

# Wet Pets N Critters Rabbit Care Guide

Rabbits are social, curious, and intelligent pets. With proper care, they can live 8–12 years.

#### Housing

- Cage or Enclosure:
  - o Use a large rabbit cage or a safe, enclosed pen. Rabbits need room to stretch and move freely.
  - Provide solid flooring with kiln-dried pine bedding (available at Wet Pets N Critters). Our pine bedding is safe for rabbits because it is processed to remove harmful oils. It is low-dust, absorbent, and helps control odor.
  - o Avoid cedar or non-kiln-dried pine bedding, as these can be harmful.
- Hiding Spots:
  - o Offer a hide box or tunnel where your rabbit can feel safe.
- Exercise Area:
  - o Rabbits need daily time outside their cage in a safe, enclosed space to exercise and explore.

#### **Diet**

- **Hay:** Unlimited **timothy hay** is the most important part of a rabbit's diet. It aids digestion and keeps teeth healthy.
- Pellets: Feed a high-quality rabbit pellet daily, following the package instructions.
- Fresh Vegetables: Offer small amounts of safe greens (ask our staff for recommendations).
- Treats: Feed only rabbit-safe treats in moderation. Avoid sugary or starchy human foods.

#### Water

Provide fresh, clean water at all times in a water bottle or heavy bowl. Change water daily.

#### **Enrichment & Chewing**

Rabbits need to chew to keep their teeth healthy. Offer:

- Chew toys made of safe wood or hay
- Tunnels and hideouts

• Hay-based chew toys (available at Wet Pets N Critters)

### **Grooming**

- Brush your rabbit regularly, especially during shedding.
- Check nails monthly and trim as needed (we carry small animal nail clippers).
- Long-haired breeds need extra grooming to prevent mats.

#### **Litter Training**

Rabbits can be litter trained. Use a **paper-based litter** in a litter box (avoid clumping or clay litter). Place hay in or near the box to encourage use.

## Cleaning & Maintenance

- Spot-clean the cage daily.
- Do a full cage clean weekly using **small animal-safe cleaner** (available at Wet Pets N Critters).

#### **Health & Handling**

- Handle your rabbit gently and support its body—never lift by the ears.
- Signs of a healthy rabbit include bright eyes, clean ears, a healthy coat, and normal droppings.
- Monitor your rabbit's eating, drinking, and litter habits daily.

#### **Safety**

Rabbits should be kept indoors in a temperature-controlled area. Avoid exposing them to extreme heat, drafts, or outdoor predators.

# **Supplies Checklist (Available at Wet Pets N Critters)**

- Rabbit cage or pen
- Pine bedding
- Rabbit pellets
- Timothy hay
- Rabbit-safe treats
- Water bottle or bowl
- Litter box and paper-based litter
- Chew toys
- Hideout or tunnel
- Brush and nail clippers
- Small animal-safe cleaner