

# rabbit care sheet



Do not feed your rabbit lettuce. Lettuce is mostly water and will give your rabbit diarrhea.



## habitat

Redwood hutch for outdoor protection or good quality wire cage for indoor/shelter areas. All cages should have a piece of plywood approximately 1/4 of the cage. This allows the bunny to sit on a smooth surface occasionally. The plywood will have to be replaced as it gets soiled. When using shavings use aspen, pelleted bedding or recycled paper. Not cedar. When cedar is mixed with urine it can give off toxic fumes. Provide 1 to 2 inches of bedding and change regularly to provide a clean and healthy environment. Rabbits can be box trained.



## temperature

Do not put your rabbit in direct sunlight or a drafty area. If the temperature reaches above 75° to 85° Fahrenheit, bring the cage in a cooler place. Rabbits become overheated easily so make sure they have adequate ventilation. Keep your rabbit in a cool area.



## diet

Rabbit Pellets as well as Timothy Hay. Alfalfa hay up to a year old, then Timothy Hay. Once your rabbit has reached 4 months of age small amounts of fresh vegetables can be given daily. Dark leafy greens are best: spinach, kale, broccoli. Vegetables not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded. Fresh chopped apples and carrots can be offered once a week.



## water

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily.

## shopping list

- appropriate sized cage
- pine shavings or appropriate bedding (no cedar)
- rabbit pellets
- food bowl and water bottle
- alfalfa hay or timothy hay
- wood chews
- litter box
- soft brush
- petromalt
- book about rabbits

## fun facts

### average size

12+ inches long

### average life span

10+ years

### misc. information

limit holding your rabbit the first 5 days so it can get used to its new home

brush your rabbit with a soft bunny brush daily to prevent hair balls

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