

Rabbits are very social and want to be part of the family.



Our assumption is that your new pet is intended to be an “inside” rabbit, part of a family group and thus entitled to that certain space you carve out for the bunny’s comfort and social development within your home.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BUNNY-PROOFING YOUR PET’S NEW HOME

- Rabbits are clean and can be best kept in a hutch, a cage, or exercise pen.
- Size of that cage should be at least four times the rabbit’s length (stretched out) and two times the animal’s width. The areas your pet has for living space influences the animal’s ability to reach full potential as a friendly companion.
- Most rabbits prefer to be where the pet can interact with the rest of the family or where the bunny can be seen often. Placement of the habitat often depends on the rabbit’s own personality. Shy rabbits might prefer a more secluded location to avoid the hustle of everyday life. However, most of the rabbit population prefers to be in the middle of all the action like a family room setting. Pick a place where your rabbit feels comfortable.
- Place the cage in a location to avoid temperature and light extremes.
- Cage should be placed close to the ground so, if the bunny escapes, it will not get hurt. Also keep the habitat away from walls and wires so bunny will not nibble at them.
- Floor of the cage should be filled with 2-3” of bedding.

AND, EVERY BUNNY ABODE NEEDS A “POWDER ROOM”

In this case, let’s call it a litter box (low front, high back recommended). Access to the litter box will reduce the amount of bedding that gets soiled.

- Litter box should be big enough for the bunny to climb into and stretch out.

- Litter box should then be generously lined with all natural, kiln dried, biodegradable wood shavings topped with a generous portion of hay for the rabbit to nibble.

OTHER IMPORTANT TIPS IN CARING FOR YOUR RABBIT

- Replace bedding at least once a week, more if necessary.
- Rabbits like to jump and run and need secure flooring to do that. Rabbits don’t like linoleum floors, as the floor composition feels uncomfortable to their paws.
- Select a dish that serves your rabbit food best. (Your bunny will tell you which is best!)
- Rabbits need to have chew toys to wear down their constantly growing teeth. Often, the rabbit prefers paper bags, boxes, or paper towel rolls to satisfy their fun time.
- Rabbits have the “need for speed.” Give your pet room to race.
- Know also that rabbits chew everything from wires to cables and cords. They never get tired of this! All the more reason to plan out and “bunny-proof” your room.
- *The right bedding and litter box lining are very important.*

CHOOSE YOUR NEW PET’S BEDDING WISELY!

We suggest biodegradable wood shavings. They offer twice the odor control of paper bedding and also become an ideal liner for your bunny’s litter box with a topping of hay. Particularly because rabbits are highly intelligent and sensitive creatures, the right bedding and litter box liner will greatly influence their ability to reach their full potential as a memorable companion animal.

 **AMERICAN WOOD FIBERS**



See other side to learn what bedding material is best for your small pet.

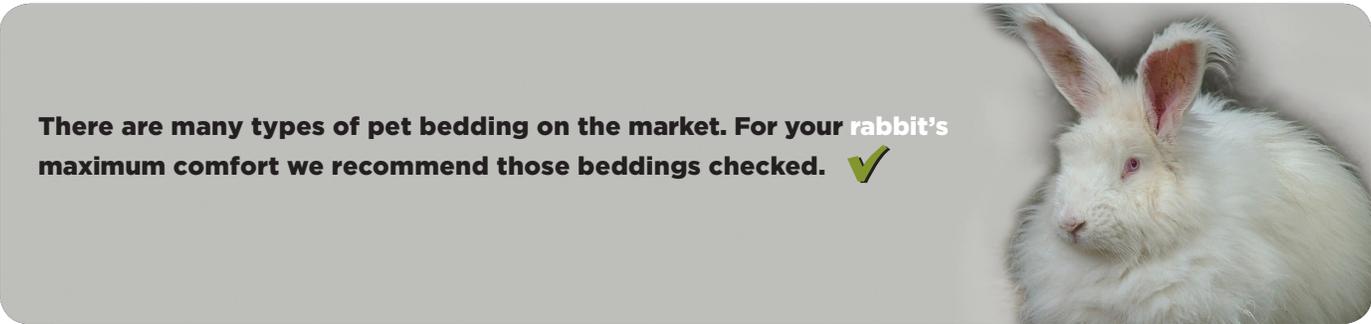
ABOUT SMALL-PET HABITATS IN GENERAL.

Routine care and maintenance will keep your small pet’s habitat clean, fresh, and safe — for your pet and for you.

- Habitats should be large enough to allow them to move around freely, and create “room” for various activities (e.g. eating, sleeping, going potty etc.).
- Habitats should be very well ventilated to prevent buildup of odor.
- Water supplies should be checked frequently, at least daily. Keep them filled with fresh clean water, and free of obstructions.
- Be certain the habitat is secure and that there is no way your pet can climb or chew its way out.
- Bedding should be replaced frequently — at least once a week — to absorb moisture and odors. Before

adding fresh bedding, wash the habitat with a gentle all-purpose cleaner, rinse it with clean water, and dry it thoroughly.

- Choose bedding that is free from chemicals and toxins.
- All-natural wood shavings (pine, aspen) and sludge-free paper products are recommended.
- Sludge-based paper beddings (often called “reclaimed paper” or “reclaimed cellulose”) and recycled newspaper pellets are not recommended. Independent tests show they contain dioxins, which are known carcinogens.
- Cedar is not recommended in an enclosed habitat, as the natural scent might cause respiratory problems for some small pets.



Small Animal Bedding Matrix

	✓ Kiln-Dried Softwood/ Pine	✓ Kiln-Dried Aspen Shavings	Gray Paper Pulp (Sludge Based)	Wood Shavings Mixed with Paper Pulp	Paper Pellets- Gray, Colored or Crumbled	Cellulose Paper Granules	Pelletized Pine	Colored or Bleached Pulp	✓ Shredded Specialty Paper
Healthy	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
All-Natural	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★	★	★★★★	★	★
Odor Absorption	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★★★★
Liquid Absorption	★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Dust-Free	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★
Economical	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★	★	★★	★	★★
Nesting	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★
Flushable/mulchable	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★
Easy to Use	★★	★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★
Softness	★★	★★	★★	★★	★	★★★★	★	★★	★★★★
Fun/Fashion	★	★	★	★	★★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★
Dioxin Free	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Your pet rabbit deserves the best! For that reason, we recommend the dioxin free bedding checked.



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