

## HOUSE BUNNY CARE 101 - 2 PAGES

*Snickerdoodles' Rabbit Rescue is a supporter of House Rabbit Society*

### **Diet:**

**-unlimited Timothy hay**

-small amount of rabbit pellets

-veggies (a minimum of 1 cup vegetables for each 4 lbs. of body weight)

-small amount of fruits should be used as occasional treats due to high sugar (limit 1-2 tablespoons per 5 lbs. of body weight (none if dieting).

Absolutely NO chocolate (poisonous!), cookies, crackers, breakfast cereals, bread, pasta, yogurt drops or other “human treats.”

-water BOWL instead of bottle. Bottles are prone to bacteria. Bunnies also drink a lot of water and they won't be able to get as much from a bottle. Bowls are also easier on their neck and back.

-see more helpful information at <https://rabbit.org/care/food-diet/>

### **Housing**

-at least a 4x4 or 4x6 feet x-pen is preferred with additional free roam time, a bedroom space, or free roam of the house if bunny proofed ! INDOOR ONLY.

-supplies: hidey house, litter box lined with hay, water bowl, toys, comfortable flooring (e.g. rug, blanket) - no wires or wood/slippery floor.

### **Spaying & Neutering**

-All bunnies at Snickerdoodles' are spayed and neutered before they are ready for adoption.

-Spay/neuter can significantly improve bunny's life expectancy , reduces the risk of cancers that are common in rabbits, and other health benefits.

### **Grooming**

-Do NOT bathe your rabbit.

-Bunnies are generally good at grooming themselves.

-Their teeth grow continuously and must be checked to make sure they are looking healthy.

Unlimited hay helps with this. See your vet for any concerns with overgrowth and visit

<https://rabbit.org/care/grooming/>

-Nails must be trimmed about every 6-8 weeks.

-bunnies can shed every few months and loose hair can be brushed.

## Veterinary Care

- make sure you have a "rabbit savvy" vet that is experienced with exotics!
- take bunny to see vet at least once yearly, and additional visits as needed for any medical concerns. <https://rabbit.org/care/medical/>



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