



RABBIT BEHAVIOUR QUESTIONNAIRE

Your name:

Address:

Daytime Tel No:

Home Tel No:

Referral Veterinary Surgeon:

Address:

Tel:

Name of Rabbit:

Age:

Sex:

Breed/Type:

Is your rabbit neutered?:

If so, when was it done?

How much does your rabbit weigh? (Alternatively, how long is your rabbit from nose to tail when lying on its side?)

Early history:

- How old was your rabbit when you obtained it?
- Where did he/she come from? Did he/she, for example, come from a breeder, rescue centre or pet shop?

Family members:

- How many people are there in your household?
- Are there any children – if so please give ages
- Does everybody interact with the rabbit?
- Does the rabbit have a favourite person or people? If so, who, and how old are they?
- Who is responsible for: (Please give their name and age)
 - Feeding the rabbit?
 - Cleaning the rabbit's hutch
 - Grooming the rabbit?
- Do you have any other animals? (Please include their type, age and sex)

- How does your rabbit get on with your other pets?

Diet

What do you feed your rabbit? (Please tick all that apply):

Food	Brand	Fed Daily	Feed Weekly	Fed Occasionally
Commercial rabbit pellets				
Commercial rabbit mix (Pellets, corn etc)				
Commercial extruded pellets				
Hay				
Fresh grass				
Fruit				
Household green				
Other (bread/milk) Please specify				

- Do you give any supplements?
- Does he/she enjoy their food or would you say they were fussy?
- Do you give any tit bits?

Do you give any commercial rabbit treats? If so please give details

Medical History

- Does your rabbit have any current medical problems to your knowledge?
- Do you know of any previous medical problems?
- Is he/she on any current medication?
- Has your rabbit had any teeth problems?
- Does your rabbit have its teeth clipped? If so, how often?
- Do you clip your rabbit's nails or do you take it to the vet's?
- How often are the nails clipped?

Environment

- What sort of bedding do you give your rabbit?
 - Hay
 - Straw
 - Sawdust
 - Blanket
 - Other
- Does your rabbit live:
 - In a hutch?
 - In a hutch with an attached run?
 - Does it have access to the run always/ daytime only/ dry days only?
 - In a hutch with a separate run? Every day/dry days only/summer only/weekends only?

- How long on average would your rabbit be in the run at these times?
- Does your rabbit live in the house?
- Does it have access to all areas of the house?
- Does it have a hutch/cage in the house?
- Is it confined to the cage at night/during the day
 - If so, for how long
- If it is a house rabbit, does he or she go outside?

PLEASE provide a diagram of your rabbit's hutch/cage/run with dimensions including height. Please provide details of anything which is in the cage e.g pipes, toys, etc.

Toileting:

- Does the rabbit use a litter tray indoors? If so, what kind of litter do you use?
- How many litter trays do you have? Where are they positioned?
- Have you noticed your rabbit spraying inside or outside? (Spraying is when the rabbit runs past and twists its hindquarters letting loose a jet of urine)
 - If so, on what items does he/she spray?

Chewing

- Does your rabbit chew its hutch/cage or run?
- Does it chew the wooden parts?
- Does it chew the plastic parts?
- Does it chew metal parts e.g. wire or bars?
- If indoors, does your rabbit chew
 - Furniture? If so, are there any particular items?
 - Wires
 - Carpets
 - Other (Please specify)

Human interactions:

- Does the rabbit have any toys?
- Do you play with the rabbit?
- If so, for how long each day approximately?
- What games do you play?

Cats:

- Are there any cats in the neighbourhood? For example, do your neighbours have cats?
- Do cats come into your garden?

THE PROBLEM

Describe the problems you are having with your rabbit in as much detail as possible (Please use the back of this page if necessary):

As rabbit communication is very subtle and difficult to describe, it would be EXTREMELY helpful if you could send a video showing the problem you are having with your rabbit. If this is not possible, please describe your rabbit's behaviour in as much detail as possible e.g. where its ears are, is it making a noise etc.

What happens immediately before your rabbit displays these behaviours? Try to think both what you and your rabbit are doing when the problem occurs.

- What happens immediately after? Again try to think about what you do, and what the rabbit does.
- When did the problem begin? Can you remember the first time it happened?
- When does the problem occur? Is it in any particular circumstances?
- How frequently, on average, does the problem occur? Do you think it is becoming more frequent, less frequent, or staying about the same?
- Where does it occur? Is it, for example, always in the same place?
- Who is usually present at the time, if anybody?
- When was the last incident, and can you describe this?
- Have there been previous attempts to cure this problem (if so please describe).

OTHER PROBLEMS

Does your rabbit have any other problems?

For example, is he or she nervous of:

- Children?
- Strangers?
- Any family members?
- Dogs?

Is the rabbit good to:-

- Groom?
- Stroke?
- Pick up?

What sort of brush do you use to groom your rabbit?

Are there any other problems with the rabbit you would like to discuss at the consultation?

REHABILITATION

- How much time do you feel able to commit to working with your rabbit to solve these problems?

- What would you envisage happening if the behaviour problem persists?