

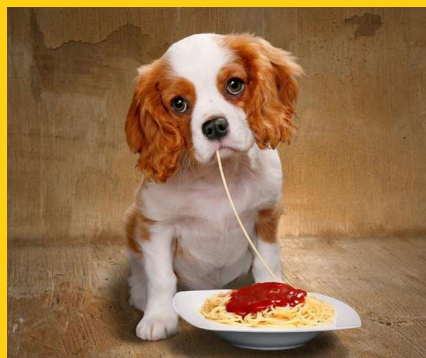
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# A Well-Balanced Diet

Believe it or not, what you put in your dog's food bowl has a direct correlation to his health. To maximize your pup's nutrition the wise owner will want to provide a diet that includes the right amount of protein, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, and minerals.

There are many different kinds of dog food on the market today. The majority of these foods contain the right amount of nutrients that your dog needs for a well-balanced diet. Paying close attention to what type of food you are feeding can contribute to a quality, happy life for your pooch. Use the following guidelines when selecting your dog's dinner:



Make sure to select a food that is appropriate for your pet's size and life-stage. A diet designed for an adult Yorkie is not likely to be ad-

equated for a Great Dane puppy. Another thing to keep in mind is just how easy it can be to overfeed your dog, especially if he has a seemingly *endless* appetite. He doesn't know any better, but you do, and although you might think that you're being a good owner by giving him big meals, tasty snacks, or worse... *table scraps*, you might be putting your dog at

risk for obesity and diabetes in giving him more food than what his body requires.

Look for quality ingredients. Good pet food will have a recognizable protein source as its first ingredient. Be sure to read the ingredient list thoroughly. If you choose to avoid synthetic preservatives for your pet, be aware that these preparations may spoil more quickly and feed accordingly.

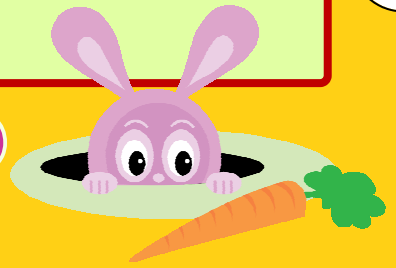
Check to be sure that the manufacturer's contact information is readily available. They should be happy to answer any of your questions or concerns regarding their diet. Last, but certainly not least, check to make sure the food is the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) approved. *Campus Veterinary Clinic* can answer most of your dietary questions while also providing you with a healthy array of pet food options.

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## Campus Critter Chronicles

# What's up, Doc?



Let's be real: rabbits are pretty darn adorable. The floppy ears, the chunky bunny bodies, the soft fur... believe me, we get it. But rabbits are also incredibly intelligent, social animals who need affection and the right environment to thrive. If you're considering adopting a rabbit, or you already we have one at home, Campus Veterinary Clinic would like to give you a few bits of advice in creating a household conducive to your pet's needs.

**Consider a spay or neuter.** Although most rabbits will use a litter box, hormones may cause unneutered males and unspayed females to *mark territory*. Spaying or neutering your rabbit improves litter box habits, lessens chewing behavior, decreases territorial aggression, and gives your bun-bun a happier, longer life. Have your rabbit neutered between ages 3 1/2 to 6 months, depending on sexual maturity. These services can be provided here at Campus Veterinary Clinic by our head Veterinarian, Dr. Simon Yen and our newest addition to our medical staff, Dr. Ruthie Parsley.

**Housetraining** Rabbits may have free run of the home.



However, it's best for most, and necessary for some, to start with a cage. To turn "cage time" into "learning time," fasten a litterbox in the corner of the

cage that your rabbit chooses for a "bathroom." As soon as he uses the box consistently, you can give him introduce more and more freedom. Place one or more large litterboxes in corners of the running area outside the cage. And when he deserves it use only positive reinforcement, like treats and praise, to cement his good behavior.



**Bunny-proofing.** Bunny-proofing your home is part of living with a house rabbit. It's natural for rabbits to chew on furniture, rugs, drapes, and, most deadly of all, electrical cords. Cords must be concealed so that the rabbit cannot reach them. Exposed cords can be encased in vinyl tubing (found at most hardware stores). Give your rabbit enough attention, safe chewables, and toys, so that he is distracted from chewing furniture and rugs. A cardboard box stuffed with timothy hay makes an inexpensive play box. Young rabbits (under a year) are more inclined to mischief and require more confinement and "bunny-proofing" than mature rabbits.

**House rabbits and other animals.** Dogs should be trained to respond to commands before being trusted with a free-running rabbit, and supervision is needed to control a dog's playful impulses (this is especially true for puppies). Adding a second rabbit is easiest if the rabbits are neutered adults of opposite sexes, and they are introduced for short periods in an area unfamiliar to both rabbits. You know how the old tune goes: *Every bunny, needs some bunny, sometimes*. So consider getting a playmate for your bun; it'll keep them happy and well-balanced.

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# Help Us Help You



*Cooperation is essential in ensuring that you and your pet get the best service. Here's a few tips that will help us serve you better:*

## **Show up on time for your scheduled appointment.**

This gives our front desk staff enough time to check-in your pet, get your room ready, and take any information needed before you meet with one of our doctors. If you're running late or need to reschedule, simply give us a call so we can work with your schedule.



## **Understand that tests take time.**

Results from some of the most typical tests administered during your visit can take 48 to 72 hours for results. Please allow our doctors the time it takes to 1) receive the new information, 2) process the new info by reviewing your pet's record, and 3) perform the required research needed to find you the most effective and affordable options for treatment.

**We're lovers; not fighters.** Be open to our suggestions, as we remain open to

yours. Know that we've been serving the community for decades. We pride ourselves on finding the most complete and necessary forms of treatment for your animals. There's no nickel-and-diming here at *Campus Veterinary Clinic*. If a medication regiment or a particular test is suggested, it's done so out of nothing more than care and concern for your animal, because, after all, as our motto goes: ***Your Pets are Our Pets.***

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