

FLUFFY MISFITS RABBITRY RABBIT QUESTIONNAIRE

This quick and easy (Shortened) questionnaire to make sure you and/or your family are a right fit for a Netherland Dwarf or Jersey Wooly from my Rabbitry. I don't judge, just not every situation or family is a right fit for a rabbit. But instead of asking/typing the same questions over and over daily to people inquiring about rabbits; this questionnaire saves a lot of time on my end.

I/We want the best possible homes for our rabbits looking for homes.

Not to sound harsh, but if you don't want to fill out this questionnaire, you don't have to... There are other places you can buy a rabbit from. **THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING!**

Questions:

Your Name (First) _____

(So I can refer to you by name when communicating back and forth and that I know what you are looking for).

Are you over the age of 18 years? _____

(So I know if you are a legal adult)

Do you live in: _____

A home (Or Farm) that you own? *(Where you don't need to ask permission to own a rabbit)* OR
A home, an apartment, or Campus Dorm/housing that you **rent** *(Meaning have you gotten the "Landlord/Campus/Building manager's" permission for a rabbit in their home and/or if you have roommates, did you make sure they are okay with a rabbit, allergies, etc)?*

**Do you live Close to or In or willing to drive to: Monroe County/Rochester, NY by
Lake Ontario?**

(Because we don't ship)

Have you owned a rabbit before? OR is this your first rabbit?

(So I know if I need to make you aware of MANY things when owning a rabbit, or YOU know (haha, "Everything" already). 😊)

**Do you want a rabbit for the "Show Tables" (4H, ARBA)/ Breeding Program?
or as a Pet? _____**

*(Because all rabbits can be pets, but not all rabbits are show table worthy or suitable for breeding. Example: mismatched toenail, size, color of fur, ear length, etc.) *IF a Rabbit Showman/Breeder ~ is the rabbit for 4H, or ARBA Sanctioned Shows? New to the "Rabbit **Showman** World" or not?*

Will your rabbit be indoor, outdoor or semi outdoor?

(Because, depending where your rabbit will be kept, we'd like to remind you of dangers or risks of outside, semi outdoor, and even indoor vs. going over all 3).

**What type of housing/cage set up are you considering for your rabbits'
home?**

(Hutch, plastic bottom cage, dog crate, chinchilla 3 tiered cage, stackable/wire bottom cage)?

I have shortened this questionnaire down...

BUT

Other important facts you need to be aware/think about:

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Rabbits **life spans**: (Approximately: 10 years).

Rabbits are rodents ~ Meaning: Nails & Teeth continuously grow. They need something to gnaw on in their cage, and they need their **nails trimmed monthly**. Nails are trimmed to avoid harm to rabbit getting caught on rugs, furniture, his/her cage ~ and ripping toe nail off, breaking toe (s), or worse (Nail getting caught and “Kicking his/her legs out” and becoming paralyzed) 😞.

Worming: (Orally, every 6 months is HIGHLY recommended)

Rabbits are afraid of heights ~ (Not recommended for rabbits to be on tables, couches, chairs, etc. **(Anything off the ground)*. ***Keep close to ground**, so when rabbit “Takes off”/ jumps down/or jumps away” they don’t “KICK their back legs out” – They can go paralyzed if this happens! 😞.

Rabbits don’t have sweat glands. Meaning they can over-heat into a “Heat Stroke” and Die. Ideal temperature – 60 - 65 degrees. IF outdoor rabbit, cage in the SHADE! If Indoor, cage away from heater!

If you have children/young kids that visit/or this is a classroom pet ~ Make sure age appropriate (Under 5 – not recommended).

If you go on Vacation ~ Someone will need to take care of rabbit. Rabbits are not like cats ~ you can’t just leave food and water out to feed themselves. Rabbits, go through a lot of water daily, and some rabbits dig or dump their food, and then they are left with nothing and 😞 well you can figure out the rest. (Stroke, etc.)

We use ROWE Rabbit Feed, shipped in from Ohio monthly. Not available for sale in NY. We recommend rabbit feed such as: Manna Pro (Tractor Supply). Also (From Country Max): Blue Seal, Show Hutch Deluxe, Poulin Grain, and Oxbow. Yes, they come in 25lb or 50lb bags...but it’s only about \$20 - \$30 for a bag and if you invest in a “Rubber Maid” Tote (or similar) you can store your food it will last you months if not longer.

We do NOT recommend the Rabbit food you buy at Pet Stores (Other than OXBOW). Rabbit foods bought in Pet Stores (PetSmart, PetCo, etc...) brands have TOO MANY UN-NECESSARY and NOT GOOD for your rabbit “Fillers”. Black oiled sunflower seeds are okay for your rabbit in moderation...but the rest of the “FILLERS” again are un-necessary or NOT good for your rabbit.

Hay, a MUST! Oxbow is the best ~ they “Bake” their hay, to kill germs & parasites, etc. You can feed any brand of Timothy Hay. I like Kay-tee with the dried fruits and dried veggies...but you can use any good green Timothy Hay. Alfalfa cubes, a lovely treat too, and helps with the gnawing/teeth trimming/rodent.

ONE RABBIT is GOOD! Two ~ Maybe NOT?

~ Rabbits **ARE VERY TERRITORIAL/and SOLITAIRE creatures**/animals!!!! It doesn't matter if they are siblings, same sexed, or "Fixed". OR a combination of any or all of these. RABBITS LIKE: **THEIR** Space/cage space, **THEIR** Food and **THEIR** Water. They don't like to share and WILL FIGHT (Most of the time to the death) to protect what is THEIRS! You might not see them fight. If happens when you are not around, sleeping, JUST NOT AROUND. Sometimes you will see signs...scabs, bare patches, blood, injuries, another scared and in another corner/away from food or water...other times YOU WON'T see the signs. One rabbit (Dominate one) will keep the other from eating or drinking...and by the time you see or feel one of the rabbits is skinny...USUALLY, It's too late to save. (Not always).

***DO NOT FEEL YOU NEED TO HAVE A RABBIT to keep ANOTHER RABBIT COMPANY!**

Rabbits are happy being SOLITAIRE ANIMALS. Remember they are "PREY" for other animals in the wild, where their nature is to be alone and nervous/skiddish AWARE of their surrounds and constantly on alert!

Rabbits are SOLITAIRE Animals...BUT CRAVE HUMAN INTERACTION!!!! When they are comfortable with you, your family and their new surroundings!!! When they know they are no longer in danger!

This is NOT To say you can't have more than one rabbit.... Just NOT in the same cage, or with the same water and food. Play time together (IF FIXED) and SUPERVISED!

Male Vs Female

MALES always! Males are FRIENDLIER, MORE Social and LOVEABLE!

Females (Like, haha 😊 in female humans, can be a bit moody from time to time!) Female Rabbits have 2 uterus' and can be PG with 2 litters at the same time...So maybe double the moodiness??? Don't know.

Just as pets, ALWAYS, we/I recommend Males. Yes, Females can be very loving too 😊.