets in the household in case of illness or injury to you.

7. Supplies - if you're suddenly unavailable make it known what to feed, and when, what medications to give - and where the vet is.

8. High winds - temporarily relocate outside accommodation to sheltered area and secure down - or bring indoors if structural damage forecast.

9. Flooding - Move accommodation to higher ground. Prepare for evacuation.

10. Fire - Get you and your little ones safe - now! 'Stuff' can be replaced.

