

A guide to Flystrike



Flystrike Kills Rabbits

Flystrike is an unpleasant and distressing condition which occurs in the summer months when flies lay their eggs around a rabbit's bottom, or within faeces in the hutch. The eggs hatch into maggots which feed on the faeces and eventually the rabbit, burrowing into its flesh. Sound horrible? It is. Prevention is better than cure – if caught quick enough some rabbits can be successfully treated, but flystrike is often fatal. Effective hutch hygiene and good health care is by far the best defence.

Follow Russel Rabbit's simple 3-step guide to ensure that your rabbit is not at risk.



Supreme Keep It Clean

A cage and hutch cleaning spray that reduces pet odours, germs and bacteria (which can harm your pet), also reducing the risk of flystrike. Keep It Clean can also be sprayed on the bedding and accessories as well as inside the cage or hutch, ensuring that your pet's home is clean and smells fresh at all times. Suitable for all animals, it is available in 3 fresh smelling fragrances: Lemon, Lavender and Coconut.



Prevention



Step 1

Examine your rabbit each day, indoors or outdoors, to check that his fur is clean, dry and not matted with faeces.

Flies are attracted by a "sticky bottom" or diarrhoea. If there is no sign of maggots, carefully rinse the area with warm water and mild soap. Thoroughly dry your rabbit and put it in a warm environment to prevent hypothermia. If you do see any sign of maggots, immediately remove them using a pair of tweezers and contact your vet straight away. Ensure that your rabbit has a balanced, complete diet in order to avoid the side effects of digestive disturbances. Diarrhoea is often the sign of a poor quality diet lacking in fibre.

Step 2

Change soiled bedding every day.

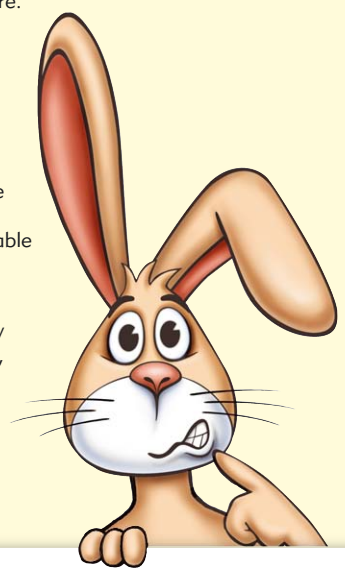
A dirty hutch and bedding is a magnet for flies. Use plenty of good quality absorbent bedding in your rabbit's toilet area to avoid excess moisture.

Step 3

Once a week, thoroughly clean and disinfect the hutch.

Remove everything from the hutch and disinfect it with a purpose-made solution suitable for use with small animals.

Keep it Clean is a non-toxic hutch cleaner formulated by vets to eliminate pet odours, germs and most bacteria.



'There are no flies on me!'

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