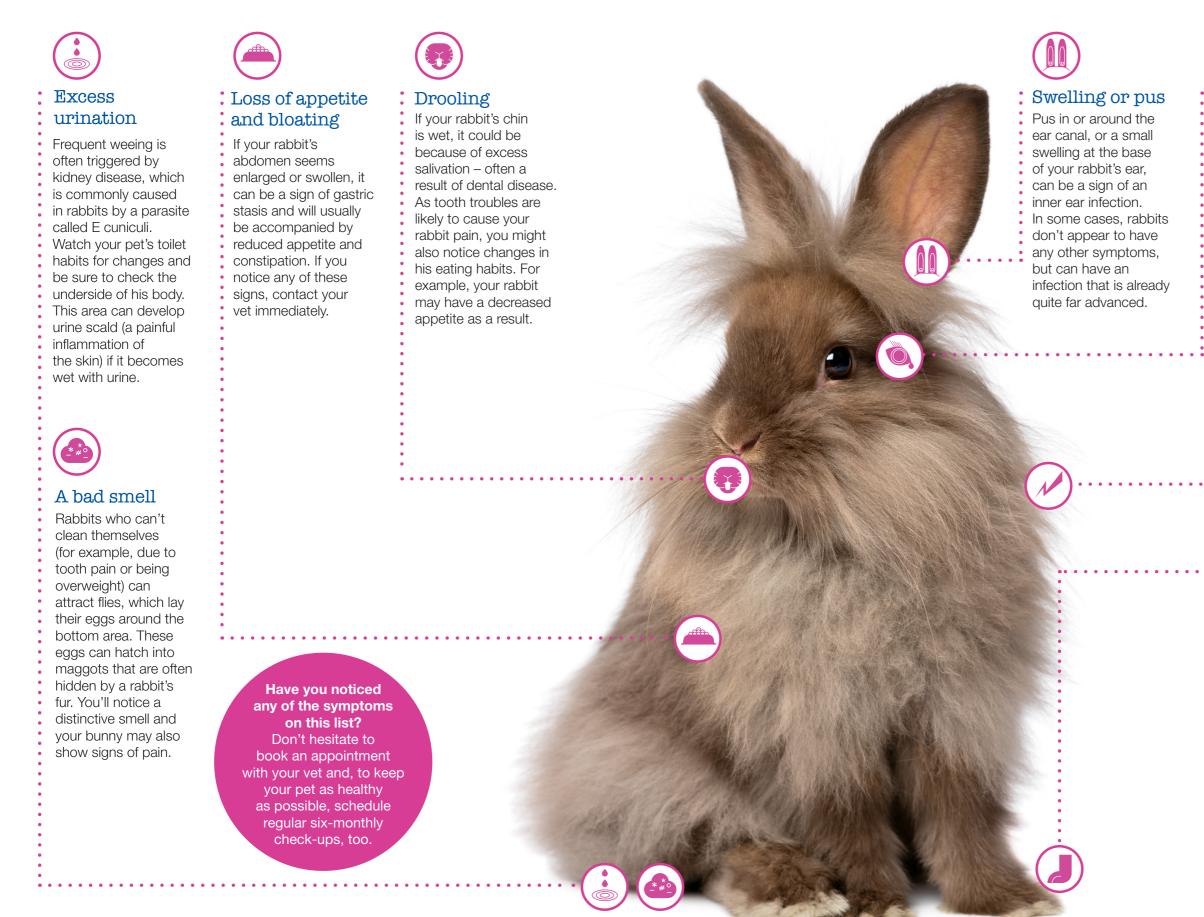


Your handy guide to your rabbit's health

Signs of illness in your bunny can easily creep up, and are often hard to spot. Here's what you should keep an eye out for, and the steps you can take:





Discharge

If you spot a white discharge around your bunny's eyes, along with blocked tear ducts, it can be a result of dental disease as the roots of rabbits' teeth can overgrow and impact the tear ducts. But if your pet's eyes look swollen or bulging, particularly when his head is tipped forwards, it can be a sign of a chest infection that's causing increased internal pressure.

Hunching

- If your rabbit's back is
- always hunched and
- he doesn't lie stretched
- out, it could be a sign
- of discomfort due to
- arthritis or gut pain.
- If this is the case,
- you might also notice
- changes in your pet's
- activity levels; but these
- can be subtle and
- happen gradually.



Redness and swelling

If the bottom of your rabbit's paws looks inflamed, it can be a sign of pododermatitis. This is usually seen in rabbits that live on very hard or wet areas, those that are overweight, or those that have reduced mobility due to other diseases.