

# RED SEA RANCH & RABBITRY

## CARE GUIDE

### Where Will My Bunny Live?

Our bunnies live inside, where we control the climate.

**Inside:** Dog Play Pens are always a great option and give plenty of space for play and rest, as well as, a litter box, toys, burrows, and dig boxes. There are so many different types of fun indoor set ups and ways to create them! Our bunny families share their set ups all the time and we post them on our Facebook page or Instagram for others to get fun and creative ideas that actually work!

**Play Pen Set Up:** These are some basics for setting up your new home for your bunny. Supplies would be, litter box, litter, hay rack, food bowl, water bowl/bottle, resting mat, and fun toys. I will have a list of options that have worked for us and other families over the years at the bottom of the guide. Please ask any questions you may have about set ups and what is safe or potentially harmful.

**Litter Box:** Size varies based on breed of bunny you get from us. Large open top litter boxes work well for most of our breeds, Flemish Giants of course will need to graduate to larger size as they grow. Top three litter choices are, Pine Shavings, Paper Shavings and Pelletized Horse Bedding. Never use CEDAR anything for bunnies. Grates in the litter box are a great option to let the poop/pee go to the bottom and keep the bunnies clean and healthy. Hay rack over the litter box and feed dishes need to be as close to it as possible, this helps them adjust to where their new litter box is located and is less messy! There are even great all in one Feed/Hay/Litter Box options that seem to work and work well! Clean the litter box daily or every other day, but always check it every day to make sure they are pooping and peeing.

**Toys:** I will have options for toys listed below as well as on our social media. Toys are great for keeping your bunny busy when alone or even to play with you. Tunnels, hides, natural pine toys, baby toys are all great and safe options.

**Free Roam:** Letting your bunny free around your home is the best possible option and the most fun! Be sure to have an area to lock up bunny when you are away at school or work to keep them safe. Its always best to train your bunny to that safe area where they feel most comfortable at first and are potty trained to the litter box in that pen. Once they are acclimated to their new pen, it is then best to start introducing them to bunny proof areas of your home a little at a time. Slowly introducing them to their new home will help with keeping them litter trained so they know where to go back to when they need to use the bathroom. Wires and anything that could possibly hurt the bunny or be damaged would need to be put up or bunny proofed before allowing bunny to roam the area. This will keep the bunny safe and will help you enjoy your new friend.

**Pet Friends:** Our bunnies are used to our 4 kids, and our dogs running around. They get a ton of hands-on playtime! All our bunnies have done well with other pets in the home, cats, dogs, birds, and even cows! Always allow your new bunny to adjust to its new human family and home first before introducing your other pets. Give them time to acclimate as it is a lot of excitement all at once. Supervision is always key and though we know our other pets well, accidents do happen.

**Outside:** They are not used to being outside or on the grass. Anything over 85 degrees is too hot for them. They cool off through their ears (lops have a harder time staying cool because of their flopped ears, and lionheads have more fur and smaller ears). If you plan on getting a bunny from us and want it to live outside, we recommend you transition it slowly and make the proper preparations for the weather. Play or living areas need to be protected from predators and the area free of chemicals (treatments) that could harm your bunny. They need some type of area to get out of the elements (wind, rain, cold). If bunnies are on the grass, they are more susceptible to parasites and other outside diseases from wildlife. Eating a lot of grass, they are not used to can cause GI upset, which can lead to other complications. It is best to gradually introduce them to anything new.

## What Do I Feed My Bunny?

We feed a balanced diet.

**What We Feed:** Petrus Elite 5050, Black Oil Sunflower Seeds, Steam Rolled Oats, and Timothy Hay. We free feed, meaning, they have access to hay, pellets and water 24/7. We also grow comfrey and give one leaf a week per bunny. We do not feed fruits or vegetables to our bunnies. If you feel it is necessary to feed fruits or vegetables, we recommend you do so after 6

months of age and one type at a time to make sure it does not affect your bunny adversely. Dark leafy vegetables are best and fruit in small portions once a week as a treat, as they are high in sugar. Please do your research as some things can poison your bunny. This includes grass! Long hours of eating green grass that they are not used to can cause GI upset, which could lead to diarrhea and dehydration. Carrots are high in sugar and not recommend...

**Vitamins:** We try to do everything we can to keep our bunnies happy and healthy! With that said we give VetRx, Apple Cider Vinegar, and Probiotics weekly in their water. Their elite feed has natural ingredients that help aid in digestion including, oregano, cinnamon, rosemary, and chili peppers, but we go a step further to ensure their best possible health.

## What Does Daily Care Look Like?

### Grooming makes for great bonding.

**Grooming:** Keeping your bunny looking top notch is not hard. You will need a brush, scissors and toenail clippers. Brushing your bunny daily when you first bring them home helps start a beautiful bond. Litter mates and moms groom each other and it's a great way to start your friendship. As you groom them, check their eyes, ears, feet and bottoms to make sure all is clean. If you do this daily/weekly it will help keep your bunny clean, bonded and will also help you notice if there is any signs of distress sooner rather than later. Never bath your rabbit, as it can cause unnecessary stress, which could lead to stroke/heart attack and possible death. Warm wash cloth, or baby wipe if needed. Most adults do very well keeping themselves clean, young bunnies that are still learning may need help here and there.

**Daily:** Checking your bunny multiple times a day is essential for their overall happiness and health. We check our bunnies four times a day, play with them and sometimes check on them in the middle of the night. Always make sure they have fresh water, pellets and hay.

**Important to have on hand:** Oxbow Critical Care for a rabbit who suddenly stops eating. Spray antiseptic for cuts, or sores. Mineral oil for mites (especially if there is outside play or other pets in the home). Syringes. If you plan to deworm please reach out and I can give you a list of options. Our rabbits are vaccinated for Pasteurella and get a preventive treatment for Coccidia before they go to homes. There are other vaccinations that a vet can administer but none are required in Texas. Spaying or Neutering is optional and does help with hormones, or territorial behaviors. Please call around as pricing varies greatly depending on the veterinarian.

\*\*\*If You Have Additional Questions Please Do Not Hesitate To Ask As Things Come Up! These are just some of the basics/ a guide and there is more information out there if you research or have questions. I always go over care for bunnies at the time of pick up and will refer you to our care guide to print for easy access. All bunnies come with transitional feed when they are going to a new home because they have sensitive digestion. Please feed them what they are used to for 48 hours then start mixing in what you will be feeding the bunny. Again, do not feed a bunch of carrots and iceberg lettuce! It is not good for their digestion. Also includes having them on grass for more than an hour when they are not used to eating it, grass will disrupt their digestion and cause diarrhea, dehydration and possible death.

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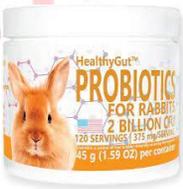
**All bunnies are priced according to breed, possible color, gender and quality. Rabbits that are wait listed will be sold in order of the list. Any available bunnies will be sold on a first come, first served basis. We are always adding families to the wait list and if you have questions or you would like to be added please let us know! At 6 weeks of age we will send pictures of each bunny available in order of the wait list. It will include possible color, gender and price. At that time a deposit of 50% of the total amount will be due via Venmo or Facebook Pay within 12 hours of us contacting you. Remaining balance will be due upon pick up. Deposits are Non-Refundable. We will only hold a MAXIMUM of 1 week of when deposit is placed (If Over 8 Weeks) or until the bunny is 8 weeks old. We do not deliver, sometimes we will meet at a convenient location, we have a lot of families that travel from out of state, sometimes 2 day drives or flights, so please make arrangements accordingly. The Buyer is responsible for inspection of the bunny at the time of pick up. The sale is finalized once the bunny has been paid for in full and/or has been picked up by the buyer.**

**We Guarantee the Rabbit is Healthy at the time of pick up/purchase. Furthermore, we cannot control what happens once the bunny has left our care, including but not limited to, disease, death, abuse, neglect, temperatures, improper housing, malnourishment, improper feeding which causes sickness and death. The Buyer is responsible for the rabbits care and well-being after pick up. We cannot guarantee how a rabbit will place at show. We will give you a description of the rabbit to our best knowledge and experience. We DO NOT offer refunds on rabbits and cannot take a bunny back for the health and safety of our Rabbitry. We have the right to refuse any potential family that is considering a purchase of one of our bunnies for any given reason. Please respect our bunnies and our prices. We spend every day with our bunnies and they are well cared for.**

**These policies include any animal purchase made at Red Sea Ranch and Rabbitry.**

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Supplies:



**Petrus Feed**  
Elite 5050 Rabbit Conditioner



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