

DOMESTIC RABBIT

(**LEPUS CURPAEUMS**)

CONSERVATION STATUS: NOT LISTED



WE ARE MAMMALS
with a lifespan
of 8-10 years



Origin: Europe.

Diet: Fresh hay, grass, vegetables, plants (please check they are safe for them to eat) and rabbit food pellets. They are herbivores.

Predators: Foxes, badgers, birds of prey and dogs.

Habitat: Domesticated.

Length

 **20-50cm** varies with breed

Weight
 **1-8kg** varies with breed

DID YOU KNOW?

Rabbits are very intelligent, inquisitive animals. They are highly social creatures so should always be kept with other rabbits or guinea pigs. Their hind legs are long and powerful, enabling them to run at speeds of up to 50mph. If they are being chased, they use quick, irregular movements to confuse predators.

ADAPTATIONS

Their eyes are located at the side of their head giving them wide-angled vision in order to spot predators. Their large ears mean their hearing is also really good. They also have a heightened sense of smell.

REPRODUCTION

After mating, the female will give birth to her kittens after a gestation period 28-31 days. The kittens are born completely hairless so she will pull out her own fur to cover them with and keep them warm. The average litter size is 6-10 kittens, however they have been known to have anywhere from 2-21 kittens in one litter! When the doe has a very large litter, she may separate them into two piles, abandoning half of them to ensure a greater chance of survival for the other half. The mother will feed her babies milk twice a day. Their fur will begin to grow at 3-4 days old and their eyes will begin to open at 10-14 days old. Once their eyes are open they will begin to explore their surroundings. By 3 weeks they will begin to eat solid food and by 8 weeks their chances of survival dramatically increases. They are fully matured by 8 months old.

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