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## Where Does a Rabbit Live?



Rabbits can be found all around the world, except for Antarctica. These small, furry animals live in habitats that provide plenty of food, hiding spots, and space to hop around. Rabbits prefer environments like grasslands, meadows, forests, and even deserts. They need places where they can stay safe from predators and raise their babies, called kits.

Grasslands and meadows are perfect for rabbits because they have lots of grass, clover, and flowers to eat. These open spaces allow rabbits to hop freely, but they also need bushes or tall grass to hide from predators like foxes and hawks. Forest edges are another common place to find rabbits. Here, they can munch on leaves, bark, and small plants, while using tree roots and fallen logs for cover.

In deserts, rabbits like species such as the jackrabbit are specially adapted to live in hot, dry conditions. They get most of their water from the plants they eat, and their large ears help them stay cool in the heat. Rabbits in these areas dig burrows to escape the sun and avoid predators.

Rabbits are experts at digging! They use their strong front paws to create burrows, which are tunnels in the ground. Burrows keep rabbits safe and provide a cool place to rest. A group of burrows connected together is called a warren. Warrens are like little rabbit neighborhoods where many rabbits can live together.

While wild rabbits live in nature, pet rabbits live in homes or outdoor hutches. They still need space to hop and hide, just like their wild relatives. It's important to provide pet rabbits with plenty of fresh hay, water, and a safe environment.

Rabbits are amazing animals that have adapted to live in many different habitats. Whether in the grassy fields of North America, the deserts of Australia, or the forests of Europe, rabbits know how to make their homes in some of the world's most diverse places.