



# 8 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS FOR YOUR RABBIT

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### BLEEDING EXCESSIVELY

Uncontrolled bleeding needs immediate vet help. If a rabbit is attacked (i.e dogs, cats etc), even with no obvious injuries, contact the vet for potential internal damage or shock. Any bleeding from mouth, ears, orifices needs vet attention.

### BROKEN BONE DUE TO TRAUMA

Common skeletal injuries occur if rabbits are dropped or fall, so it's not recommended for young children to handle them. Spinal injuries leading to hind limb paralysis can be severe but treatable with immediate steroid therapy to reduce swelling. Broken legs can sometimes be fixed with casts or pins.

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### ACUTE DIARRHEA

Bunnies with diarrhea, especially baby rabbits, need urgent vet care to prevent dehydration. However we can give him some fasting to prevent further diarrhea due to food toxicity.

### TROUBLE IN BREATHING

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### LIMP, FLOPY OR COLD

These bunnies are really unwell and may be near death. Dehydration, shock, or sepsis often result in a weak, floppy rabbit with chilly ears. They usually sit slumped in a corner and 'feel strange' when you lift them up. Wrap them up warmly and bring them to the vet right away.

### RABBIT IS'NT EATING

Skipping meals can be dangerous for rabbits, potentially leading to gastrointestinal stasis. If your rabbit stops eating completely, contact the vet immediately. Check the litter pan for signs of irregular droppings. If your rabbit is eating less enthusiastically or selectively, you can wait until the next morning to contact the vet.

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### DISCOMFORT

Rabbits showing signs of pain, like hunching up with half-closed eyes and teeth grinding, need immediate vet attention. Pain can be deadly, leading to serious conditions like gastrointestinal stasis. Ensure your vet provides proper pain management, especially for issues like dental problems or after surgery.

### FLYING STRIKE OR MAGGOTS LOAD

Flystrike, caused by blowflies laying eggs on rabbits, can lead to maggots infesting the rabbit and causing serious illness. Take your rabbit to the vet immediately if you find maggots. Though you can remove visible maggots with tweezers, it may not solve the issue completely. Disaster preparedness is crucial; plan ahead to ensure your rabbits' safety during emergencies like natural disasters.

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