



Rabbit Care Guide

We're so glad you've welcomed one of our rabbits into your home! A full list of our recommended supplies can be found here:

<https://fallentimbersfarm.com/recommended-supplies/>

Housing Your Rabbit

Rabbits can live indoors or outdoors depending on your setup and climate.

Indoor options include wire-bottom cages with catch pans or solid-bottom cages. Wire-bottom cages are easier to clean, while solid-bottom cages are comfortable, but rabbits will scatter bedding. Pine shavings or pellets work well for most rabbits—avoid cedar. Some rabbits are sensitive to pine; use recycled paper pellets if needed.

A litter pan is strongly recommended. Rabbits are naturally clean and usually litter train easily if introduced young.

Outdoor rabbits do best in a raised wire-bottom hutch with either a second layer of wire 2–4 inches below the floor or a partial solid area. This protects them from dogs or wildlife. Outdoor rabbits require shelter from wind and rain in winter and shade and airflow in summer. Frozen 2-liter bottles help prevent overheating on hot days.

Feeding Your Rabbit

Rabbits require both pellets and hay. Choose a plain pellet formula (Tractor Supply, Oxbow, or Purina recommended). Adult Holland Lops typically eat no more than 1 cup per day. Always keep a grass hay available—it's essential for digestion and helps prevent overeating.

Alfalfa is rich and should only be introduced slowly and not fed free-choice until rabbits are 3+ months old.

After 3 months of age, add small portions of safe fruits and vegetables such as carrots, apples, and bell peppers. Never feed broccoli, lettuce, or citrus fruits.

Toys & Enrichment

Rabbits enjoy toys that encourage chewing and play. Great options include rabbit-safe chews, cat balls with bells, toilet paper rolls, and clean aluminum cans. Chewing is important for dental health and enrichment.

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Keeping More Than One Rabbit

The internet often suggests that rabbits must be kept in pairs, but our long-term experience shows that this is not always necessary—nor always successful.

Rabbits can live in pairs or small groups, but only under specific conditions:

- Rabbits are introduced as young babies, OR
- An older spayed/neutered rabbit is paired with a baby
- They have ample space—a single hutch is not enough for two
- Spaying/neutering is almost always required to prevent fighting

Even rabbits that bond beautifully as babies may begin fighting once they mature, especially once hormones develop. Over the years, we've seen significantly more returns or surrenders from bonded pairs than from single rabbits.

Please consider cost: altering a rabbit is typically around \$250 per rabbit.

Based on our experience, long-term bonded pairs succeed only about 25% of the time. Always be prepared for the possibility that your rabbits may need to live in separate areas at some point.

A single rabbit can live a very full, happy, enriched life with human interaction, toys, and space to explore.

Bonding With Your Rabbit

Moving to a new home is stressful. Allow your rabbit one full day in their cage before handling. After that, begin gently—sit with your rabbit in your lap, allow them to sniff you, and offer a small treat during handling. Handled daily, Holland Lops become incredibly affectionate.

If You Cannot Keep Your Rabbit

Please contact us if you can no longer care for your rabbit. We will always take our rabbits back—at any age, for any reason. Please note: no refunds or credits are issued once an animal has left our farm.

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