

THIS EASTER, PICK THE CHOCOLATE KIND



Live Easter pets require long term commitment

Rabbits have an average life span of 8 to 12 years!

Ducks and chickens can live for 7 to 10 years.



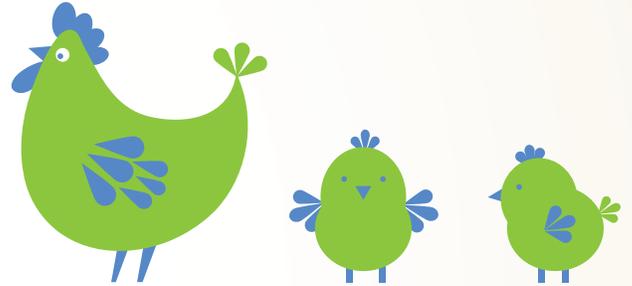
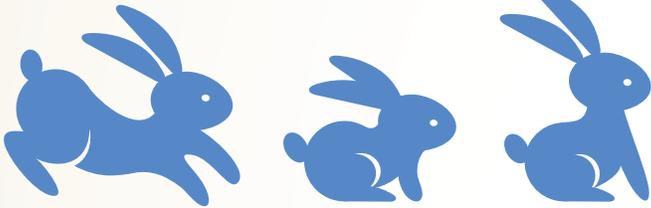
More than 740 rabbits were turned over to animal shelters in N.C. last year.*

More than 115 chickens were turned over to animal shelters in N.C. last year.*



Rabbits require annual veterinary checkups and daily care, including cleaning their cage.

Chickens and ducks are not considered indoor pets and cannot be housebroken.



Fun Facts

- More than 3 billion eggs are produced in North Carolina each year.
- The average chicken in a commercial setting lays 243 eggs a year.
- Eggs are checked for quality by N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services egg inspectors.
- Rabbits' teeth continually grow and they must be given items to chew on to keep them filed down.
- Some rabbits are bred for their soft wool. Others are bred for their meat.
- Baby chicks must be kept warm, 90 to 95 degrees, their first week.



* The actual number is likely much higher. Not all shelters report the number of chickens or rabbits to the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services because they are not required to do so.