

Rabbit Care Sheet

-Country Cove Rabbitry-



Congratulations on your new furry friend!

Want to know a fun fact? Bunnies can live up to 12+ years!

Proper Feed Portions

- * 0-5 lbs: 1/3 cup per 24 hours
- * 5-10 lbs: 1/2 cup per 24 hours
- * 11 lbs & up: 1 cup per 24 hours
- * Kits under 4 months: unlimited pellets!

We feed Purina Professional pellets from Tractor Supply.
For hay, we use Meadow & Timothy

Good Veggies

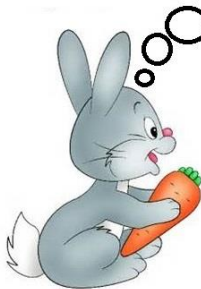
- Green & Red Romaine Lettuce - Carrots - Okra
- Dandelion Greens - Radish Tops - Bok Choy
- Mustard Greens - Zucchini - Yellow Squash
- Bell Pepper (Yellow & Green) - Alfalfa Sprouts
- Cucumber Peels - Butternut Squash - Cilantro
- Pumpkin (no seeds)

Bad Veggies

- Iceberg Lettuce - Corn - Pennyroyal Mint - Peas
- Beans - Onions - Avocado - Rhubarb - Tea leaves
- Potatoes - Cabbage

Limited Veggies

- Celery - Spinach - Peppermint - Collard Greens
- Brussel Sprouts - Broccoli - Parsley - Kale



Litter Training

Rabbits can be litter trained just like a cat. Cat litter is very dangerous to a rabbit's respiratory system, so we recommend using Equine Pellets (typically \$4.99 for a 50 lb bag at Tractor Supply.) Some tips we can give you is most rabbits enjoy using a certain part of their cage as their bathroom. Try placing the litter pan at that part of the cage, and if you see the rabbit use the bathroom elsewhere in the cage, move the poops into the litter pan. Keep up with moving the poops into the pan, and the bunny should catch on quickly. Please be aware though that not all rabbits are the same, and some may be difficult

-For messy rabbits on a solid bottom cage, we recommend using a bedding on the bottom to absorb any urine and to provide a comfortable base for the rabbit.

What Supplies Will I Need?

- Cage and/or exercise pen
- Feeder
- Nail clippers (dog/cat snips)
- Brush
- Litter and litter pan
- Hay and Pellets
- 32 oz. Water bottle
- Chew Toys
- Bedding: if a solid floor cage

Veterinary Care

Rabbit savvy vets are hard to find. Please feel free to ask us for help in finding a good rabbit vet, as rabbits are considered "exotic" animals and some vets do not see them. All of our rabbits are vaccinated with BunnyVac against Pasteurella, aka Snuffles, before leaving our rabbitry. We also de-worm and de-mite all rabbits before sale as well. The option of spaying/neutering is that of the new owner, and we can provide information on that, too! We recommend leaving the bunny intact if an only bunny household, as anesthesia can be hard on a rabbit. Please be sure to check your rabbit's teeth regularly, as a rabbit's teeth never stop growing and can overgrow if the rabbit isn't chewing regularly. We offer the service of nail clippings and teeth trimmings (if needed) at our rabbitry. It is free for life for that bunny if you purchased the bunny from us!

We have an online listing of what our medical box contains at:
www.CountryCoveRabbitry.weebly.com/whats-in-our-medical-box.html

Does my rabbit need a friend?

If you would like to get your rabbit a friend, we recommend a companion of the opposite sex (if spayed/neutered.) If your rabbit is not fixed and you'd like to get a companion of the same gender, please be aware that there may be fighting if the two have different personalities. We personally let all of our same genders together for exercise time, but that is because there is a mix of dominant and non-dominant personalities. When bonding, a rabbit will mount the other to assert dominance, and to show the other that it is the "alpha." Mounting during this time is completely normal and nothing to be concerned about. As long as there is no bloodshed or fighting during bonding, it means it is going well. Please do *NOT* leave two unbonded rabbits alone together unsupervised, as one may hurt the other if the bonding goes wrong. If you have any bonding questions, please feel free to ask!

-Please note: Rabbits do not "need" a friend, as some may enjoy being a single rabbit.

You can find more information at: www.CountryCoveRabbitry.weebly.com