

The benefits of probiotics for humans have been well documented, with a wide range of products that can top up the good bacteria in your gut – helping to support your body's natural defences.

But did you know that your rabbit can get similar benefits from probiotics as well?

Rabbits rely on a stable mix of beneficial gut bacteria and yeasts to help digest their fibrous diet. These healthy bacteria can be weakened by stress, a change of diet, changes in the environment or disease.

Which is why Protexin, working in partnership with practising vets and microbiologists worldwide, have developed a leading range of probiotic products to help support your rabbit's natural defences.

Inside this leaflet you'll find details of our range, so you can discuss with your vet what is best for your rabbit.

And if your vet does supply you a Protexin product, you'll find all the information you need to help you give it correctly, so your rabbit can benefit.



Fibreplex Bio-Lapis Pro-Fibre



For further information on the Protexin range of products, just ask your vet or visit www.protexinvet.com

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An owner's guide to rabbit digestive health



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Fibreplex



It is vital for rabbit intestines to be constantly moving. When a rabbit is stressed, ill or fed an inappropriate diet these gut movements slow down and can completely stop. When this happens bacteria in the intestines multiply and can cross into the bloodstream.

Protexin Fibreplex is a carrot flavoured high fibre paste that is quick to work, delivering a concentrated dose of fibre to help return movement to the gut. Fibreplex also contains probiotics to restore beneficial microorganisms and Preplex® – a prebiotic to stimulate the growth of good bacteria.

Fibreplex will protect rabbits in times of stress, whether this is from illness, surgery, environmental or social anxiety.

Digestive upsets and antibiotics may also alter normal intestinal microflora population.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Give 1ml per kg of body weight by mouth, three times a day, for as long as considered necessary or as advised by your veterinary surgeon.



Bio-Lapis



Rabbits and small pets are vulnerable to dehydration, particularly at times of illness, surgery or stress. This may be due to a combination of increased fluid loss and decreased fluid intake. Bio-Lapis contains electrolytes and vitamins for fast oral rehydration. It also contains probiotics to restore the good bacteria and Preplex®, a prebiotic to support the rabbit's own beneficial bacteria.

Antibiotics can easily upset the microflora balance in the rabbit's hindgut. Bio-Lapis may be used alongside antibiotics to help stabilise the population of good bacteria and protect against gastrointestinal disease.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Use one sachet per day for as long as considered necessary by your veterinary surgeon. To create an isotonic solution add one sachet to 50ml of water. It is also advisable to provide an alternative source of water.

Your vet will help you decide which formulation is appropriate for your rabbit's particular condition.



Pro-Fibre



Rabbits require a mix of fibre lengths in their diet. Longer pieces of fibre encourage gut movements, smaller pieces of fibre are digested by microbes to provide the rabbit's nutritional needs. Insufficient fibre can lead to digestive problems. Rabbits with insufficient fibre in their diet have slower gut movements and produce less faeces. They are also less likely to eat their soft sticky faeces, called caecotrophs, a normal part of rabbit digestion. These caecotrophs may then gather around the rabbit's rear-end and cause skin irritation and fly strike.

Protexin Pro-Fibre is a dandelion flavoured pellet containing high levels of insoluble and soluble fibre, probiotics to help re-populate the gut with beneficial microorganisms and Preplex® – a prebiotic to stimulate the growth of the good bacteria.

Given daily, it can help promote efficient digestion and avoid the gut problems associated with insufficient dietary fibre.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Sprinkle liberally over normal food or make available ad libitum in a separate container, or as directed by a veterinary surgeon.



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