

Your New Rabbit Checklist

- Solid-bottom cage or hex pen with narrow bar spacing
 - Always follow the “rule of three” which states a rabbit should be able to make three full hops in one direction in the cage.
 - We prefer exercise pens to traditional cages with a tarp under to protect carpet/flooring and a litter box.
 - Pens can also be moved outside for fresh air and sunshine.
- Rabbit appropriate pellets
 - Avoid pellets with large quantities of seeds or colored pieces. Rabbits will seek these out and waste the healthy pieces similar to a child picking marshmallows out of breakfast cereal
- Cage bedding
 - Acceptable contact bedding materials include fluffy paper bedding or kiln-dried aspen.
 - DO NOT USE CEDAR BEDDING. The chemical in cedar that smells pleasant to humans burns their respiratory tracts and feet
 - If you prefer to litter box train, we recommend compressed paper pellets but you can use any acceptable contact bedding materials if the rabbit prefers them.
- Heavy food dish
 - We recommend ceramic crocks that are too heavy to tip or stainless steel that can be secured to the side of the cage. Plastic can be chewed to pieces and harbor bacteria while ceramic and metal can be easily sanitized.
- Timothy hay
 - Loose hay is essential for proper digestion and wearing down teeth
 - Meadow and orchard hay are also great alternatives to those who are allergic to timothy
- Bricks, rocks, cardboard boxes, & other safe toys
- Attachable water bottle with drinking tube
 - We recommend using bottles designed to be secured to the outside of cages or glass bottles to discourage chewing on the plastic and thus flooding their cage.
- Compressed hay bricks and/or apple tree sticks to wear down teeth
- Appropriate vegetables/fruits
 - Bell or sweet peppers
 - Spinach
 - Cilantro
 - Parsley
 - Dandelion greens (not sprayed with chemicals)
 - Apples
 - Broccoli
 - Romaine lettuce
 - Arugula
 - And more!
- Nail trimmers and styptic powder
 - You can view our YouTube channel to see a video of how to cut rabbit nails or if you are in the Cincinnati area, you can stop in and we can do it for you for \$10.
- Carrier to bring your new pet home and for trips to the vet
- Rabbit safe leash/harness if you intend to leash-train your rabbit

