



Where to House Your Rabbit

Where's the only place for your rabbit's cage? INDOORS! Rabbits are highly social and do best when they have plenty of interaction with family members. Outdoors, they also face the threat of attacks from other animals and inclement weather.

How big should my rabbit's cage be?

When bringing your rabbit home, start off by putting the rabbit in a smaller than normal enclosure such as a medium-large dog crate. Include a litter box, water bowl, food bowl (optional), hay rack, and a bath mat or similar item to provide friction for the rabbit's feet when moving around the crate. The minimum recommended cage length for one rabbit is 3 to 4 feet. Keep in mind this is the bare minimum. Bigger is always better! The dog crate or cage is not a long term option. Baby gating an area or using an exercise pen is more ideal. If the rabbit tries to jump the gate you can put up a cloth sheet to prevent the rabbit from being able to see the other side of the gate.

Can I train my rabbit to use a litter box?

Yes! Rabbits are very clean by nature. Most rabbits will choose one corner of their cage as a bathroom. As soon as your rabbit's choice has become clear, put a newspaper lined litter box in that spot. Cover the bottom of the litter box with hay, Carefresh, or pelleted litter such as Yesterday's News. It is important never to use pine or cedar shaving as litter, as the fumes can make your rabbit sick. Clay cat litter is also inappropriate since this litter can cause respiratory or gastrointestinal problems.

For the first month or so, do not clean the litter box completely. Do not use any cleaning agents to get rid of the scent; the rabbit needs this scent to know where it should go. If your rabbit poops outside of the litter box, put the poop in the box. If the rabbit pees outside of the litter box, put a paper towel with the urine on it into the litter box. If your rabbit likes to pee or poop in an item of a particular size or shape, use something similar as their litter box. If they tend to pee or poop in a particular location in the house you can put a litter box there for them to use.

After the first month, you can clean the litter box with vinegar to neutralize the odor.