

RABBIT DIET

Hay

Rabbits need unlimited hay for optimal health. Hay in a litter pan also encourages good litterbox training, as rabbits tend to poop while eating hay. Meadow, orchard, or timothy hay are the best choices.

Produce

Fresh produce is an important part of a healthy rabbit's diet. One cup (per 5lbs) of fresh produce should be offered daily.

- 75% of daily produce should be leafy greens such as arugula, red or green lettuce, romaine, turnip greens, endive, escarole, dandelion greens, cilantro, and spring greens. (no iceberg lettuce).
- 20% should be vegetables such as carrots, bell pepper, edible flowers, squash, and zucchini.
- 5% should be fruits such as apple, banana, peach, pear, plum, papaya, mango, or berries.

Pellets

Pellets are a good complement to a diet of hay and fresh vegetables to guarantee adequate nutrition, but should be limited: 1/8 to 1/4 cup of pellets daily for adult rabbits. Avoid pellet mixes that contain seeds, grains, dried corn, or dehydrated vegetables. These are dangerous for your rabbit because the seeds and grains are poorly digested.

Rabbits under six months old are still growing and should be fed unlimited hay and pellets.

Water

Bunnies need unlimited access to fresh water. Water must be changed daily. We suggest offering water in a heavy crock rather than a bottle, to encourage drinking. Rabbits might drink more water in hot, summer months, so plan to fill and change the crock twice per day if it is small.



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