



e-petition – 100,000 signatures needed!

Introduce a code of practice for the welfare of domestic rabbits.

Responsible department: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

We urge the government to introduce a code of practice for the welfare of domestic rabbits (as currently exists for dogs and cats).

Rabbits are the UK's third most popular pet. An estimated 1.6 million are kept as pets. However, research has identified them to be the MOST neglected and cruelly treated of all pets.

SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE! We must take action to reduce the widespread suffering of domestic rabbits. This must begin with changing the public perception of rabbits as 'cheap', 'easy' and even 'disposable' pets. In reality rabbits are sensitive, intelligent animals with complex needs. They can live in excess of ten years and deserve similar status/protection as the UK's dogs and cats.

We need to challenge the unacceptable common place attitude of 'it's only a rabbit'. We believe that this should start by the government introducing a code of practice for the welfare of domestic rabbits.

