
Accommodation

The angora, because of its coat requires a little more thought as regards its housing. Hutches should also be acquired or constructed before the rabbit arrives. It should have a well constructed wooden hutch, ideally measuring 3' x 2' x 1'8" and with no rough surfaces. Hutches can be built singly and placed one on top of another or constructed as a block, either way the lowest hutch should be raised off the floor (12" being ideal). Breeding hutches should have a removable central division and be of at least 5' x 2' x 1'8" in size so that the doe and young have plenty of room to move around and not damage their coats as they grow bigger. Do not waste time and money on breeding compartments as they are not really necessary unless the rabbits are housed outside in a sheltered position.

We keep our rabbits permanently on wire frames which fit into the cage. They are made of 2" x 1" wood and covered with 14 or 12 gauge 1/2" x 1/2" wire mesh, the edges of which have been embedded into the wood and filed smooth so that the coat is not caught or the feet damaged. Unless the rabbit is being kept for showing a good layer of straw is put on top of the wire frame. In this way all wet drains through and is mopped up under the frame by newspaper spread over the hutch floor. However, you do not need to keep them on wire but the coat is more likely to get soiled unless cleaning out is done very regularly. Cleaning out at least once a week is a must.

Hook-on water cups are the best and a similar food bowl or a heavy flat-bottomed glazed earthenware bowl is suitable for food. Use only utensils which have no rough edges to catch the coat.

Although the angora is as hardy as any other breed of rabbit, hutches are best placed under some form of shelter or lean-to and situated in a shaded position away from driving rain and direct sunlight.
