

# SIMON'S RODENTS

## Putting the pets in your pet shop

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## Caring For Your Rabbits



**Food:** We feed our rabbits rabbit pellets that have been specially formulated for Simon's Rodents; the closest brand to this is Excel. Our pellets are available to buy if you wish. Greens can be introduced into their diet when they have reached 20 weeks old, but not before. We strongly recommend that any new foods or diet changes must be introduced gradually.

Rabbits naturally need a very high fibre content diet. Although most fibrous plant materials can be suitable, we strongly recommend that our rabbits be fed on a good quality untreated barely straw as opposed to hay. This is the diet that they have been bred and reared on and any change could cause stomach upsets in your new rabbits. The digestion of the barely straw also aids the balance of the gut flora, which in turn helps to keep the rabbits healthy.

**Age:** We will only send out our rabbits to you when they have reached between 8-10 weeks old.

**Hot weather:** Hot weather causes a great deal of stress to rabbits and when it's combined with a change of environment, can be fatal. To help reduce this stress you may find it helpful to lay frozen water filled plastic containers around the sides of the rabbit cage. When the rabbits are too warm they become very inactive and this results in their food not being digested very well. The plastic container will cool down the rabbits and encourage movement, thus resulting in good digestion of their food. Please ensure that the plastic containers are removed once defrosted to avoid any leaking into the bed.

*Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have queries or concerns regarding any of our rabbits.*

