



- Difficulty eating
- [A mucky bottom and matted fur](#)
- Weight loss
- Bad breath
- Being quieter than usual
- A reduced number of pellets
- [Diarrhoea/soft faeces](#)
- [Weepy eyes](#)
- A lumpy jaw line

## Causes

Many different problems can cause a sore mouth, including:

**[Dental disease \(tooth problems\)](#)** - overgrown teeth and tooth root abscesses are common problems in pet rabbits, especially those being fed an [inappropriate diet](#).

**A mouth infection (stomatitis)**

**Mouth sores, ulcers or wounds** - from chewing on something hard, toxic, or irritating (e.g. electric wires).

**A growth or something stuck inside their mouth** - such as a piece of toy or a stick.

## When to contact your vet

Contact your vet immediately if you notice your rabbit has a sore mouth. If the problem is left too long, your rabbit might stop eating which can rapidly turn into a serious problem such as gut stasis (when the guts stop working).

**You know your rabbit best. If they don't have the exact symptoms listed above but you are still concerned, it's always best to contact your vet.**

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