

The Burgess Guide to Feeding Happy Rabbits

NASTURTIUM
Bright flowers which are safe for rabbits to eat, as well as the leaves

STINGING NETTLE
(dried) An excellent source of protein. Many rabbits prefer to eat dried nettles rather than fresh nettles

DANDELION
Very palatable to rabbits and often used to encourage inappetent rabbits to eat

SAVOY CABBAGE
Feed in small amounts once or twice a week



YARROW
Has feathery leaves and flowers and is high in fibre



PARSLEY
Fragrant herb popular with rabbits



STRAWBERRY PLANT LEAVES
Rabbits are naturally drawn to the leaves of strawberry plants, as well as raspberry and blackberry



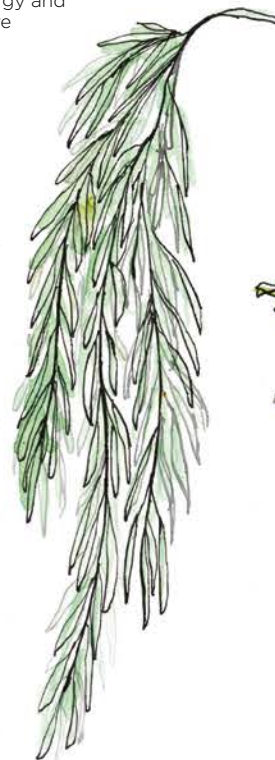
HAZEL
Clean branches and twigs beforehand to ensure it is free from insects, and always ensure that they have not been sprayed with any chemicals



CAULIFLOWER
Green leafy portions low in energy and high in fibre



WILLOW
Can be used to make balls and other shapes that can be stuffed with hay to provide environmental enrichment through play



GRASS
There are lots of varieties! Access to grazing on a daily basis is ideal. However, grass clippings should never be fed as they ferment quickly in the gut causing bloat



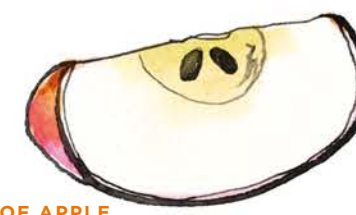
COLTSFOOT
Is naturally high in fibre so helps maintain digestive health; and is known for its respiratory health support



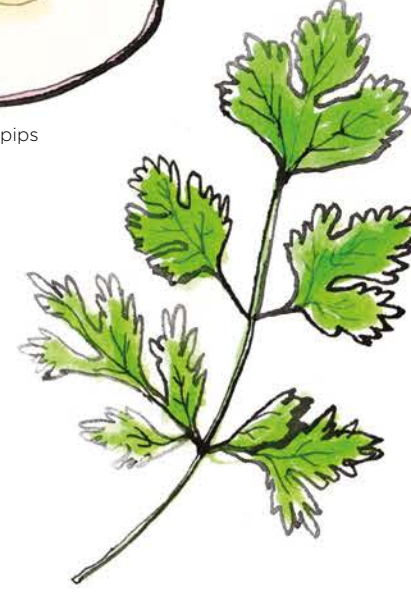
SPRING GREENS
Closely related to kale and rich in fibre and vitamin C



1cm OF APPLE
Remove the skin, stem and pips before feeding



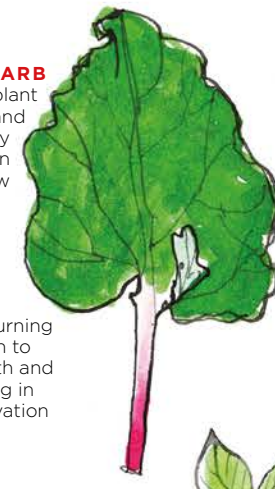
CORIANDER
Powerful flavours of herbs may take a little time to get used to



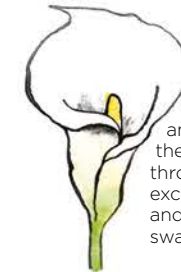
CELERY
Rabbits with dental issues may struggle due to stringy nature



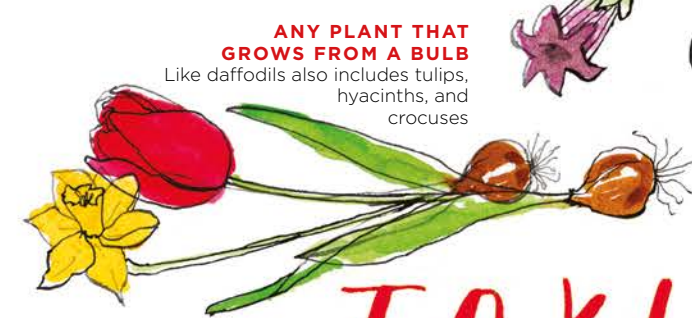
RHUBARB
All parts of this plant can be an irritant and are potentially poisonous when eaten raw



ARUM
Causes burning and irritation to the lips, mouth and throat resulting in excessive salivation and difficulty swallowing

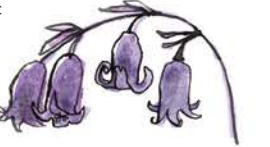


DEADLY NIGHTSHADE
Also called belladonna. There are many signs of poisoning including weakness, gastrointestinal signs, slow heart rate, dilated pupils and behavioural changes



ANY PLANT THAT GROWS FROM A BULB
Like daffodils also includes tulips, hyacinths, and crocuses

BLUEBELL
Can cause similar issues to foxglove resulting in diarrhoea, lower pulse rate, and in more severe cases cardiac arrhythmias. The bulb may be accidentally consumed.



FOXGLOVE
Despite their beautiful flowers any part of this plant can cause poisoning. Signs include diarrhoea, weakness and irregular heart beat



DAILY

Aim to feed 5-6 greens a day.
Mix and match - remember that the bulk of the diet should be hay/grass!

TREATS

Limit to 1-2 tablespoons per day. Grow herbs in a window box for all year round supply.

TOXIC

If you suspect your rabbit has eaten a toxic plant, seek veterinary advice immediately.



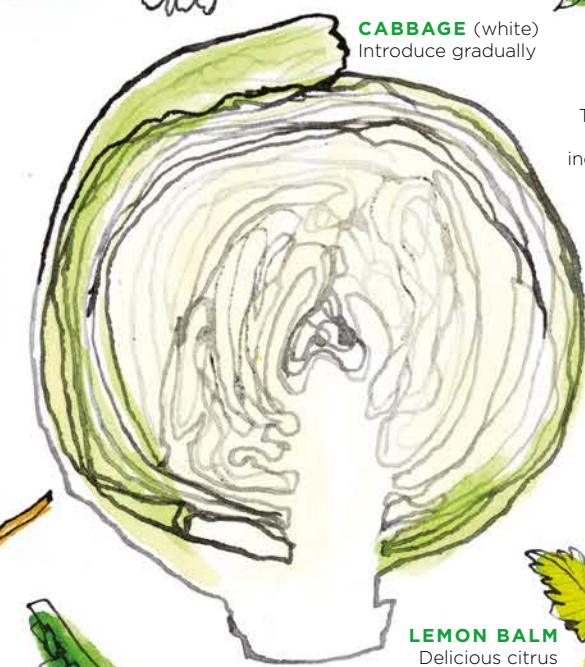
PEAR TWIGS & LEAVES
Twigs of fruit trees make great chew toys and provide environmental enrichment



ROSE
Flower petals can be high in sugar so should be fed in moderation



CHAMOMILE
Known for its calming properties



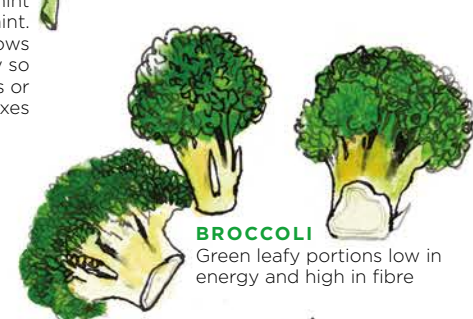
CABBAGE (white)
Introduce gradually



MINT
There are different types of mint including spearmint and peppermint. Mint grows profusely so grow in pots or window boxes



BLACKBERRY LEAVES & STEMS
Take care with the thorns on brambles



BROCCOLI
Green leafy portions low in energy and high in fibre



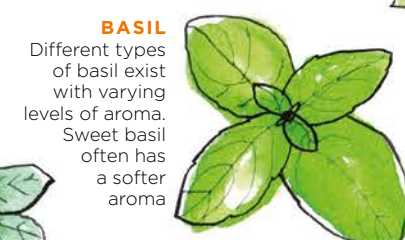
LEMON BALM
Delicious citrus aroma and known for its calming properties



DILL
Feed in small amounts occasionally



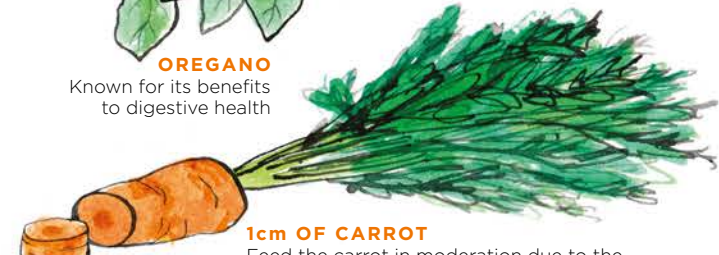
1cm SWEDE
Feed in small amounts occasionally due to sugar content



BASIL
Different types of basil exist with varying levels of aroma. Sweet basil often has a softer aroma



OREGANO
Known for its benefits to digestive health



1cm OF CARROT
Feed the carrot in moderation due to the sugar levels. However, carrot tops are very palatable and can be fed more freely

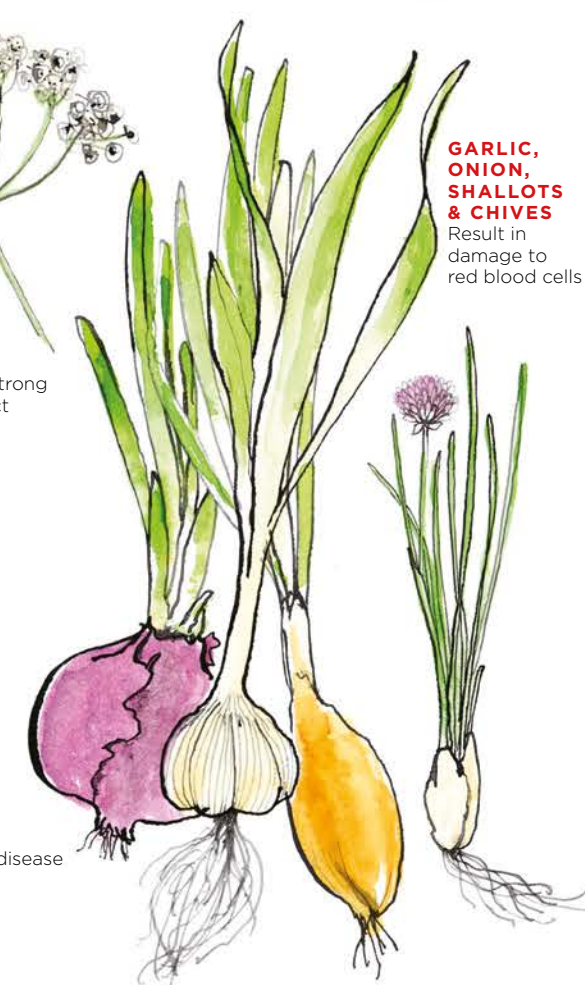


HEMLOCK
Signs of poisoning include loss of appetite, abdominal pain, bloat, muscle tremors and incoordination



BRYONY
Produces a strong laxative effect

RAGWORT
Causes liver disease



GARLIC, ONION, SHALLOTS & CHIVES
Result in damage to red blood cells

THE EXCEL FEEDING PLAN



The complete diet for fibrevores

FEEDING GUIDELINES

Never make sudden changes to your rabbits' diet and introduce new foods gradually

Ensure all plants are carefully washed and keep your rabbits' vaccinations up to date

This is not an exhaustive list so check with your vet if you are unsure about any plants not included on this poster

For more information and advice visit burgesspetcare.co.uk

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