



# ANIMAL MYTHS DEBUNKED



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**MYTH:**

**Black cats are unlucky.**

# TRUTH:

**Black cats were given a bad reputation because people once thought they were witches in disguise. In reality, they are just normal cats. Black cats can be great companions or additions to the community.**



**MYTH:**

**Pitbulls have locking jaws.**

# TRUTH:

**While pitbulls have a strong bite, they do not have locking jaws. If they did, then they wouldn't be able to eat!**



**MYTH:**

**All Chihuahuas are yappy.**

# TRUTH:

**Chihuahuas have a loud reputation for such a little dog. Unfortunately, many people do not train smaller dogs because the belief is that they are easier to handle than larger dogs. Lack of training can lead to some bad behavior from smaller dogs such as barking, jumping, nipping, and begging.**



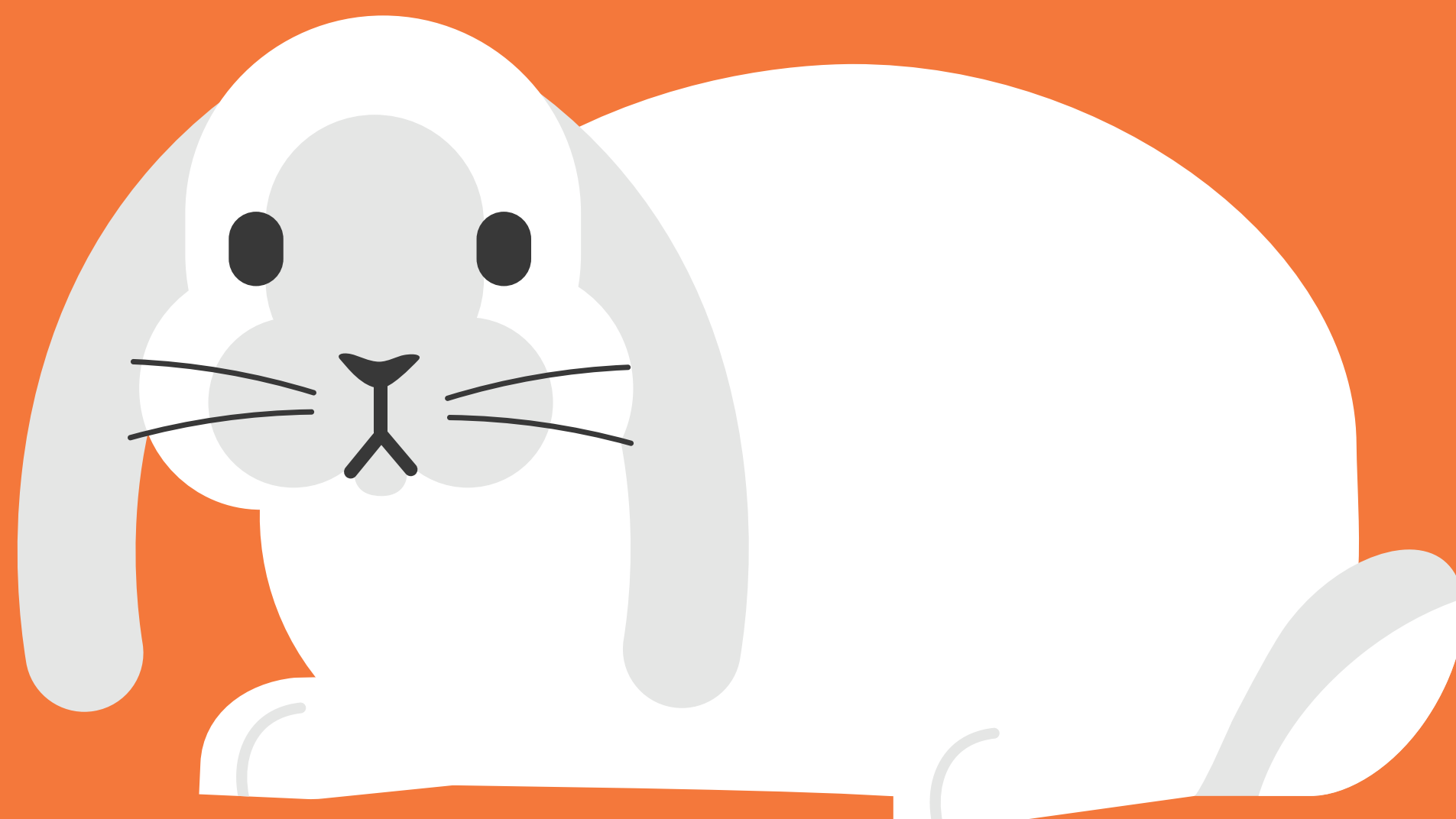
**MYTH:**

**Cats cannot be trained.**



# TRUTH:

**Cats are actually very trainable. It just requires some patience and yummy treats!**



**MYTH:**

**A rabbit is a short-term pet.**

# TRUTH:

**Domestic rabbits that are kept as pets can live anywhere between 8-12 years. Like any pet, rabbits need regular vet visits, enrichment time, access to clean water and a variety of food, and shelter against the elements. Rabbits are very affectionate and fulfilling pets.**



# YOUR TURN!

**Using the internet, look up three animal myths. Look up the origins of the myth and how they may or may not have affected the animal's reputation. Discuss your findings with the people in your home.**