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SAFE CARE AND HANDLING OF RABBITS

Rabbit Characteristics

Rabbits belong to the order of mammals called Lagomorpha which also includes hares and pikas. When living in the wild, rabbits spend their time on the ground eating green grasses and leaves and avoiding predators such as hawks and coyotes. Because rabbits are preyed upon by other animals, they have well developed senses of smell, hearing, and long distance sight. Furthermore, rabbits are capable of high speed running and maneuvering to escape predators. Rabbits also are excellent diggers and will burrow out underground homes, called warrens, where they feel protected and prefer to rest and sleep.

For additional information about how to safely care for and handle rabbits, go to the Clover Safe note at:
<http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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