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Rabbit Facts

Bunny Facts

Pet rabbits can live 5 to 10 years, with some individuals reaching the ripe old age of 15. Because rabbits are “prey” animals in the wild, it is important for owners to spend time interacting with and handling them. They don’t tolerate a lot of stress and pain. If they aren’t used to being held or petted, they can find the stress of veterinary visits and treatment terrifying to the point where their body systems will start to shut down from the stress and they can die from fright.

Rabbits should be spayed or neutered. There is a huge incidence of uterine cancer in unspayed female rabbits – the rate is nearly 80% in rabbits over 3 years of age. Neutering male rabbits will reduce urine odors and territorial marking, as well as the likelihood to exhibit any aggressive behavior.

