



# Fleetwood Town Council

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## **Policy for Keeping Rabbits on the Allotment**

Fleetwood Town Council reserves the right to review this agreement as is reasonably required.

Allotment Tenants may keep Rabbits on allotments under the Allotments Act 1950 and to install and maintain a structure on the plot as reasonably necessary for that purpose. This is on the condition that they are not a nuisance to other allotment tenants or surrounding residential properties.

Tenants are restricted to 2 rabbits on a plot and will remain fully responsible for the animals and structures in which they are kept. Two males are prone to fight and may require separate areas whereas two females can usually be kept without problems. The best combination is a neutered male with a neutered female.

Tenants are required seek consent from Fleetwood Town Council to keep Rabbits on their allotment plot. Details of the number of Rabbits and size and location of their housing must be given. Contact details must be provided in case of any problems.

Tenants are responsible for the Rabbits welfare and must ensure they do not cause a nuisance to others.

Fleetwood Town Council have the right to inspect the Rabbits at any time. If the Council has cause to investigate complaints of maltreatment, any costs incurred will be passed to the Tenant for payment.

The tenants Allotment Tenancy Agreement will be terminated in the instance of failure to adhere to these guidelines and thus in breaching their tenancy agreement.

### **Fleetwood Town Council requires you to provide:**

- Secure housing/shelter, with at least 0.3 square metres per rabbit inside the shelter and a minimum of 2 square metres per rabbit for outside space. Protection from draughts in cold conditions and shade from direct sunlight is required.



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- Food and adequate clean, fresh water must be provided daily. Each rabbit should be provided with unlimited hay, a daily portion of fresh fruit and vegetables and a small number of pellets.  
**WATER MUST BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES. If, when checked there is no water available this will result in a formal warning. Any breach of this requirement will result in permission to keep rabbits being revoked.**
- Bedding material should be changed regularly. The run area should be cleared of excrement and food waste. The tenant is responsible for the removal of all waste material. Soiled bedding must not be composted anywhere on the allotment site. Any feed should be kept secured to prevent vermin.
- Rabbits are sociable animals and should be kept in compatible pairs. Single rabbits should not be kept in isolation.
- To provide hiding places and materials for digging, burrowing and chewing to encourage rabbits to exhibit natural behaviours.
- We highly recommended that all rabbits are vaccinated against Myxomatosis and Viral Haemorrhagic Disease (VHD). These illnesses are common in wild rabbits, so it's important to prevent contact between wild and pet rabbits. Keep an eye on your rabbit's behaviour - any changes may be a sign of illness or pain. If you're ever concerned about their health, contact a vet immediately. We also advise you read the guidance notes: RSPCA Welfare of Animals kept on Allotments ([Advice and Welfare Information for Animals - RSPCA - rspca.org.uk](#))
- Allotment Tenants are not permitted to breed rabbits on the allotment site nor profit from the sale of produce.

**Failure to comply with the Terms & Conditions of this agreement can lead to the tenancy of any Allotment plot being terminated.**



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Name	
Address	
Contact Number	
Plot Number	
Size of rabbit housing and outdoor run	
Number of rabbits	
Vets' business name, address and contact number	
Emergency contact name and number (in case of an emergency/on holiday)	

I have read and agree to comply with Fleetwood Town Council's policy for keeping rabbits.

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....