Foster Home Supply & Emergency Kit



Supplies:

- *Litter boxes* larger the better corner boxes do not work for rabbits
- **Spacious Cages or Exercise pens** Rabbits should be able to fully stand on their hind legs, sprawl out, and to have several hours of free "run" time in an exercise pen sized space
- Crocks for food and water (or water bottle) the heavier the better for those who like to "tip the bowls"
- *Timothy Pellets* for adult rabbits (Oxbow Bunny Basics T, Kaytee Timothy Pellets, etc.)
- Alfalfa/Timmy Blend Pellets for nursing moms and babies
- *Timothy hay* unlimited, should be available 24/7 to the bunny (can be a blended hay)
- Alfalfa hay for nursing moms and babies
- *Fresh greens* daily mix of: Alfalfa sprouts, Apple Mint, Arugula, Asian Greens, Basil, Beet Greens, Bok Choy (Chinese cabbage), Brussels sprouts, Carrot tops (limited high in calcium), Celery (especially the leaf-Note: can be sliced or chopped to prevent string problems), Swiss Chard (Green, Red or Bright Lights), Chicory, Cilantro (no roots), Clover & clover sprout, Collard greens, Dandelion greens & flowers, Dill, Endive, Escarole, Fennel, Kale (limited high in calcium), Lettuce: romaine, green leaf, red leaf (limited iceberg and light green lettuces generally, as they may cause soft stool in some bunnies and generally have less nutrients than the darker greens however they are high in water content and may be a good source for water intake for a dehydrated bun), Mint, Parsley, Peapods (flat), Peppermint leaves, Peppers (any color), Pineapplemint, Pineapple-sage, Radicchio, Radish sprouts & tops, Raspberry leaves, Spinach (limited high in calcium), Spring greens, Sweet potatoes, Turnip greens (tops), Watercress, Wheat grass
- *Fresh or Dried Fruits* limited as treats (with no added sugar): Apple, Banana, Blueberry, Blackberry, Cranberry, Melons, Papaya, Raisins, Raspberry, Strawberry
- Nail Clippers

Emergency Supplies:

None of these supplies are required for foster homes, they are merely things that many foster homes have found helpful over the years and that you may find yourself keeping in your home.

- *Simethicone* better known as infant gas drops. This can be found in any drug store such as CVS, Target, Walmart, etc. This is used for when bunny has gas and you're trying to avoid him going into full-blown gastrointestinal stasis.
- A heat source such as a Snuggle Safe, heating pad (make sure bunny can NOT reach the cord!)
- Critical Care helps get bunny to eat again and has all necessary nutrients (can be mixed with fruit)
- 100% pure canned pumpkin NO spices in the pumpkin (NOTE: so you can freeze pumpkin cubes in an ice cube tray and then pop them out as needed. Defrost for about 30-60 seconds in the microwave and you're good to go!)
- *Metacam* pain meds (by vet prescription) A bunny that is in pain is NOT going to eat. If he doesn't eat, you're now looking at possible stasis
- *Subcutaneous fluid set-up:* bags of LRS (Lactated Ringers Solution), the IV set, a 60 cc luerlock syringe, 18 gauge needles, 21 gauge butterfly needles. Giving fluids subcutaneously help a great deal when dealing with a bunny in stasis.
- Injectable Reglan a.k.a. Metoclopramide (by vet prescription) for stasis
- *Styptic powder/gel* sometimes we cut a little too close to the quik when trimming nails, which will often result in bleeding. This will stop the bleeding quickly.