

Leckie Lops

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The Basics

We love Hollands! Their people-friendly personalities have changed our perception of how much fun it can be to own a pet rabbit. With proper care, your rabbit will give you years of love and companionship. There is so much information available online, there really is no way to capture it on this page. This page is meant to help get you started in your experience with this amazing breed, and I recommend referring to any of the sites below with questions that go beyond the scope of this page.

Food:

- All of my Hollands get 1/2 cup of feed per day. They would happily eat more than that, but then (like people) they don't really know when to quit. They will get fat and unhealthy. If you think your rabbit needs more to eat, you can feed them all they Timothy hay they want.
- A rabbit's digestive tract is extremely sensitive! Any sudden, drastic change in diet can have fatal results. Treats and such are okay in moderation, but should be introduced very, very slowly. It is usually recommended that treats be withheld until the rabbit is fully grown, about 6 months old. Refer to one of the web sites below for more information on treats.
- My Hollands eat Purina Rabbit Chow Show Formula (in the blue bag). You are not likely to find this in the chain pet stores. You will have to look at feed & seed stores, and then you still may have to call around. Other brands or qualities of food are acceptable, but it is very important to mix the feed for a few days so its system can transition gradually.
- Don't ever let your rabbit run out of water!

Handling:

It is important to note that rabbits are very near the bottom of the food chain, and have some basic instincts that show it. Your pet rabbit will absolutely love a good head rub, but don't be too surprised if it is a little hesitant to let you pick it up. Generally, if something is picking up a rabbit, it means to eat it. As you handle your pet often it will get more and more accustomed to you. It is important to support their back legs so they feel more secure.

Grooming:

Rabbits pretty much know how to take care of themselves, but they do need some help with their nails. You can trim your rabbit's nails monthly. There is a very evident part of the nail that is living (called the "quick"). Be careful not to cut the nail past the quick. For better pictures and instruction on trimming your rabbit's nails, refer to the websites below.

Additional references: These are some websites that have a lot of great information on rabbit care:

<http://www.threelittleladiesrabbitry.com/careindex.php>

<http://www.pet-rabbit-care-information.com/pet-rabbit-care.htm>

We hope your experience with Hollands is every bit as enjoyable as ours.
If you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to send an email or call!