



Our Bunny Recommendations

Supplies & Services

Updated for June, 2025

What you'll find here include our rescue recommendations for:

- *Food*
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- *Veterinary Care*
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Just a reminder: We do free nail trims every month on the third Saturday of the month at our **Bunny Basics** events! We're happy to teach you how, how to take a bunny temperature, or answer any bunny-related questions! Bunnies usually need a nail trim every 2 months or so. Just let us know you want to come for a trim so we can give you an appointment time. We're always so happy to see our community bunnies. ♥ We sometimes sell willow wreaths (a bunny treat/activity toy) at these events when it is in season!

Think something's missing? Have questions? Please reach out!

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Food Amount Recommendations

This is what we go by for our rescue bunnies! Below, we've provided our amount guide. Use this as a starting point for your bunny's needs, but always provide unlimited hay!

Food Type	Amount	Frequency
Hay Timothy or Orchard Grass + Oat Hay	Unlimited (expect bunny to eat their size in hay daily!)	Unlimited
Pellets	1/8 th cup (small to medium bunny) 1/4 th cup (large bunny)	Daily total (give once; can be with breakfast, dinner, or break up throughout the day if desired!)
Leafy greens Romaine, green or red leaf lettuce, herbs, butter lettuce, dandelion greens, etc.	1 cup per 2 lbs of bunny weight (5 lb bunny gets 2.5 cups / day)	Daily total (give once; can be with breakfast, dinner, or break up throughout the day if desired!)
Other Veggies Bell Pepper, carrot, zucchini, etc	Carrot: ~3 carrot coins or 1 baby carrot 1-2 tablespoons / day	Can be daily depending on your bunny



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Food Type	Amount	Frequency
Fruits	Approximately 2 tablespoons (1/8 th apple, few small blueberries, etc.)	2-3 times weekly
Treats	1 treat Favor treats made of hay and those containing probiotics!	2-3 times weekly

What fruits and veggies are safe? We recommend checking out this great listing:

<https://bunnylady.com/rabbit-food-list/>





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Pellet Brand Recommendations

We are **very** picky in terms of quality and ingredients! Below are a list of our favored pellet brands and those we ask you to avoid!

Note: If your rabbit is under 4 months old, please get the “young” or “junior” rabbit variety. If your rabbit is an adult, please avoid alfalfa unless you are specifically directed by your vet to do so (ie if your bunny is severely underweight).

Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
<p>Oxbow</p> <p>Any “flavor”!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Garden Select - Original - Harvest 		<p>Tractor Supply Co.</p> <p>Petsmart</p> <p>Petco</p> <p>PetSupplies Plus</p> <p>Chewy.com</p> <p>Amazon</p>
<p>Science Selective</p> <p>House Rabbit Only!</p> <p>* adult and other varieties contain alfalfa, which is not good for adult rabbits!</p>		<p>Petsmart</p> <p>Petco</p> <p>PetSupplies Plus</p> <p>Chewy.com</p> <p>Amazon</p>



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Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
Sherwood Premium & Natural		Sherwood Website Chewy.com Amazon
Small Pet Select		Small Pet Select Website Amazon

We **avoid** these brands:

Kaytee, Extreme, VitaKraft, Small World, Manna Pro, Sunburst, Menu, Brown's Tropical Carnival

Anything with seeds, corn, or colored bits is always avoided!

*Note: Kaytee Forti-diet is good quality. We **do not** recommend **any other** pellet by this brand. Please steer clear of colored bits, seeds, corn, granola, and anything labeled "Fiesta Mix"!





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Hay Brand Recommendations

This is the hay bunnies tend to prefer that is readily available! The best value for quality tends to be Standlee hay from Tractor Supply Co. and Small Pet Select hay from Chewy.com or Amazon.

Note: If your rabbit is under 3 months old, please get the alfalfa hay. As bunny grows up, mix with timothy. We transition baby rescue bunnies to full timothy by the time they are 6 months old.

Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
<p>Small Pet Select</p> <p>We highly recommend the 1st or 2nd cut. These have a lot of fiber (1st has the most). This is very good quality hay and many of our bunny families use this!</p>		<p>Small Pet Select website Chewy.com Amazon</p>
<p>Standlee (Tractor Supply Co. Store Brand)</p> <p>A great price and generally great quality, but sometimes very dusty!</p>		<p>Tractor Supply Co.</p>



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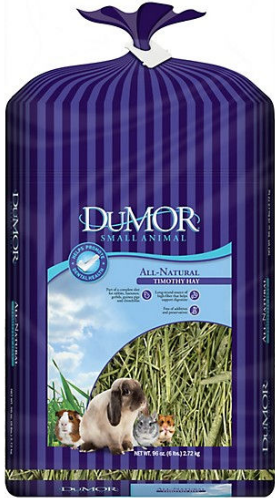
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Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
<p>Oxbow</p> <p>Usually great quality and usually a go-to hay for many bunny families!</p>		<p>Tractor Supply Co. Oxbow website Chewy.com Amazon PetSmart Petco Pet Supplies Plus</p>
<p>Sweet Meadow Farms</p> <p>Usually great quality for a great price, but cut type does vary (sometimes 2nd, sometimes 1st, sometimes 3rd).</p>		<p>Chewy.com</p>
<p>Rabbit Hole</p> <p>This is ritzy hay, but bunnies do love it! The quality is top-notch!</p>		<p>Chewy.com Amazon</p>



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Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
<p>Kaytee</p> <p>This will do in a pinch, but the bunnies don't seem to love this one generally! It's safe, but if your bunny isn't eating hay and you have this brand, try switching to one of the others!</p>		<p>Walmart Amazon</p>
<p>Dumor</p> <p>This will do in a pinch, but the hay is very soft, which does not promote wearing down rabbit's teeth, which grow continuously. It is okay short term, but increased fiber is likely needed!</p>		<p>Walmart Amazon Tractor Supply</p>



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Treat Recommendations

We're very choosy when it comes to treats. You can't have a treat all the time, so better make it a good one! Never choose treats high in sugar, containing dairy, containing nuts or seeds or corn, or vibrantly dyed colors. These are the treats we use for our rescue rabbits!

Remember to give treats sparingly. Most of the treats shown below can be broken up into at least two pieces. We recommend beginning with a treat 2-3 times a week and monitoring how your bunny's weight and habits progress.

Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
Selective Naturals Meadow Loops or Sticks (any flavor)		Tractor Supply Co. PetSmart Petco Chewy.com Amazon
★ Our favorite! Oxbow Natural Science Digestive Support (Green Bag) An outstanding treat, it contains probiotics to help prevent GI Stasis.		PetSmart Petco Chewy.com Amazon



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Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
<p>Oxbow Vitamin Varieties</p> <p>Please consult your vet for a safe amount recommendation of vitamin-based treats.</p>		<p>Tractor Supply Co. PetSmart Petco Chewy.com Amazon</p>
<p>Oxbow Simple Rewards Heart-Shaped Treats (any flavor heart)</p>		<p>Tractor Supply Co. PetSmart Petco Chewy.com Amazon</p>
<p>Probios: Apple Biscuit (not chewables)</p> <p>Yes, this is a horse treat, but contains probiotics and is used widely by many rabbit rescues! We love these, but they are online only.</p>		<p>Amazon Jeffers.com</p>



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Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
<p>Kaytee Timothy Biscuits (any flavor)</p> <p>Note: This is the ONLY treat we can recommend from this brand!</p>		<p>Walmart</p> <p>PetSmart</p> <p>Petco</p> <p>Chewy.com</p> <p>Amazon</p>





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Litter Recommendations

Not much room for debate here! We're very simple when it comes to litter, and there are only a few we can recommend! All of our volunteers (and most rescues) use one of these or a combination.

NEVER use cat litter for your rabbit. The abrasive particles can lead to serious respiratory issues!



Type/Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
<p>Kiln-Dried Pine Pellets + soft chopped straw as a topper to protect heels</p> <p>While the chopped straw is optional, it lasts a long time and goes a long way to helping protect bunny heels. We do recommend trying it.</p>		<p>Tractor Supply Co</p>
<p>Paper: Many brands (please get unscented!)</p> <p>Carefresh Yesterday's News Full Cheeks (Petsmart) Kaytee clean & cozy Small Pet Select Critter Care</p>		<p>Tractor Supply Co Chewy.com Petsmart Petco Walmart Amazon</p>



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Housing Recommendations






We're more interested in listing types of items here than specific brands, but if you'd like brand recommendations, please let us know. These are the essentials for a bunny to be comfortable! We never recommend cages. We always recommend housing indoors (it's a must)! We are strongly any kind of wire flooring, as this slowly deforms bunny feet over time, eventually preventing the ability to hop. Please also be careful to avoid grids, as we have experience with bunnies getting nails (or even toes!) stuck in them.

Item	Picture	Details
Exercise Pen		At least 4' x 4' please! Many stores carry this, and sometimes even thrift stores or Facebook Marketplace. Even the Amazon.com brand ones are very good.
Washable Waterproof mat or floor covering		While there are many out there, and many on Amazon, but sometimes a special picnic blanket is a great substitute! We've even heard of community members using waterproof tablecloths!



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Item	Picture	Details
Fleece or soft mat or blanket		Any fabric or home store; Walmart always has fleeces in stock.
Litter box	 	<p>Nothing with a grid or grate over the top! Don't get a small corner litterbox. These are always quickly replaced.</p> <p>We find large open-top cat pans or low storage bins work best. These are large and easy for the bunny to use.</p>
Water Bowl (Not a bottle!)	 	<p>Heavy ceramic (or something similar) works best!</p> <p>Water fountains are great, but be sure they are heavy and that the water is changed daily.</p>



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Item	Picture	Details
<p>Cardboard (or other) hidey house</p> <p>Remember bunny needs 2 entrances/exits! Always an escape route!</p>		<p>If you don't have a cardboard box for your bunny, feel free to ask us or in our community group! Odds are, someone has one for your bunny!</p> <p>And please: no staples, no excessive tape, and no heavy transferrable ink. Labels are generally okay.</p>
<p>Toys / Enrichment</p>		<p>(Our recommendations follow!)</p>



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Toy Recommendations

Enrichment is very important! We've included homemade toy ingredients as well as purchasable toys and enrichment such as chew sticks. Avoid anything with vibrant dyes, seeds or corn, or with pieces that can be bitten off and possibly swallowed.

Toy Type	Picture	Details
Paper Towel or toilet paper rolls		These are fun to toss, shred, or you can even fill it with herbs, pieces of treat, a few pellets, and some hay, pinch in the ends, and give your rabbit a fun activity!
Cardboard shred boxes		Bunnies love to dig! Here's how to make a digging box: https://bunnylady.com/diy-rabbit-digging-box/



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Toy Type	Picture	Details
<p>Chew Sticks!</p> <p>Apple wood and sweet bamboo are our go-to's! Bunnies need to chew to keep their ever-growing teeth at a safe length.</p>		<p>Apple sticks: Amazon, or our parent rescue Alabama Rabbit Rescue, who sells fresh ones with every Facebook auction!</p> <p>Sweet bamboo: we recommend Amazon, and the brand Bissap!</p>
<p>Prepared Pinecones from an unsprayed tree</p> <p>Must be sanitized first!</p>		<p>Directions here: https://www.timbercreekfarmer.com/pine-cone-rabbit-treats-keep-bunnies-active/</p>
<p>Wicker Balls</p>		<p>Generally a bunny favorite, we've been able to find good batch deals on Amazon. Remove any jingle bells that the balls may contain.</p>
<p>Puzzle Toys</p>		<p>Oxbow and several other brands make these. Some bunnies enjoy them!</p>



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Toy Type	Picture	Details
Activity Toys		<p>Oxbow and several other brands make these. Some bunnies enjoy them!</p>
Stuffed animals	 <p>Image courtesy of Bernie Bunny</p>	<p>Some bunnies tend to enjoy a stuffed animal companion! You may catch the bunny grooming the stuffed animal.</p>
Fabric or cardboard tunnel		<p>Usually marketed to cat owners, bunnies love tunnels! You can also make your own out of cardboard.</p> <p>Amazon Walmart (cat tunnel) Petco</p>



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Pet Carrier Recommendations

There are also many places that carry these, but our favorites are durable, have a top-open feature, aren't extremely expensive, and are easy to clean! Here are our top 3 carriers that are easy to find and purchase.


Brand	Picture	Where to Buy?
<p>Vibrant Life or Duskocil</p> <p>This comes in several sizes to make sure you're getting the right size for your bunny!</p>		<p>Walmart Walmart.com</p>
<p>Amazon (many storefronts)</p> <p>There's a removable pad inside that is washable and multiple openings.</p>		<p>Amazon.com</p>
<p>Whisker City</p> <p>Easy to find, a removable washable pad, and multiple openings!</p>		<p>PetSmart Petsmart.com</p>



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Our Emergency Kit Essential Recommendations

We recommend you keep these 5 items on hand at all time for your bunny!
Please research and be able to recognize the signs of GI Stasis. Reach out to us if you need more information about this. We're happy to help! This is very important to your bunny's safety.

Item	Picture	Description
#1: Flex Tip Thermometer		<p>Taking a bunny's temperature is vital. Do this first. It MUST be done rectally. Scanning thermometers do not work well. Ear temperatures are not accurate.</p> <p>If the bunny is cold, they need to be warmed with a warm towel or infant-safe heating pad. Normal temperature is 100-102.5 F (with 103 F being okay if the bunny is anxious).</p> <p>Note: Anything above this range is a fever and needs a visit to the vet ASAP!</p>



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Item	Picture	Description
#2: Vaseline		Use this as a lubricant to help the thermometer fit more comfortably.
#3: Baby Gas Drops		<p>A full dropperful with tummy massages can help tremendously against gas pain, built up from GI Stasis!</p> <p>We do not recommend doing more than 1 dropperful every 4 hours. (Three times in one day is our maximum if no effect is seen. We do not repeat after that.) Usually it will take 1-2 hours before you can see an effect.</p>
#4: Oral Syringe (no needle)		<p>These can come from Amazon, or your vet may be willing to give you a few.</p> <p>The large kind is handy for administering emergency food mix (like Critical Care). The small kind is great for medicine.</p>



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Item	Picture	Description
<p>#5: An Emergency Food (any one of the below):</p> <p>Oxbow Critical Care Herbivore (any flavor) ★ Our favorite! (You can keep in the freezer after opened)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Sherwood Timothy Recovery Food</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Small Pet Select Nutri-Rescue</p> <p>Or Science Selective Recovery Plus</p>	 	<p>This is essential to getting your bunny's GI system working again! Always ask your vet beforehand about using this. If bunny is not eating, this is a necessary part of treatment.</p>



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Item	Picture	Description
<p>Lataxone gel</p> <p>(helps move swallowed fur along)</p> <p>Tomlyn brand Maple or Catnip flavor (herb-y!)</p> <p>Or Dechra brand Cat Lax</p>		<p>Local veterinarians recommend about 1 mL (or about a toothpaste-dab amount) every week for shedding bunnies. This helps prevent GI Stasis, especially in long-haired breeds!</p>

Other items you might consider having on hand:

- towels
- heating pad (infant safe)
- large size oral feeding syringe
- diluted betadine and cottonballs (dilute betadine yourself at home with a sterilized jar and measuring spoon to a 1:9 ratio with water)
- qwik stop powder



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Our Boarding Recommendations

If you're travelling, these services/arrangements are the ones we can recommend for the near-Huntsville area. If you want to know more, or why a particular service isn't listed, please ask us!

Service / Arrangement	Description
Huntsville House Rabbit Rescue Boarding (Huntsville-Madison)	We board based on availability and we treat your bunnies like our own.
Or Alabama Rabbit Rescue Boarding (Birmingham) (Based on availability)	Our boarding request form is here and applies to either HHR or ARR depending on your location: https://huntsvillehouserabbits.com/boarding
No Place Like Home Pet Care At Home Service	Sharon Sledge, L.V.T. info@noplacelikehomepetcare.net noplacelikehomepetcare.net Ms. Sledge worked at a vet clinic for many years before starting her own pet care business. She is well-versed in exotic care.
Friend or family member trained in how to care for your bunny	Please make sure your friend or family member well-understands your bunny's feeding needs, and the importance of two datapoints each day for eating and pooping. Please make sure they know what to do in event of an emergency such as GI Stasis! Stasis cannot wait!



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Our Veterinary Recommendations

Want to know our experiences with a specific clinic? Just ask!

Alabama

City	Clinic & Contact Info		RHDV2 Vaccine?
Madison	Southpaw Animal Clinic of Madison Dr. Tully	136 Plaza Blvd. Suite D Madison, AL 35758 (256) 273-5594	Yes
Toney	Countryside Veterinary Hospital Dr. Conley, Dr. White, Dr. Sanders	5267 Old Railroad Bed Rd. Toney, AL 35773 (256) 859-2221	Yes
Madison + <i>Emergency clinic After hours</i>	Rocket City Veterinary Dr. Holt, Dr. Martin, Dr. Van Camp	1229 Slaughter Rd. Madison, AL 35758 (256) 333-2345 (Regular clinic hours) (256) 333-0447 (Emergency After Hours)	Yes
Huntsville <i>Emergency clinic</i>	Huntsville Veterinary Specialists & Emergency (HVSE) Dr. Graham <u>Tues. & Thursdays only for appts.</u>	800 Dr. Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. Huntsville, AL 35801 (256) 715-8389	No (May '25)
Madison	Companion Care Dr. Alford	7945 Hwy 72 West Madison, AL 35758 (256) 837-3600	No (Feb '25)



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Alabama

City	Clinic & Contact Info		RHDV2 Vaccine?
Huntsville	Midtown Veterinary Dr. Harvill	3611 Memorial Pkwy SW Huntsville, AL 35801	No (April '25)
Huntsville	Valley Animal Hospital Dr. Calvin	7535 Bailey Cove Rd. SE Huntsville, AL 35802 (256) 881-8899	No (March '24)
Tuscumbia	Tennessee Valley Animal Clinic Dr. Ludington	1582 Hwy 72 East Tuscumbia, AL 35674 (256) 386-9800	No (Feb '25)
Tuscumbia	Colbert Animal Clinic Dr. Cobb	930 Hwy 20 Tuscumbia, AL 35674 (256) 381-6210	No (May '25)
Birmingham	Valleydale Animal Clinic Dr. Davis	4680 Valleydale Rd. Birmingham, AL 35242 (205) 991-5416	Yes
Hoover	Alford Avenue Dr. Burke	2107 Marlboro St. Hoover, AL 35226 (205) 823-6002	Yes
Arab	Arab Animal Hospital Dr. Brown	1536 N Brindlee Mountain Pkw Arab, AL 35016 (256) 586-3183	Yes
Auburn	Tribal Vet Care Dr. West	2050 Lee Road 137 (Wire Road) Auburn, AL 36832 (334) 826-2577	Yes
Foley	Dykes Veterinary Clinic Dr. Dykes	512 W. Laurel Ave. Foley, AL 36535 (251) 943-3211	No (March '24)
Tuscaloosa	Animal Medical Center Dr. Roberts	1100 Rice Vly Rd. N Tuscaloosa, AL 35406 (205) 758-7295	Yes



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Need a vet in **Tennessee** or another state? Please ask us! We're happy to provide a recommendation to you!

We work closely with our beloved friends below and keep in contact for veterinary recommendations.

Alabama Rabbit Rescue of Birmingham AL (our parent rescue!)

Hoppienhiemer Rabbit Rescue & Education of Hattiesburg, MS

Bunny Rescue Nashville of Columbia, TN

Dolly's Dreamhouse Rabbit Rescue of St. Louis, MO

Hoppy Hearts SC, of Chapin, SC

Space Coast Bunnies of Melbourne, FL

East Coast Rabbit Rescue of West Palm Beach, FL

Bunny Lu Rabbit Rescue of Waynesboro, VA

New Beginnings Animal Rescue of Memphis, TN

Bunnies United Network of IL

Romeo Rabbit Rescue of Romeo, MI

San Francisco Bay Rabbit Rescue of San Francisco, CA

Triangle Rabbits of NC

We're also in touch with the wonderful people of r/Rabbits (the "Rabbitors" group) who have an excellent writeup on current RHDV2-capable clinics for the US and Canada. It was our honor to add several of these clinics listed above to their nationwide listing!

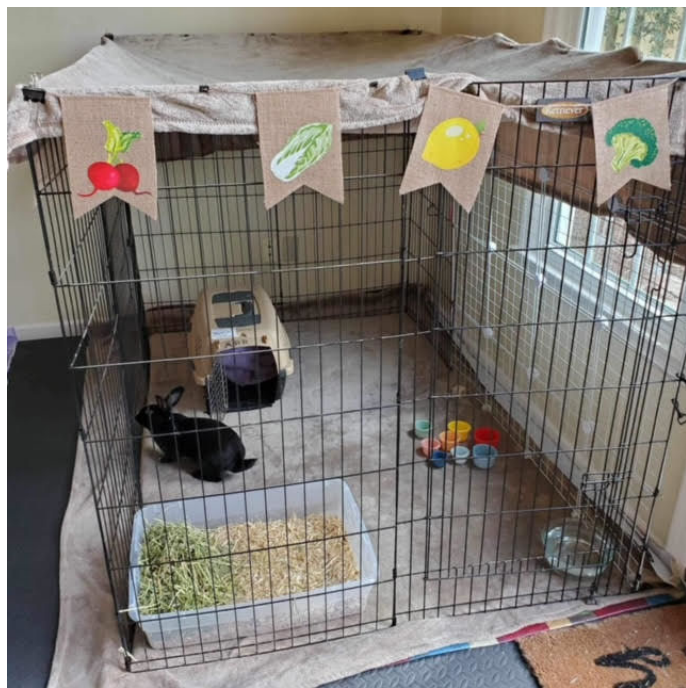


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Pictures of Wonderful Bunny Spaces

Here are some photos of bunny spaces provided by some of our foster families or a family in the bunny community. These are great examples of a safe, friendly, welcoming space for a bunny with plenty of room and enrichment!

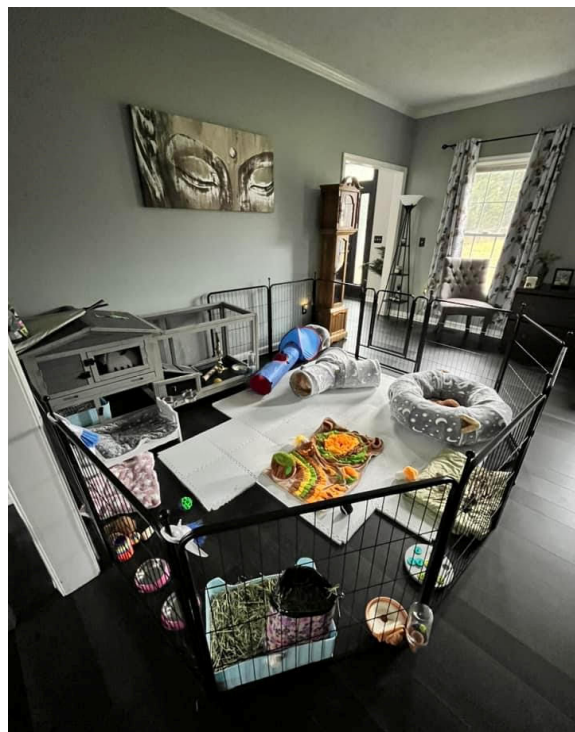
In the pictures, there are: no exposed / unprotected wires in reach of the bunny, no grids or grates or wire bottoms for the bunny to get nails caught on, plenty of space, a hidey house with at least two entrances, a litterbox adequately sized to the bunny, toys, water bowl, hay available at all times, soft flooring (fleece, blanket, or soft mat), exercise pen or free roam enclosable space.





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