

Welcome to the Happily Ever After Rabbitry Family!

Thank you for choosing a bunny from Happily Ever After Rabbitry! We're thrilled for you to begin this journey, and we want to help your new little one transition smoothly into your home.

With your bunny, you should have received:

- Alfalfa hay
- Transition feed
- A nail clipper
- A sample of our **homemade baby bunny treats** (safe for young rabbits, available to purchase anytime)
- A sample of our **botanical hay topper** (also available for future purchase)

Feeding

- **Transition feed:** Mix the feed we provided 50/50 with your own pellets and gradually transition over the next week.
- **Pellets:** Offer **1/8 cup twice daily**.
- **Hay:** Provide **unlimited alfalfa hay** along with fresh water at all times. At 7 months you can switch to Timothy, orchard, meadow, grass or botanical hay.
- **Water:** Use a heavy ceramic bowl.
- **Health check:** Within the first 24 hours at home, your bunny should **eat, drink, pee, and poop**. If not, please contact us immediately.
- **Vet visit:** We recommend scheduling a "welcome exam" with an exotic vet within 72 hours of getting your bunny.

Litter Training

Yes! We begin litter training before your bunny leaves our rabbitry. To continue at home:

- Place a **hay rack or bag above the litter box**. Rabbits eat and poop at the same time, which reinforces good habits.
- Use **paper bedding** only inside the litter box.
- For free roaming bunnies, use **two litter boxes**: one in the enclosure and one in the roaming space.
- Getting your bunny fixed can help improve litterbox habits.

Veggies & Fruit

- You may introduce veggies at **4 months** and fruits at **6 months**.
- Always introduce new foods slowly and in small amounts.
- Fruits should be limited due to their high sugar content.
- Romaine lettuce and fresh herbs such as parsley/basil/cilantro are okay immediately

Grooming & Handling

- **Nail trims**: Once per month with small animal clippers. Avoid the quick.
- **Daily handling**: Pick up your bunny and put them down in front of something they love such as a bowl of romaine lettuce or some fresh herbs. Over time, this process helps re-wire their instincts, allowing them to associate being picked up with safety and positive experiences.

- **Safety:** Use a blanket on your lap and wear long sleeves when starting out - baby bunnies may wiggle or scratch. Always hold them securely and close to your body.
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Training & Bonding

- Bonding takes time. The initial building of trust takes about a week or two. More comfortable interactions about 2-6 weeks and a real deep bond can take up to 3 months to develop. Every bunny is different.

To gain trust try to:

- Sit on the floor at their level
 - Let them approach you
 - Offer hay/pellets/baby bunny treats/fresh greens from your hand
 - Speak to them softly
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- Start using your bunny's name consistently, especially during feeding and treat time.
 - Rabbits are food motivated and will learn their names with repetition.
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Final Note

If you ever have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always here to support you and your bunny every step of the way.

RABBIT URINE COLOR CHART



GOLDEN



AMBER



RED



CLEAR



BROWN

NORMAL

DEHYDRATED



**NORMAL
CALCIUM
DEPOSIT**

**BLADDER
SLUDGE
IN URINE**

**BLOOD
IN URINE**

Credit: <https://bunnylady.com/rabbit-urine/>

Bunny Fecal Chart

Normal vs Abnormal



Normal Poop

Round, pea-sized, consistent in size and shape
Dry and crumbles easily



Normal Cecotropes

Small cluster of evenly round poop
Wet and sticky with a pungent odor
Should be eaten by bunny to complete digestion



Linked Poops

Poops linked by fur
Can be normal during a shedding phase
Beware of possible obstruction via hairball



Stasis Poop

Decreasing amount of small poops
Hard and angular in shape, dark in color
Abnormal for a rabbit. Seek medical attention.



Poop with Mucus

Mucus covered poop
Indicative of parasites or cecal impaction
Abnormal for a rabbit. Seek medical attention.



Diarrhea

Watery poops with indistinct shape
Usually smelly and gets stuck on fur
Abnormal for a rabbit. Seek medical attention.



NO POOP!?

An emergency situation!!!
Seek medical attention immediatly!!!

VIP

Very

Important

POOP