

Lop-Eared Rabbit



What do we look like?

We have a dense soft coat of fur and drooping ears that touch the ground. When we are born, our ears stand up straight, but as we grow older they soften and droop. As adults, a healthy weight for us is around four to five pounds. We have over 40 different colors and patterns ranging from shades of brown and black, to gray and white.



Where we live is...

We are a fairly new breed. We were originally bred in Europe to be a source of food, but we eventually became desirable pets. We were very common to the temperate forests of England, France and Holland. We were introduced to the United States in the 1970's and became very popular pets. We are primarily an indoor house pet breed now, although we can live outside in temperate climates in cages or enclosures that are large enough for us to exercise in.



What do we eat?

We are herbivores, so we only eat vegetables, grasses and some fruits. We should be fed only small amounts of rabbit pellets to reduce the chance of obesity. Vegetables such as spinach, Brussels sprouts, parsley, cauliflower, carrots, leafy lettuce, endive and corn on the cob could be offered weekly. We also eat hay, dandelions, straw or alfalfa. We also enjoy fresh grass and some flowers, but make sure there are no chemicals on them please!

Some cool facts about us...

- The term "lop" comes from the type of ear we have. Our ears are very long and wide and hang down to the ground.
- Rabbits in the wild are known for their excellent digestive systems. We eat a lot of foods that are tough to digest, like fallen leaves and grasses.
- We can be a very energetic, quiet and well-behaved animal. This has made us very popular pets for all ages. We even get along with other family pets.
- Obesity is a very big problem for us. We shouldn't be fed high-calorie foods unless we have enough space to exercise and burn the calories off.

