

Rabbits Remain to be Popular Pets in Hong Kong

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Crowded (Adjective) /'kraʊdɪd/ having too many people
Example: The bar gets very crowded during happy hour.
2. Luxury (Adjective) /'lʌkʃəri/ expensive and of very high quality
Example: She loves staying at luxury hotels and resorts.
3. Resort (Noun) /rɪ'zɔ:rt/ a place where people stay or visit while on vacation
Example: One night at this luxury hotel costs ¥100,000..
4. Remove (Verb) /rɪ'mu:v/ to take someone or something away from or off a position or place
Example: Please remove your shoes before coming inside.
5. Restriction (Noun) /rɪ'strɪkʃən/ a law or rule that limits what is allowed to happen or be done
Example: New Zealand had some of the strictest COVID-19 restrictions in the world.
6. Cute (Adjective) /kju:t/ attractive or pretty in a way that causes feelings of love
Example: Shiba Inu is one of the cutest breed of dogs.



In Hong Kong, one of the world's most crowded cities, where most apartments are very small, rabbits are popular pets. But when their owners want to travel, the staff of Bunny Style, a luxury rabbit resort, are waiting to look after the lonely animals. According to Donna Li, the owner of Bunny Style, the rabbits enjoy parties, spa treatments, with lots of food and exercise. Some owners order special vegetable cakes.

Li, who has two pet rabbits of her own, started Bunny Style in June 2022, beginning with just an indoor play space for rabbits. After the government began removing COVID-19 restrictions in September, she started offering overnight accommodation.

With space for 15 rabbits, Bunny Style was full over Christmas and the Lunar New Year and has already begun taking bookings for Easter. Li and her staff feed the rabbits, brush their hair, cut their nails, and give them exercise. Owners can also watch live videos, so they know that their rabbits are having a good time.

Li believes rabbits know when they are being looked after well. "I think rabbits understand what people say," she said. "And so when I look after them, I talk to them a lot, telling them how beautiful and cute they are." One night at Bunny Style costs about \$15 and includes half an hour of play time. Spa treatments and special food items are extra.

DISCUSSION

1. What are your thoughts on Bunny Style?
2. Are rabbits popular pets where you live? Why do you think that is?
3. Do you have any pets? If so, who usually looks after them when you travel?
4. Have you ever lived in a small house or apartment with a pet?
5. Have you been to Hong Kong? If so, what did you make of it? If not, would you like to?