



BUNNY BASICS



Southwest Florida
House Rabbit Rescue

A GUIDE TO CARING FOR YOUR RABBIT

Unlimited Hay

- **80% of your rabbit's diet should be Timothy Grass Hay**
- Provide a large litter box full of hay- this makes sure they eat enough hay and go pee and poo in the right place.
- Rabbits need FIBER to keep their digestive systems moving.
- Timothy Hay for adults and babies
- Alfalfa Hay for babies- high in protein and calcium



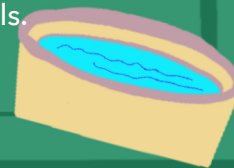
Pellets and Treats

- Pellets should be a SMALL part of the rabbit's diet (about 1/4 cup per day)
- Pellets should NOT include nuts, corn, seeds or brightly colored pieces.
- Too much sugar harms digestion. Treats can be small pieces of fruit (one berry or one baby carrot)
- Hay-based treats are a healthier option.



Fresh Water

- Water should be refreshed every day.
- Rabbits prefer to drink out of bowls.
- Water bottles can easily get stuck.



Fresh Greens

- About 1 cup of greens (or depending on the rabbit size) should be given every day.
- Make sure the greens are not rotten. (if you wouldn't eat it, don't give it to your bunny)

Favorite Rabbit Greens

- Romaine
- Cilantro
- Spring Mix
- Parsley
- Kale (not too much)
- Escarole
- Greenleaf

Do not give iceberg lettuce
(no nutritional value)



Housing and Exercise

- Rabbits should NOT be kept in small cages or outside.
- Rabbits that are kept outside get parasites and are vulnerable to predators.
- Indoor rabbits live longer and are happier.
- Your rabbit should be in an enclosure or a room with **plenty of space to hop around**.
- Make sure to rabbit-proof your house.
- No wire or plastic floors
- Put cords out of reach or cover with plastic
- No pine bedding
- Provide water in a heavy crock in their enclosure or area to avoid spilling.

