



# Rabbit Care Guide

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Rabbits are intelligent, social animals who thrive with proper care, space, and companionship. This guide is designed to give adopters and fosters the essentials needed to help rabbits live happy, healthy, indoor lives.

## ■ Housing & Environment

- Indoor housing is strongly recommended; indoor rabbits often live 7–10+ years
- Minimum enclosure size for a 5–6 lb rabbit is 30" x 30" x 24" (larger is better)
- Housing should allow room for a litter box, food, water, toys, and full stretching
- Avoid aquariums or solid-walled cages — ammonia buildup is dangerous
- Ideal temperature is below 80°F; rabbits are highly sensitive to heat

■ **Foster Tip:** Exercise pens or bunny-proofed rooms work far better than traditional cages.

## ■ Exercise, Enrichment & Social Needs

- Rabbits require 3–6 hours of supervised exercise daily
- They are social animals and thrive with interaction and companionship
- Place housing in a family area, not isolated rooms
- With supervision, many rabbits coexist peacefully with cats or dogs

## ■■ Bedding & Litter

- Use rabbit-safe litter such as paper-based litter, aspen shavings, or wood pellets
- Never use clay cat litter, corn, wheat, pine, or cedar
- Litter boxes should be large enough for rabbits to fully relax inside

## ■ Hay, Pellets & Water

- Unlimited grass hay (timothy, orchard, or mixed grass hay) is essential for digestion
- Pellets should be plain, high fiber (>18%) and low protein (<14%)
- Limit pellets to ¼–½ cup daily for adult rabbits
- Provide fresh water daily in a heavy bowl or bottle

## ■ Vegetables, Fruits & Treats

- Feed at least 1 cup of fresh vegetables per 4 lbs of body weight daily
- Rotate leafy greens to provide variety and nutrients
- Fruit should be limited to 1–2 tablespoons per 5 lbs of body weight
- Carrots and fruit are treats — not dietary staples

## ■ Foods That Are Unsafe for Rabbits

Chocolate, bread, cereal, crackers, yogurt drops, onions, garlic, avocado, iceberg lettuce, processed or sugary foods, and all human snacks.

## ■ Litter Training Basics

- Place a generous pile of hay at one end of the litter box
- Spayed or neutered rabbits are significantly easier to litter train
- Start with a small area and expand as habits improve
- Clean accidents with white vinegar to remove scent markers

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