

## HEALTH STUDY RESULTS

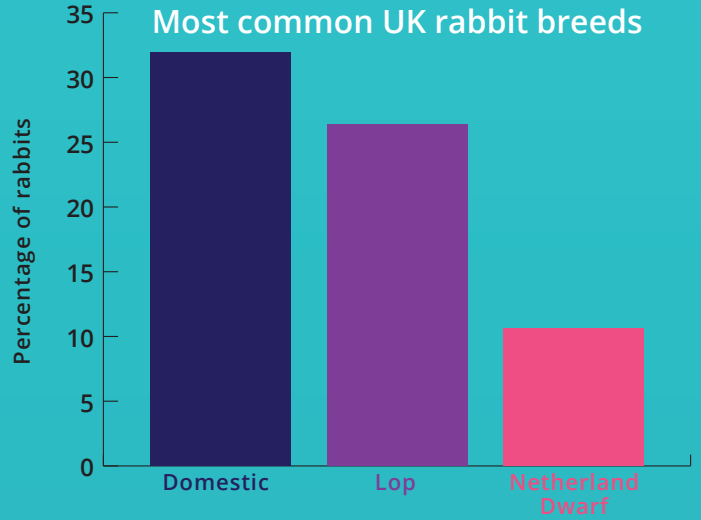
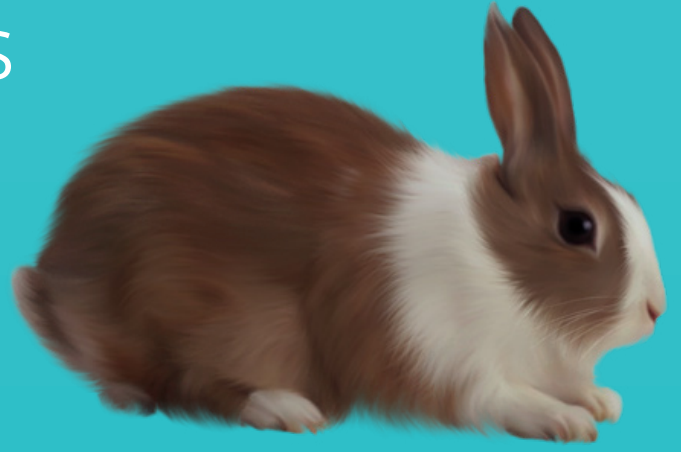
Number of UK rabbits in study



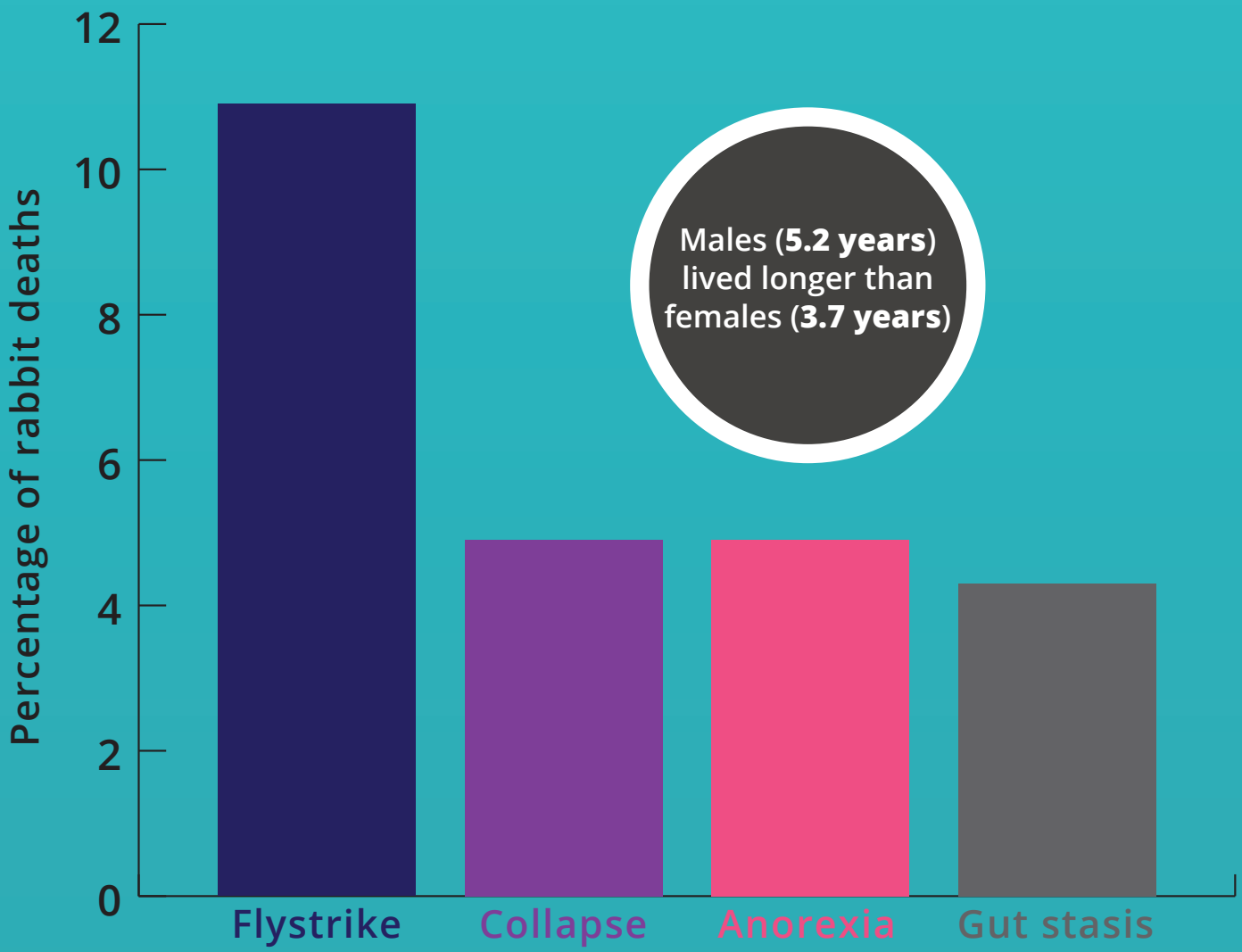
Average lifespan



Average adult bodyweight

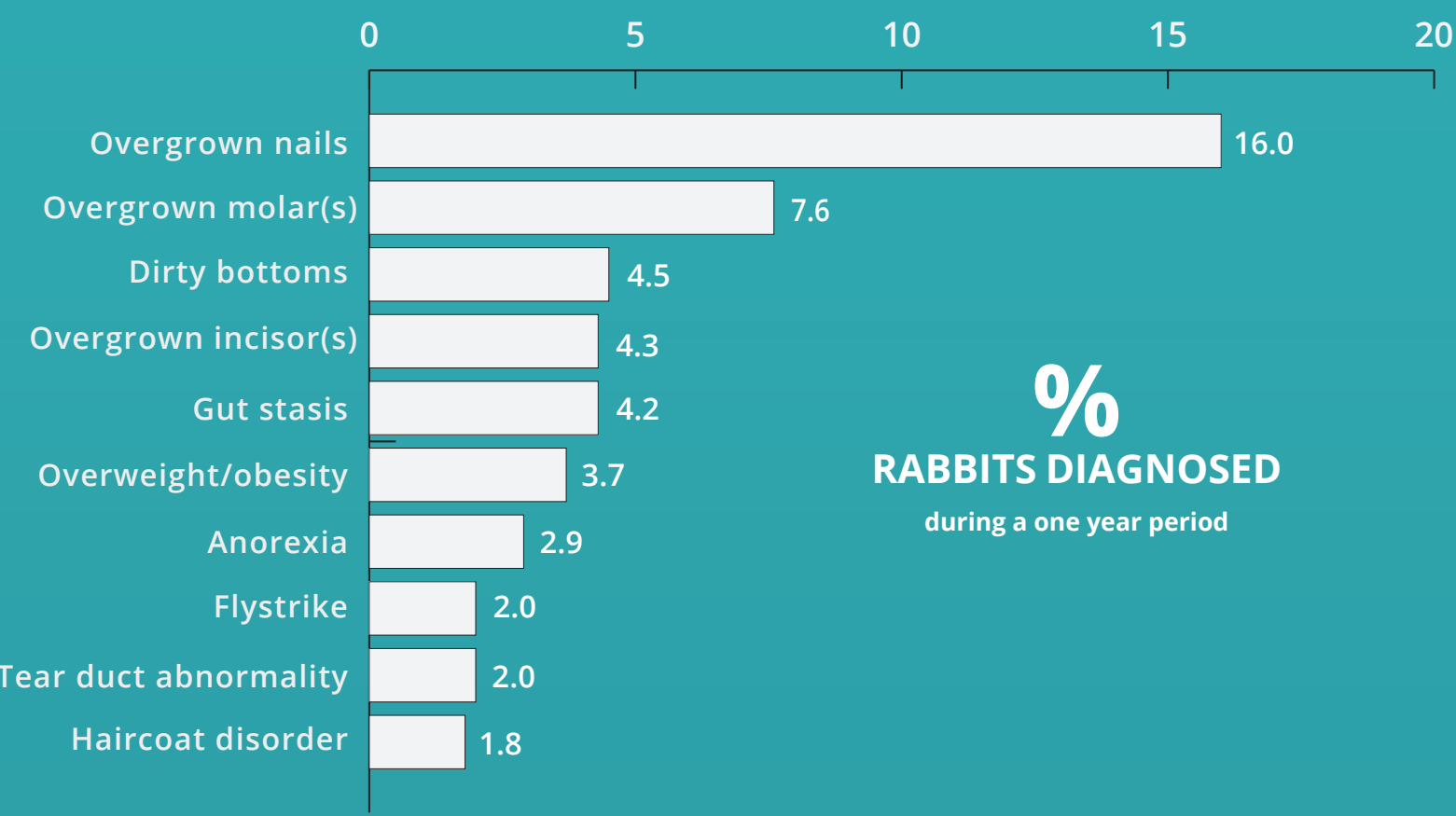


### Most Common Causes of Death



Males (5.2 years) lived longer than females (3.7 years)

### Most Common Disorders Diagnosed in Rabbits



### CONCLUSIONS:

Many common disorders are associated with inappropriate housing or feeding.

Rabbits evolved as prey species and can disguise external signs of disease, making it hard for owners to spot that their rabbit is ill.

This study can improve the lives of rabbits by helping owners to recognise common health problems and prioritise key management factors that will improve the lives of our rabbits.

### CLICK TO READ

O'Neill et al. (2020) "Morbidity and mortality of domestic rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) under primary veterinary care in England" Vet Record

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