



Rabbit

Family Leporidae



What is the history of my relationship to man?

Rabbits have been used for centuries for clothing, hats and also for food. Today we use them for pets too. They can be a problem for farmers because they eat crops and breed prolifically so they are hard to control.

Habitat / Climate

Many climate from the Arctic to the Desert.

Where am I from?

Rabbits are ground dwellers that live in environments ranging from desert to tropical forest and wetland. They are found all over the world.



Other family members:

Hares
Pika

Who are my relatives?

American Pika and the Black-lipped Pika, also many types of Hares such as the Arctic Hare are in my family.



Breeding

Induced ovulators

They breed several times a year and have 5 or more Kitts per litter.

How am I born? My gestation period is only 28 to 31 days. I am born naked, blind and helpless. We are a pretty big family usually about seven of us kits and mother does not pay much attention to us. She has several litters a year. That's just too many children to keep up with.

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

The young grow rapidly because rabbit milk is some of the richest on earth , We are usually weaned in about a month.

Breeding Season

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What kind of family life do I

Most of us are solitary and sometimes territorial, coming together only to breed or occasionally to forage in small groups. During territorial disputes we will sometimes "box," using our front limbs. Rabbits are active throughout the year; no species is known to hibernate. We are generally nocturnal, and also are very quiet. Other than loud screams when frightened or caught by a predator, the only auditory signal known for most species is a loud foot thump made to indicate alarm or aggression.

Names for:

Adult male-Buck
Adult female-Doe
Young-Kit
Group:- N/A

What do I eat and when do I eat?

Rabbits are herbivores who feed by grazing on grass, forbs, and leafy weeds. We graze heavily the first half hour of our grazing period (usually in the late afternoon),and then half an hour of more selective feeding. If the environment is non-threatening, we will remain outdoors for many hours, grazing at intervals.



Who are my predators? Anything that eats meat.

Comments:

Here at the Ranch we have several different types of Rabbit. Lion Heads, Rex, Lops, and Nether land Dwarf.