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Spring hazards for rabbits

Spring is a wonderful season, but it can also be a dangerous time for rabbits. What should their owners look out for?



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Flowers

All bulb-grown plants are toxic to rabbits, so keep your bunnies away from your bluebells, crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths, irises, lilies, snowdrops and tulips. Other spring flowers that are poisonous to rabbits include buttercups, delphiniums, foxgloves, poppies, primroses and rhododendrons



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Garden chemicals

Common garden products that could harm your rabbit include weed killers, fertilisers, fungicides, insecticides, slug pellets and rodent bait. Also, keep your rabbits away from popular fruit and veg plants that are poisonous to rabbits, including aubergines, garlic, onions, potatoes, rhubarb and tomatoes.



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Grass clippings

Grass clippings from lawnmowers can cause your bunnies to have upset tummies. Instead, feed your rabbits fresh grass, picked by hand or cut with scissors.



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Fly strike

Flies can cause serious harm to rabbits when they lay their eggs in your pets' fur. Check your rabbits for flies' eggs and maggots at least daily and clean their hutch frequently.



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Chocolate

Chocolate contains the chemicals theobromine and caffeine, which are dangerous to rabbits. Eating chocolate could cause a bunny to suffer heart arrhythmia, cardiac arrest, respiratory failure or seizures.

If you believe your rabbits have come into contact with any of these five spring hazards, take them to the vet immediately.