

Rabbit Welfare Pledge

As Veterinary Practice Members of the Rabbit Welfare Association & Fund, we proudly demonstrate our commitment to rabbit welfare by pledging that our practice will uphold the Five Welfare Needs of the rabbits under our care in the following ways:



Providing a suitable environment *IN PARTICULAR WE WILL TRY TO:*

- Keep rabbits away from predator species while hospitalised
- Provide appropriate space and hiding places while hospitalised
- Provide appropriate temperature ranges whilst hospitalised
- Provide advice on how owners can provide space for their rabbits



Providing a suitable diet *IN PARTICULAR WE WILL TRY TO:*

- Provide, hay, fresh food and appropriate concentrate foods (as needed) while hospitalised
- Provide education not to feed muesli based diets and to maintain excellent diet fibre levels
- Provide suitable recovery diets, and give supportive feeding when required.



The ability to exhibit normal behaviour *IN PARTICULAR WE WILL TRY TO:*

- Understand and respect normal rabbit behaviours, and educate owners on how to support these.
- Provide enrichment, space, and opportunities for hospitalised rabbits to express natural behaviours.



Appropriate social interaction *IN PARTICULAR WE WILL TRY TO:*

- Advocate for appropriate rabbit companionship
- Always allow bonded rabbits to be seen and hospitalised together and take every step to avoid breaking down of companionship bonds



Protecting from pain, suffering, injury and disease *IN PARTICULAR WE WILL TRY TO:*

- Provide a complete preventative care package for rabbits
- Maintain rabbit-based CPD for VNs, vets and other practice staff

Practice name

Orchard Vets

Date

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