

# Ready to Adopt a Rabbit



## Top Ten Reasons Rabbits Are Amazing Companions

1. They are amazingly affectionate, especially if they have a rabbit friend—they will groom each other and sleep cuddled together, so sweetly.
2. They are incredibly smart! They can learn their name and can even learn to run through a rabbit agility course.
3. They are quiet and don't need to be walked.
4. Many people who are allergic to dogs and cats aren't allergic to rabbits.
5. They are very curious and will explore and try to rearrange (or nibble on) anything.
6. They are very playful and will hop and dance and zoom their way all around your house (and into your heart)!
7. They love veggies and may encourage you to eat healthier by stocking your fridge with fresh greens!
8. Their schedule will match up with yours: they are most active at dawn and dusk, when most people are home.
9. They keep themselves clean and can learn to use a litter box. And they look adorable washing their faces!
10. They always look cute!

## Ready to Adopt a Rabbit *(continued)*

Life with a rabbit comes with many benefits, but also involves many responsibilities. Living with a rabbit can be a wonderful experience because they are affectionate, playful, smart, and trainable. While they need physical and mental stimulation, they do not need to be walked. They are meticulous self-groomers who also use a litter box! However, it is important to carefully think through the decision to adopt, because owning a rabbit is a commitment that can last anywhere from 7-10 years. Even though they may have an irresistible face, twitching nose, long whiskers, and adorable ears, a rabbit may not be the best fit for everyone.

Some things to consider:

**Transition Time:** Transitioning a rabbit into your home may take days to weeks.

**Enrichment Time:** Rabbits need at least two hours a day outside of their pen for physical and mental stimulation.

**Grooming Time:** While rabbits are meticulous self-groomers, they do need brushing to help with shedding. Regular nail trims will also be necessary.

**Cleaning Time:** Playpens should be cleaned 2-3 times each week, and litter boxes should be cleaned daily.

**Space Needs:** While we encourage your rabbit to have access to the entire home, it is important that she has a safe place to stay until she is completely comfortable with her new home, as well as a place to retreat to anytime she needs a little space and alone time.

**Social Needs:** We strongly encourage adopters to adopt two rabbits because they are extremely social animals who prefer the companionship of one another to a human.

**Medical Needs:** Rabbits need an annual checkup with a rabbit-savvy veterinarian. Make sure your veterinarian has experience with rabbits and sees them regularly. Be prepared, too, for emergencies.

**Vacation Needs:** Make sure you have someone who is able to take care of your rabbit when you leave for vacation.

**Financial Needs:** Expect to pay anywhere from \$40-100 each month to care for your rabbit's essentials. This includes food, litter, housing, bedding, and toys.