

Rabbit Case History Sheets

(essential) questions



Age Sex Male/Female (always confirm by checking)

Neutered Yes/No

Breed Colour Weight Kg

Other in-contact Rabbit (or guinea pig) Yes/No if Yes, Sex Male/Female

Vaccination history Booster due

Identification (Microchip/Leg ring/ear tag)

Mainly, Indoor/Outdoor. If Outdoor, Hutch only/Has run/Loose in garden

If Hutch, size, material and location

Frequency of cleaning Disinfectant used

Evidence of any foxes in garden Yes/No

Diet (Full details inc any hay or grass)

..... Last meal

Supplements (type & frequency) Source of water

Faecal pellets (describe and examine, gross & microscopic)

Caecotrophs Evident at perineal region Yes/No

Last faeces passed Evident in box/container Yes/No

Being passed during consultation Yes/No

Urination Yes/No

Description (fresh and after standing)

If owner thinks there is blood, was this confirmed on dip-stick? Yes/No

Previous history of illness or treatments

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Owner's current concern

Mouth:-

Any problems eating?

Any wetness or staining around the mouth (may indicate malocclusion)?

Any discomfort?

Incisors:-

Are these normal, overlong or missing?

Is there normal occlusion?

Are they loose?

Any signs of abnormal growth?

Any abnormal wearing?

Have they been removed?

If any problems, radiographs were normal? Yes/No

Mandible:-

Are there any lumps on its ventral surface?

If yes,

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Radiographs were normal Yes/No

Needle biopsy Yes/No

Molars:- (may need Sedation/Anaesthesia to examine properly):-

Any history of previous problems or dental treatment?

Any discomfort on palpation through cheek?

Any spurs?

Any displaced teeth?

Any loose or missing teeth?

Any abnormal wearing of crowns?

If abnormalities,

Radiographs were normal Yes/No

Blood sample (for Ca & P) taken Yes/No

Nose:-

Any discharge or staining?

If yes, Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken Yes/No

Any flaring of nostrils on breathing?

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Eyes (gross and ophthalmoscopic examination required):-

Any discharge or staining of medial canthus/cheek?

If yes,

Sample (for Culture/Cytology) takenYes/No

Nasolacrimal duct wasNormal/Blocked

Any fur loss around orbit?

Any swelling (eye or eyelids), exophthalmus or prolapse of nictitans?

If yes,

Unilateral/Bilateral?

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsyYes/No

Ultrasound examinationYes/No

Any sign of discomfort or blepharospasm?

If yes, fluorescein was Positive/Negative

Local anaesthetic used to examineYes/No

Any corneal lesion?

If yes, fluorescein was Positive/Negative

Any conjunctivitis or scleral congestion?

If yes,

Intra-ocular pressure wasmmHg

Sample (for Culture/Cytology) takenYes/No

Any iridal swelling or colour change?

Any opacity of the lens?

Any retinal lesions?

Ears:-

Any crusting deposits?

If yes, microscopy showed mitesYes/No

Any swelling?

If yes,

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsyYes/No

Any fur loss?

Chest (auscultation is required):-

Is breathing normal?

Any crackles/râles?

Any murmurs?

If abnormalities, radiographs were taken.....Yes/No

Abdomen (auscultation is required):-

Any evidence of bloating?

Any evidence of pregnancy?

Is abdomen empty?

Are there normal gut sounds?

Any abnormal borborygmi?

Are the intestines silent?

If abnormalities, radiographs were taken.....Yes/No

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Fur & Skin:-

Any pruritus?

Any fur loss?

Any skin lesions?

Any evidence of self-inflicted trauma?

Any subcutaneous oedema or swelling?

If yes (other than oedema),

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy Yes/No

Any crusting lesions?

Any papules?

Is there excessive scurf?

Any evidence of obvious parasitic infestation?

If any abnormalities,

Skin scrapes/brushings Yes/No

Skin biopsies Yes/No

Samples (for Culture) taken Yes/No

Perineal area:-

Any swelling?

If yes,

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy Yes/No

Any faecal contamination?

Any urine staining?

Any maggots?

Feet & Limbs:-

Any lameness/limping?

Any discomfort on flexion/extension of joints?

Any staining of fur on front legs?

Any evidence of swelling, especially of joints?

If yes,

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy Yes/No

Are the claws overgrown?

Any pododermatitis?

If abnormalities, radiographs were taken..... Yes/No