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# PREPARING FOR YOUR BUNNY

A GUIDE ON HOW TO GET READY FOR YOUR BUNNY

This guide will help you with things to consider for getting ready to bring home your *Lagoballo* bun bun(s).



# FIRST STEPS

## ENSURE YOU CONSIDER GETTING THE FOLLOWING

#### Bun bun(s) Location.

- a. Inside. Helps keep predators away and out of the weather.
- b. Outside. More natural but exposure to predators, diseases and weather.

#### 2) Hutch/enclosure.

- a. Rabbits need a large area to run around in for healthy daily exercise & cardboard to chew on (boxes are their fav).
- b. Absolutely no wire-bottomed cages (causes major feet/hock damage and is painful for them).
- c. Recommendation: PawHub XL Hutch

## 3) Run Around Area.

- a. Have an outdoor area where they can run around with predator proofing (access to food and fresh water)
- b. Recommendation: Rabbit Runs

#### 4) Food & water.

- a. Food bowls: Ceramic Food Bowl
- b. Water bowls: Gravity Water Feeder
- c. Hay: 6-hay mix
- l. Pellet Mix: Oxbow Essentials Adult Rabbit Food

## 5) Litter.

a. Recommendation: <u>Combined Hay & Litter Station</u> using <u>CatMate pellet litter</u>

#### 6) Grooming.

- a. Rabbits shed around twice a year (Spring & Autumn).
- b. If a cashmere (long-hair) coat, you need to brush daily and potentially clip them at shedding seasons.
- c. Nails need clipping regularly.
- d. Recommendation: Clippers, rabbit grooming kit

## Flooring.

- a. Rabbits need to be able to grip the floor where they move/run.
- b. If you have wooden/laminate/tiled floors, consider putting down some carpet/grip for them to enjoy.
- c. Recommendation: <u>Carpet squares</u> or rug runner

#### 8) Temperature control.

- a. Rabbits cannot self-regulate their temperature like other animals can.
- b. Consider cooling/heating solutions for your bun buns area.
- c. Recommendation: <u>Snugglesafe microwave heat pads</u> and portable air conditioner

#### ) Carrier.

- a. For vet visits (and for picking your bun bun up from Lagoballo).
- b. Recommendation: <u>Foldable Carrier</u>

# **CLEANING**

# ENSURE YOU CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

- 1) Litter
  - a. Clean out every second day
  - b. Deep clean once a month (warm soapy water)
- 2) Water & feed bowls
  - a. Clean out every second day
  - b. Deep clean once a month (warm soapy water/dishwasher if dishwasher safe)
- 3) Enclosure/flooring
  - a. Clean weekly
  - b. Deep clean as needed
  - c. Good idea to have fly traps around to reduce the likelihood of flystrike (we recommend Envirosafe Fly Trap)

# PICK UP DAY!

## YOU ARE READY FOR BUN BUN COLLECTION DAY!

- 1) Pack your carrier
  - a. Place a nice soft towel on the bottom so they are comfortable
  - b. A little bowl of pellets
  - c. A little handful of hay
  - d. A handful of continental parsley (they love this as a treat)
- 2) Ensure your vehicle has heating/cooling so as to keep them well ventilated in your travels
- 3) Once you are home, leave the carrier open in their new space (so they have somewhere safe to retreat to)
  - a. Place a handful of pulled continental parsley in their new hay/litter area to encourage exploration and use
  - b. Give the bunny time to explore on their own (don't pick up and pat a lot in the first 1-3 days as this stresses them out)
  - c. If you would like to interact with them, sit on the floor in their space with handfuls of continently parsley (or kale) and place it on the floor around you or encourage your bun to eat from your hand... this builds trust
  - d. Once they are relaxed around you (signs of chonking/loafing, flopping, head butting you), you can then start to pick up and engage your rabbit more

