

Bunny Basics



Housing

- Indoor housing is essential.
- Rabbits should be housed in areas under 80 degrees. Keep them out of drafty spaces.
- Use cages with solid floors, not wire. X-pens are preferable since they are easy to move and clean.
- Cat litter boxes work great for rabbits. Use paper-based litter, and add hay to the litter box too.
- Provide the rabbit someplace to hide such as a house or box.
- Fleece blankets are great to use on the floor of x-pens or cages.

Diet

- Hay is the most important part of a rabbit's diet. Feed unlimited grass hay, such as timothy.
- Provide fresh water daily.
- Feed pellets without seeds, nuts, or colored pieces, 1/4 cup per 5 lbs. of body weight.
- Feed 2 cups of greens and other vegetables per 6 lbs. of body weight.
- Heavy ceramic bowls work best for bunnies.

General Care

- Rabbits can live 8-12 years.
- Rabbits should have a least 3-4 hours of exercise time outside the cage/x-pen a day.
- Make sure to rabbit proof your house. Cover cords!
- Provide toys for exercise and mental stimulation. Good choices are paper bags, cardboard boxes, paper towel rolls, cardboard concrete forms.
- Provide acceptable things for the rabbit to chew, such as willow toys, untreated pine lumber, etc.

Health

- Choose a vet with experience treating bunnies.
- Make sure rabbits get a yearly vet check-up.
- Seek immediate veterinary attention if rabbit eating or litter box behavior changes suddenly. Rabbits are also prone to ear infections.



Looking For More Rabbit Resources?

Check out the House Rabbit Society website at:
<http://rabbit.org/>