

Eastern Cottontail Rabbit

*Sylvilagus
floridanus*



Matt Reinbold

IS THERE ANY TRUTH TO THE SAYING "BREED LIKE RABBITS"?

Yes! A female ("doe") can get pregnant anytime during the year, even as soon as the day after she's given birth to a litter. At maximum, one female rabbit could produce up to 100 babies in one year!

DO THEY HIBERNATE?

No. Rabbits remain active in the winter and do not hibernate, eating bark, twigs, and buds. Of course, in the warmer months, they enjoy favorites like clover, dandelions, and herbs.



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MY PET DISTURBED A BUNNY NEST. WHAT DO I DO?

Reassemble it and place grass over the top of the nest to give the babies cover. Mom only comes to feed them at dawn and dusk, so it's unlikely you'll see her. Create a grid out of string over the babies and see if it is disturbed the next day, meaning mom has been back.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cottontail rabbits are extremely fast. They can hop up to 18 miles per hour!



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