



Kids & Bunnies Quiz!

1. How do you plan to hold your bunny?
2. What is most important when you pick up your bunny?
3. What will you do if your bunny pees outside of the litter box?
 - a. Yell at it! This has to be stopped immediately!
 - b. Speak sternly to your bunny.
 - c. Calmly clean up the pee with help if you need it, and work on litter box training.
 - d. Never get your bunny out of her enclosure again.
4. True or False: Rabbits are a lot of work, and I am ready to commit to this every single day for my rabbit's whole life.
5. How to hold a bunny:
 - a. Cradled upside down like a baby.
 - b. By the ears.
 - c. Upright, supporting the hind legs.
 - d. With two hands on their tummy.
6. How do you plan to make friends with your bunny?
 - a. Chase her around playfully!
 - b. Pet her on her back.
 - c. Sit in the enclosure and wait for her to come to you.
 - d. Run in giggling and pick her up.
7. How do bunnies show happiness?
 - a. Teeth grinding
 - b. Binkying
 - c. Flopping
 - d. Having their ears up
 - e. All of the above

8. How do bunnies show that they are unhappy?

- a. Stomping
- b. Grunting
- c. Turning their backs to you
- d. All of the above

9. True or False: I should be loud and excited near my bunny to show that I like her/him.

10. Bunnies can live up to 15 years! I plan to spend _____ years with my bunny. My plan for my bunny when I leave home or go to college is:

I have discussed my plan with the person who will take my furry friend if I'm not allowed to take the bunny with me.

12. This is what I plan to feed my bunny: (circle all of the appropriate answers)

- hay
- water in a bottle
- water in a dish
- unlimited carrots
- cabbage
- celery
- kale
- iceberg lettuce
- mixed greens
- more hay
- pellets in limited amounts
- apple slices
- raisins sparingly
- basil
- cheese
- more hay
- blueberries
- mint leaves
- rhubarb leaves
- dandelion greens
- candy
- cilantro
- even more hay
- small amounts of carrots
- leaves from my house plant

Finally, please tell us why you are interested in having a bunny as a pet. Many kids want a bunny so they will have a snuggly friend to hold, but most bunnies do not like to snuggle! We want to be sure that a bunny is the right pet for your family. Look deep inside your hearts. Why do you want a bunny?

Rabbits are wonderful pets if you know how to be a good, respectful human to your rabbit.

ANSWER KEY

1. It is important to always support a rabbit's hind legs. If they kick too hard, as they will do when they are frightened or trying to escape, your rabbit could actually break its own back. Sadly, many bunnies suffer injury from well-intended rabbit loving kiddos every year. We recommend that bunnies are lifted by kids who are 9 years and older. If children younger than 9 years would like to be involved with the bunny, supervision is very important. Bunnies will usually respond best to sitting next to a child and allowing the child to pet the bunny on its head, so this was sort of a trick question.
2. If you are under the age of 9, the most important thing is to have supervision when you are holding the bunny. If you are 9 years of age or older, the most important thing is that you support your bunnies back legs. No matter how old you are, it is best to have supervision when you are learning how to pick up a bunny. A bunny can be killed by being picked up incorrectly.
3. C. Calmly clean up the pee with help if you need it, and work on litter box training. Rabbits learn from positive reinforcement, never negative interventions. There are many resources available regarding how to train your bunny, and the more time you spend working with your sweet furry friend, the better your relationship will be.
4. True! Rabbits are a ton of work. Their litter boxes need changing frequently — daily is best. They require a constant supply of fresh water in a dish, which your rabbit may spill occasionally requiring more cleaning. Although Lick-It bottles are convenient, rabbits are not able to stay fully hydrated by just licking small drops of water. Many rabbit varieties require daily grooming. They require constant replenishment of their hay. They also need fresh veggies every day to maintain their health. Just as importantly, they need interaction! Rabbits are social mammals who can't be left alone in a cage all day, as some pet stores would lead us to believe.
5. C. Upright, supporting the hind legs. Please see the answer to question #1 if you did not answer this correctly. **It is possibly the most important thing for a child who is around a bunny to learn.** Children are naturally impulsive, and bunnies are ridiculously cute. We have seen far too many bunnies killed accidentally or crippled for life by well-meaning children who could not control their impulses.
6. C. Sit in the enclosure and wait for her to come to you. Bunnies are naturally curious, but they need to establish trust. After all, they are prey animals who are used to running from what frightens them! The best way to make friends with your bunny is to let it know that you are calm and willing to wait for the bunny to approach. This may be more difficult than meeting a wiggly, excited puppy! In the end, if you can make friends with your bunny, it will be well worth your effort. Petting a bunny on their back can frighten them — they are animals of prey and interpret touch to their backs as a predator grabbing them. They may even turn and bite in an effort to defend themselves, a complete miscommunication!
7. D. All of the above. Teeth grinding in a bunny is much like purring in a kitty. When you pet a bunny where they like to be pet (often on their face or head, as they would groom one another), they will reward you with the happy sounds of their teeth purrs. Binkyng is when a bunny jumps super high. It is an exuberant display of happiness! Often when they are tired

from zooming and binkying, they will flop down contentedly. If the bunny is in a relaxed position with the hind legs stretched, it is a sign that they are content and not worried about a predator attacking. Bunnies will usually hold their ears up (unless they are lop-eared bunnies) if they are happy. They often hold their ears down if they are unhappy. We recommend that you look at images online of happy and unhappy bunnies so you can interpret your bunny's positioning.

8. D. All of the above. Bunnies have many ways of showing that they are unhappy. If you can "read" your bunny, you will be able to have a better relationship with your new pet. Again, we recommend that you research bunny behaviors and postures so that you can learn how to be a better bunny friend!
9. False. Sit quietly watching how bunnies interact. They never shout to each other exuberantly!
10. Sadly, often when bunnies are adopted, there is no long-term plan for their care. Your family is taking in a new family member. Please discuss what your plan will be should your new fur-baby live a long and happy life. Bunnies are wonderful pets, but they are not disposable.
11. Bunnies love to eat! Most importantly they should have access to a **dish** of fresh water, fresh hay, and limited pellets. Many pet stores sell inappropriate pellets that are filled with molasses, please see Rabbit Haven's website for pellet recommendations. Also, rabbits love fresh veggies!

The **incorrect** answers: water in a bottle, unlimited carrots, candy, cabbage, cheese, iceberg lettuce, rhubarb leaves, and leaves from my houseplants.

Rabbit Haven's website has a great list of appropriate veggies to offer, as well as great treats for your rabbit.

Thank you for working through this quiz and working hard to become an abandoned bunny's new best friend!