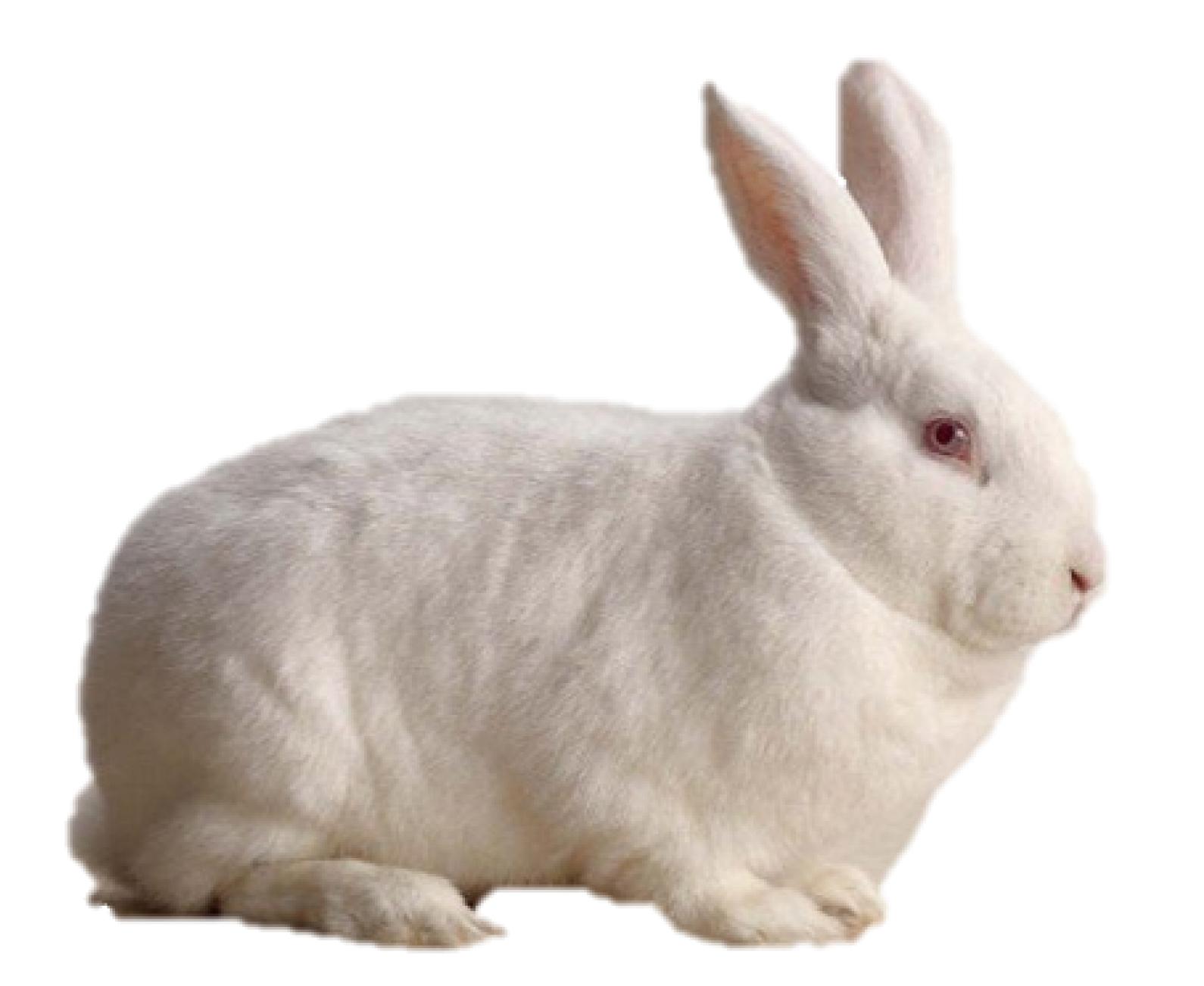
## Who is the doe?

### The doe is the adult female of domestic rabbits

Does can live up to 14 years, but does in commercial production are slaughtered at around 1.8 years old after they have had around 3 to 4 litters.



## How does the doe spend her day?

Hopping and accessing higher surfaces

Hiding

**Sleeping and lying** stretched out

Grooming

Socialising and nurturing her young

**Foraging and** gnawing

## What does the doe want?



**Eating and drinking** 

Space to hop, jump and move around

Easy access to good feed and water

Comfortable floor to lie down

A safe, quiet, and sheltered place to rest and hide

> Nuturing her young and interacting with other does

High places to be vigilant

They are more active at dawn and dusk and need 8 hours of continuous darkness to be fully rested

Being alert and vigilant on comfortable, higher surfaces to feel safe

Mutual grooming increases group cohesion and self grooming increases comfort

Rabbits are timid animals. Providing them with hiding opportunities reduces their stress

### Foraging and gnawing

Ingestion of fibre is very important for their gut health. Gnawing is also necessary to keep their teeth health.

### Socialising and nuturing her young

Does feed their young once a day and around 10 days after kindling return to socialising with other adult rabbits



Possibilities to forage and dig

Material to gnaw on and to build a nest



Learn by exploring her complex environment

Grooming and allo-grooming

### Sleeping

### Accessing higher surfaces

### Grooming

### Hiding

# What are does capable of?

### **Does are are very intelligent and natural leaders!**

Does are able to understand several words

They dream too!

groups are made up of: - 2 to 9 adult females - 1 to 3 adult males

- some sub-adult non-dominant males

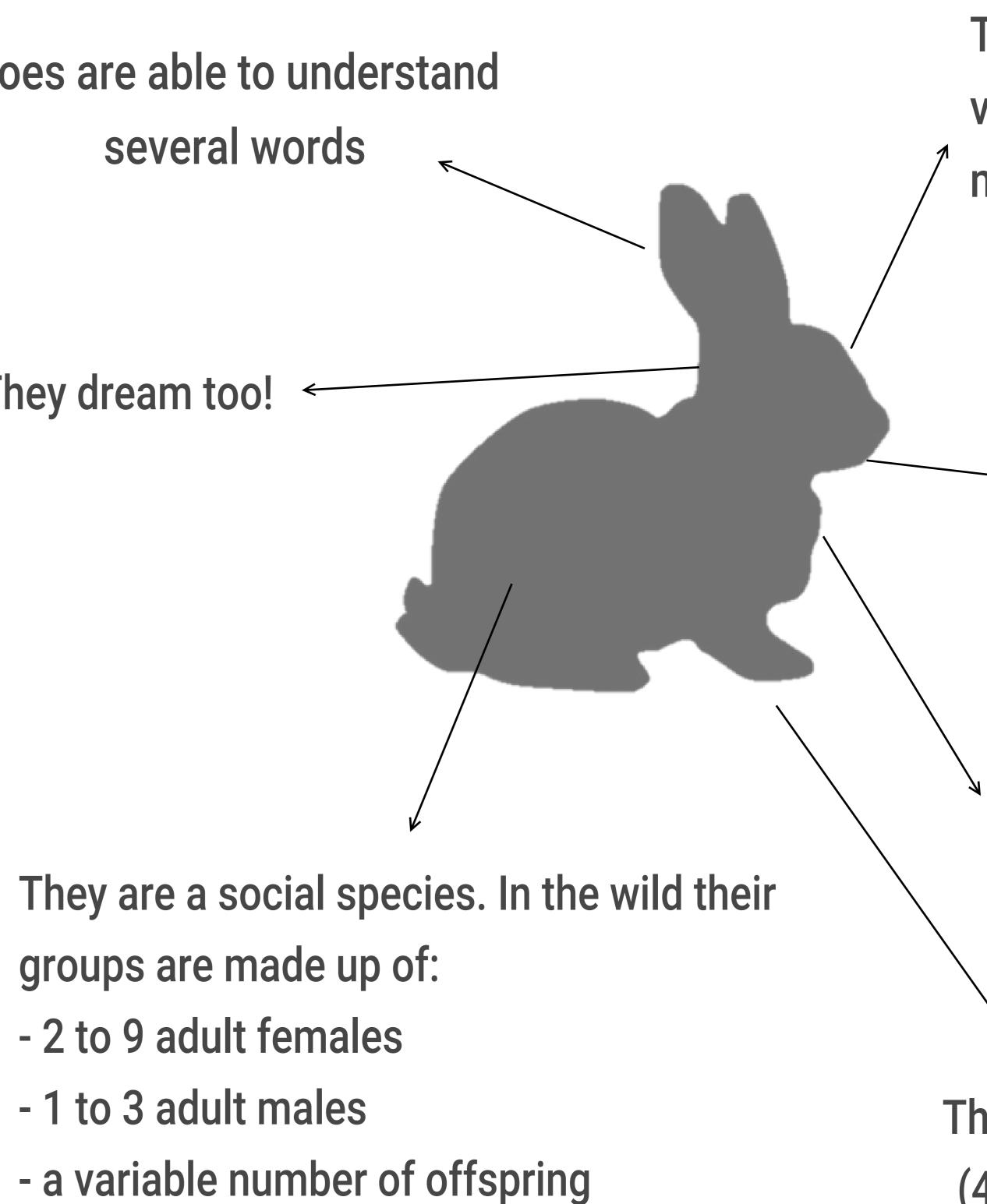




### Meaningful enrichment:

- Platforms
- Hiding places

- Gnawing objects - Dawn and dusk light regime - Nesting material - Extra straw and similar materials to keep does busy at mixing and reduce aggression



They have nearly 360° panoramic vision, allowing them to detect movement from all directions

> Their teeth are constantly growing (around 2mm per week)

In nature, females are the head of a social groups

They can jump as wide as 15 feet (457.2cm) and as high as 4 feet (121.92cm

## How can we provide does with a good quality of life?

<u>Space</u>:

- No cages
- Opportunities to socialise with
- other does after kindling
- Opportunities to escape other
- does at mixing
- At least 1000cm<sup>2</sup>/doe



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