

FACT SHEET ABOUT YOUR RABBIT'S TEETH

- Rabbits are becoming increasingly popular animals to keep as pets.
- Rabbit dental disease can be more subtle than dental disease in dogs as the rabbit has continuously growing teeth. That's why it's important you give your rabbits enough fibre in its diet to ensure adequate chewing for regular molar wear.
- Rabbits need a diet that is 80% hay and grass. Pellets that are offered should contain at least 20% fibre.
- Adequate calcium is also important in the diet as a lack of it can lead to reduced mobility of the jaw. Calcium is found in dark green leafy vegetables, grass, hay and pellets designed for rabbits.

- Just like cats and dogs, it's important for you to take your furry friend to the vet for an annual health check.
- Signs of dental disease in rabbits include nasal discharge, inability to close the mouth, facial swelling and protruding front teeth. They often stop eating and may start to suffer from anorexia.
- If you notice any of these signs you should take your rabbit to your vet who can discuss treatment options with you.

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