

All About Bunny Care-

You are interested in or are getting a bunny! Here is anything and everything that you need to know about adding a bunny to your family.

What do Rabbits Eat?

Hay Hay and more Hay! Your rabbits diet should mainly consist of hay. Hay is high in fiber and helps keep their digestive system moving. Bunnies under 6 months old need a higher fiber diet then adult bunnies so feeding alfalfa hay or a mixture of alfalfa and timothy is recommended. After 6 months old switch to timothy. Some rabbits can be picky hay eaters. If so you may want to check the Small Pet Select sampler box to see if your bun prefers a different type or cutting of hay. If your bun is not wanting to eat a ton of hay, try adding some herbs and flowers to the mix, all of the hay that we recommend is listed below as well as flowers and herbs to add!

Flowers and Herbs

Oxbow Timothy Hay

Oxbow Timothy and Orchard Hay Mix (Good for a different variety!)

Oxbow Alfalfa Hay (Rabbits 6 Months and Under)

Small Pet Select Meadow Hay (Soft Hay Good for Rabbits that Wont Eat Timothy or Orchard)

Fresh Fruits and Veggies! Bunnies absolutely love their veggies! Each bunny has his or hers own taste preferences so its important to know what your bun likes or dislikes. If your bunny is under 6 months old, take it slow when introducing new veggies. Once they hit 6 months, you can treat them to 1 cup of fresh, crunchy goodness for every 4 pounds of bunny. And hey, fruits are like sweet little surprises, but go easy because they're sugary treats for special occasions!

Pellets. Pellets should not have any refined sugars or artificial ingredients. It should not have any nuts, fruits, or mystery little pieces mixed in the pellets. Many brands have treats, corn or random seeds and nuts mixed in. Stay away from those types of pellets. Below is all of the pellets that I recommend, including the one that my bunnies eat!

Sherwood Timothy Pellets

Oxbow Timothy Pellets

Oxbow Young Alfalfa Pellets (6 Months and Under or for Nursing and Pregnant Buns)

Oxbow Garden Select Pellets

- Bunnies under 1 year should get unlimited pellets
- Bunnies over 1 year should get ½ a cup per 6 pounds per rabbit

Housing-

Your bunnies living space is one of the most important things to consider when adopting a bun. Give your bunny the freedom to roam about with exercise pens, Get creative with the goodies that you have inside. Some things to have in their pen are, toys, hideouts, beds, blankets, and a litter box! I will link all the things you need for your bunny to be happy and healthy. Some toys you can give them are even in your own home such as toilet paper rolls and cardboard boxes! They love to chew on cardboard and dig at it. Rabbits need plenty of space to run, jump, and binky! Which is why an exercise pen is perfect for just that!

Below, I will list a pen that I use and definitely recommend. It is budget friendly and you can connect multiple ones for an expanded rabbit wonderland. If you have a high jumping bun try to aim for a 36" minimum. It has 8 2ft panels which creates a perfect amount of room for your bun but also doesn't take up to much space. Pens are also very light so are super easy to move! So its perfect for outdoor play as well! Just fold it up, set it outside, and let the bunny adventures begin!

Pen (Goes up to 48 inches but don't go lower than 36!)

<u>Toy Cups</u> (Great for them to throw around and chew on)

<u>Hay Mats</u> (My buns love to sleep on these and eat them!)

Knot Nibbler

Foraging Mat

KW Cages Litter Box (Easy to clean!)

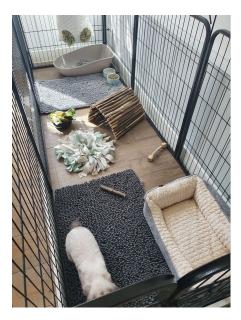
Lock-N-Litter Pan (You can lock on to the side of the pen so they can't move it)

Bunny Castle Hideout

Hammock Bed

More Toys

Below are some enclosure ideas!





Can Bunnies Be Litter Trained?

Absolutely, bunnies can become litter training champions with a little effort! From the moment our babies at Happy Rabbit Farms jump out of the nest box, we introduce them to the litter box. It takes time but they will get the hang of it! Before diving into litter training, keep in mind that bunnies naturally use pee and poop to mark their territory. During the training phase, confine your bunny to a small, easy-to-clean space with textured vinyl flooring from Lowe's or Home Depot. Scatter plenty of litter boxes in your bunny's play areas, and you'll be well on your way to a tidy and trained bunny haven.

Here are some great litter box options along with litter-



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Rabbit Litter Box, Medium

For medium breeds, galvanized.

kwcages.com

Ware Scatterless Lock-N-Litter Pan - 2 Sizes

Easy cleanup and helps with odor control. Comes in 2 sizes: Medium and XLarge

🐪 All Things Bunnies / \$19.95

Litter is really important because it keeps the smell down as well as soaks up the pee so its easier to clean. Here are some different litters to choose from:

Wood Shavings 2.5LB

Cage tray and travel carrier wood shavings



h All Things Bunnies / \$2.95





Tractor Supply Pelletized Bedding for Horses and Small Animals, 40 lb.

tractorsupply.com

Rabbit Body Language

Rabbits indeed have unique characteristics and needs compared to dogs or cats. If you have any specific questions about rabbit behaviors or if you'd like more information on a particular aspect, feel free to ask! Below is information on different bunny behaviors.

Circling: Rabbits circle when seeking to mate or as a courting behavior. Quality time, head rubs, and treats can distract them from circling.

Grunting: Grunts signal unhappiness or anger, often in response to feeling threatened or territorial. Give them space when they grunt.

Chinning: Rabbits have a scent gland under their chin, and when they chin things, they're marking their territory. Though the scent is not strong for humans, when your rabbit chinmarks you, they're expressing ownership.

Honking: If your bunny honks, it's likely a sign of courtship or happiness.

Flopping: Flopping is a dramatic and adorable action indicating extreme comfort and a sense of safety.

Ripping Up Carpet: Provide more toys to discourage carpet digging, a behavior that may emerge as their personality develops.

Frog Legs: When your rabbit stretches out their hind legs in a frog shape, it signifies contentment and relaxation.

Licking: If your rabbit licks you, it indicates trust and affection.

Lunging: This behavior occurs when they feel their territory is invaded. Use treats to associate positive experiences with your presence.

Leaving Random Poops: Scattered poops are territorial markings, especially in a new environment. Clean them up as needed.

Mounting: Dominance or mating intentions are common reasons for mounting. Check genders with a vet if unsure.

Tooth Grinding: Different from clicking, grinding suggests pain or illness. Seek immediate vet attention if observed.

Nipping: Nipping may be a request for attention or grooming. It's a soft bite, different from a more aggressive bite.

Nose-Nudging: A nudge with the nose suggests a desire for petting or a request to move.

Playing: Rabbits play by grabbing toys and tossing them around. Provide a digging box for added enjoyment.

Screeching: High-pitched screams indicate extreme fear or pain. Handle rabbits carefully and be aware of their trust level.

Spraying: Unfixed males often spray urine for territory marking.

Thumping: Thumping expresses anger, irritation, or a desire for attention.

Tooth Clicking: A light sound indicating contentment, similar to a cat's purring.

We are so excited to be a part of your bunny journey! Let us know if you have any questions!