

Rabbits are not Easter toys.



All too often rabbits bought at Easter soon become neglected or abandoned. Save a life and get the facts on rabbits before you bring one home.

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Before you decide to get a rabbit for a child this Easter, understand that they do not make good "starter" pets for children.

Rabbits require a lifetime commitment of care and expense that is the same or greater than that of a cat or a dog. They need exercise and play, a proper diet, specialized veterinary care, and a responsible caretaker. Rabbits are social animals and desire companionship, but some do not like being held because it feels like being caught by a predator.

Parents, please help. Don't buy on impulse. Make an informed decision by learning about rabbit care. Consider adopting a rabbit from your local shelter or rescue group. For the rabbit's health and well-being (as well as for your child's) make sure an adult will be the primary caretaker and will always supervise any children who are interacting with the rabbit. Domestic rabbits are inquisitive, intelligent, and very social by nature. A rabbit is a delightful companion animal as long as you remember: it's not a child's toy. A rabbit is a real, live, 10-year commitment.