Information to Help Care for Your New Rabbit

Feed:

* Timothy Hay (no Alfalfa). Can be bought by the bag at Farm & Fleet, TSC, Mounds, etc. Wal-Mart sometimes has it as well. Once per day. About a small handful is plenty.
* We feed and recommend Heinold feeds, either the Show or General Formulas. They are better quality with less fillers than most other brands. Heinold can be found at Mounds or other Feed Stores. Generally, you feed 1 oz. per pound of rabbit, so the smaller the rabbit, the less feed it will/should eat.
* Treats can be added like Black Sunflower Seeds (some people call them BOSS), Old Fashioned whole oats, calf manna, banana chips and other such things. If you mix them, no more than 1 Tablespoon a couple of times per week on top of their pellets.
* Fresh water daily. Water bottles are good, but they leak, so watch to be sure that your rabbit is drinking enough water and that the water isn’t just all leaking away. If you put water into a dish, also monitor how much your rabbit drinks each day to establish its normal water intake. Wash either bottles or dishes often. We make up a gallon of fresh water with 1 Tablespoon of Apple Cider Vinegar added. Be sure to get the ACV with “The Mother”, which is all natural and very good for rabbits, dogs, cats, etc.

Cage Care:

* Your cage should be large enough for the rabbit to move about freely. It should also have a removable tray under the bottom wire of the cage to keep the rabbit up and off the used bedding. Use only enough to catch the urine/feces as rabbits can be affected by dust from these products. Change it often. Dump the tray and rinse it out before adding new bedding. A bit of baking soda in the bottom of the trays helps keep the smells down.
* Put a flat mat in the cage so your rabbit is not standing on the wire all the time. These can be found at most rabbit supply companies. These also need to be cleaned every few days.
* Clean your feed dishes and water bottles/dishes as needed. If their pellets get wet for any reason, throw them out, clean and dry the dishes and give fresh dry food. Be careful of mold as it can kill a rabbit quickly. Be especially careful in humid weather.
* Buy or make a house for your rabbit. These should be large enough for the funny to get inside, but small enough so they feel safe and snug inside. It can be made of wood, and it doesn’t have to be fancy. Rabbits like to sleep in their houses. Keep it clean.
* Be sure the rabbit cage is in an area where they do not get rain or snow in their cages. Rabbits like being outside but need to be sheltered from the weather. Have a space inside for cold, wet, or extremely hot weather that is out of direct sunlight. Be sure to have adequate ventilation as well.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We are here you help you in anyway that we can. These are only to be a guide. You will make your own decisions as you go along. I hope that these are helpful to you and your new rabbit.

**Websites to get even more information from:**

American Rabbit Breeders Association ~ <https://arba.net/>

Wisconsin State Rabbit Breeders Association ~ <http://www.wsrba.org/>

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