

# Rabbit Care Guide: Living Space

It is important to give rabbits ample space to run, hop, and play. Acceptable living spaces include: free roam, a “bunny room”, or an exercise pen.

In their living space rabbits should have the following:

1. A litter box with hay and rabbit safe litter
2. A hidey house
3. Water bowl and food dish
4. Toys



## Free Roam or a Bunny Room

Free Roam- Rabbits can be free roam, though this doesn't mean that they must get 100% access to your house if you don't want them to. You can “bunny proof” and block off areas you do not want the rabbit to go by using baby gates or pens.



You can also designate a room just for the rabbit(s).

## Exercise Pen

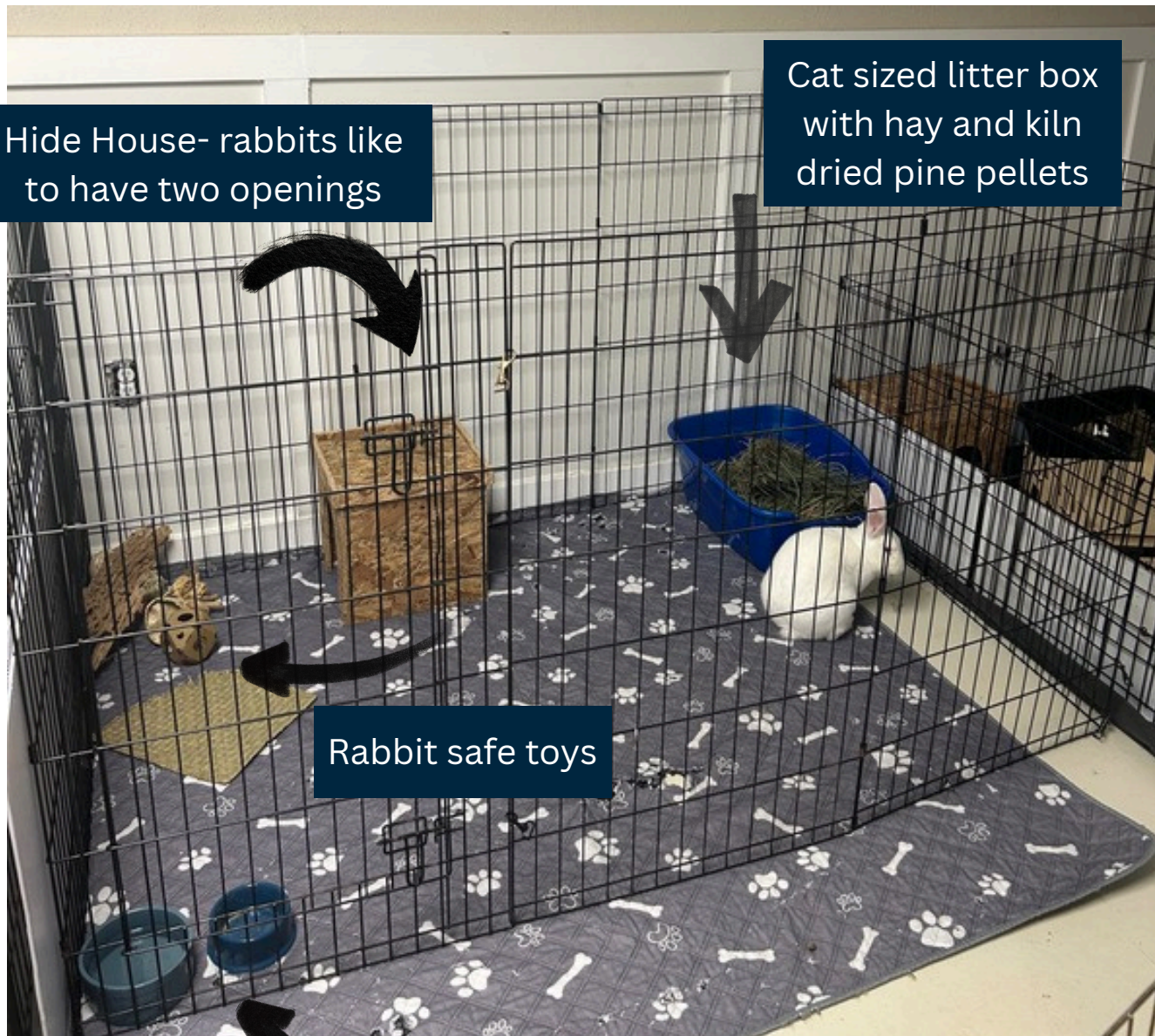
Exercise pens are also suitable for rabbits. If you plan to house your rabbits in a pen they must have time to get out daily. For example, it is fine for them to be in their pen during the work day and then let them out while you are home. You can attach multiple pens together to make it larger.



# Rabbit Care Guide: Setting up an XPen



A pen at least 32in tall is recommended. You can combine 2 pens to make a larger space. If you have carpet you can place a layer of vinyl flooring down (this can be purchased at Home Depot)



Hide House- rabbits like to have two openings

Cat sized litter box with hay and kiln dried pine pellets

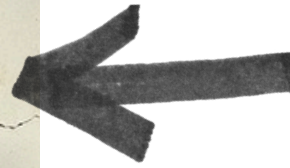
Rabbit safe toys

Ceramic water bowl and food dish

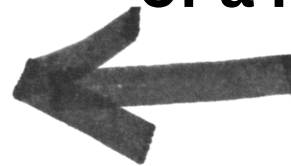
# Rabbit Care Guide: Setting up a litter box



A few scoops of rabbit safe litter.



A generous pile of hay (about the size of a rabbit)



Dump & reset the litterbox every 2 days. Fresh hay should be added at least twice a day. Some hay waste is to be expected - rabbits forage for their favorite pieces and leave behind what they don't want.

## Rabbit Safe Litter:



# Rabbit Care Guide: Diet

## Pellets

Rabbits should get  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of pellets per day. These pellets should be timothy hay based and should not include any seeds or dried fruits.

The following brands are recommended:

- Oxbow
- Science Select
- Sherwood

80% of an adult rabbits diet should be hay.



## Hay

Hay is the most important part of a rabbit's diet. They must have access to hay 24/7. There are several different types of hay:

**Timothy Hay:** This is the most popular type of hay. There are three different cuts of Timothy: first cut is the hardest second cut is in the middle, and third cut is the softest

**Orchard Hay:** Orchard hay is a good option for people who have allergies to Timothy hay as it is less pollinated. This is also a soft hay.

**Oat Hay:** This can be used as a treat and should not be their main source of hay

**Alfalfa Hay:** this is for baby rabbits 6 months old and younger only (sometimes elderly or sick rabbits will also eat alfalfa)

## Veggies/Fruits

Rabbit can have about 1 cup of leafy green veggies per day.. Rabbit safe veggies include the following:

- Romaine
- Green or red leaf lettuce
- Spring Mix
- Bok Choy
- Mustard greens
- Kale (in moderation)
- Herbs- parsley, cilantro, dill, mint

• Fruit can be given as an occasional treat and should in moderation.

Rabbits can have the following:

- Bananas
- Apple
- Blueberry, raspberry, blackberry
- Pineapple
- Mango

# A Rabbit's Daily Routine

## **Morning:**

Add fresh hay to the letterbox. Refill their water if needed.

Give  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of pellets

## **Evening**

Add fresh hay to the letterbox. Refill their water if needed.

Give about 1 cup of leafy green veggies

Exercise/free roam time

## **Every Other Day**

Dump out litterbox and reset with fresh litter and a large pile of hay

# Where to Buy Supplies/Food

## Habitat

Hidey Houses can be bought at:

Small Pet Select ([smallpetselect.com](http://smallpetselect.com))

Binky Bunny ([BinkyBunny.com](http://BinkyBunny.com))

Through our rescue- we build wooden hides houses!

## Hay

The garage store at our rescue!

Small Pet Select

Rabbit Hole Hay ([rabbitholehay.com](http://rabbitholehay.com))

## Toys, treats, accessories

The garage store at our rescue!

Small Pet Select

Binky Bunny

