



Guide to Rabbit Enclosures

Flooring



Vinyl flooring:

- Very easy to clean and maintain
- Offered in many colors
- Recommended 6 feet x 6 feet
- Very effective against liquid messes
- *Must* be paired with non-slip rug (see next slide)

A note on vinyl flooring



Rabbits do not have foot pads for grip, and they will slide on vinyl. This can be uncomfortable, cause rabbits stress, and potentially harm a slipping rabbit. Vinyl flooring **must** be paired with a non-slip rug to ensure safety and comfort.

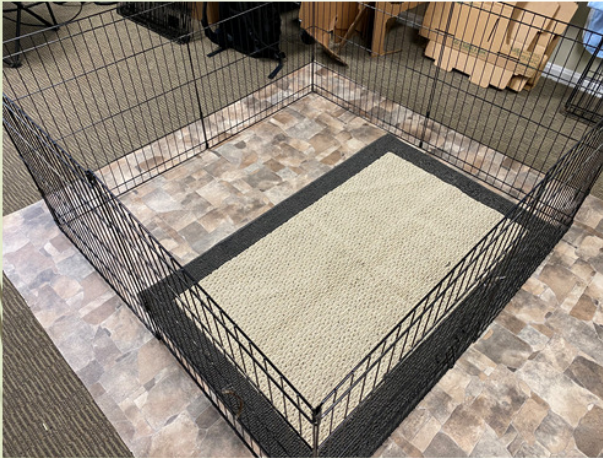
The enclosure



MidWest Exercise pen

- Meets the minimum 4x4 housing requirements
- Available in sizes ranging from 24-48 inches
- Expandable to give your rabbit more space
- Adjustable into many shapes
- Includes models with optional access doors for easy entry and exit

Flooring, enclosure, and non-slip rug



Now that we have the enclosure together, let's take a look at what goes inside!

Hiding space

Bunnies like nice, dark spaces. A hide box is critical to their health and happiness. Fortunately, they aren't picky!



Their hide can be as simple as an amazon box with a hole cut in the side, or as nice as the multi-level Cottontail Cottage. Just ensure the box is an appropriate size and safe for your rabbit to chew.

Litter box



Ensure your litter box is large enough for your bunny. Stick to rectangular boxes. If you have questions about making up a litter box, ask your adoption coordinator!

Litter boxes come in many sizes and wall heights. There are even low-access options for bunnies with special needs. Ask your adoption coordinator what box is right for your bunny.



Bunnies tend to prefer their litter box be in the corner, and they like to look out while they eat. Hay should be facing the pen.

You can also add a hay box rather than putting hay in the litter box and hang it on the gate.

Water, pellet, and salad bowl



Proportional to their size, most rabbits drink a tremendous amount of water. Excellent hydration is important to keeping their largely-dry diet moving through their system. A good water bowl encourages comfortable drinking: it is not too tall, not easily tipped, and it holds plenty of water to keep your rabbit drinking all day while you are at work.

A note on lick bottles

Lick bottles are bad for bunny hydration:

- They force your bunny into an awkward position to drink
- They take much longer to get water out of than a bowl
- They do not dispense enough water to properly hydrate
- They turn drinking into a chore



Offering a water bowl is the safest, healthiest option for providing your bunny with water and encouraging them to drink

Enrichment items



Just like us, bunnies can get bored. Here are some great options to enrich their day:

- Treat balls are an excellent way to turn daily pellet feeding into a foraging adventure for your bunny
- Stacking cups can be tossed around, knocked over, and hide treats for your bunny to discover.
- Plastic toys like baby key rings are fun for bunnies to chew and toss.

Bunnies play with toys by themselves. Dangling keys in a bunny's face doesn't do much for them, and can in some instances irritate your bunny. Please consult your adoption coordinator to find out how you can participate in your bunny's playtime.

The finished product



Hide box

Min. 4x4 enclosure

Water, pellet, and salad bowls

Litter box

Enrichment items

Rabbit-safe flooring

All items (or their pre-approve equivalents) MUST be in place prior to bunny dropoff

Non-permitted housing

- Any form of housing that requires the rabbit to be outside.
- Any form of hutch.
- Any housing made of dangerous material.
- Any housing shared with another non-rabbit animal.

