

## Rabbit Housing

HSCC always recommends housing pet rabbits indoors where your rabbit is safe from the predators, parasites, and extreme temperatures of outdoor living.

### How to House

There are several options to house rabbits inside. They can live free-reign in a bunny proofed room/home, in an x-pen enclosure, bunny condo, or large rabbit cage. If contained, their space should always be large enough so they can hop around, and they should be let out of their pen for at least a few hours everyday for exercise.

**Protip:** Avoid “small animal cages” and habitats marketed towards rabbits at pet stores. Rabbits require lots of space to hop around and jump up to have happy healthy lives!



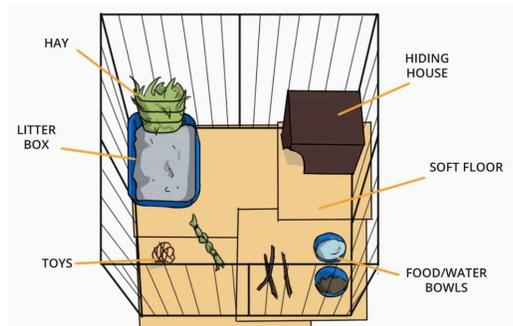
An [x-pen](#) (36” or higher so they cannot jump out) is a great option for indoor housing. A large dog crate is an alternative to safely house your rabbit at night, while they free roam during the day. The rabbit should be able to fully hop and the top should NOT touch their head while they stand.

### Bedding

Rabbits need soft, solid floors to hop around easily. If your rabbit is free-roaming in your home, be sure to have plenty of rugs to cover slippery hardwood or vinyl floors. In a rabbit enclosure, soft linens like fleece make great, absorbent bedding, and you can place them on top of yoga or exercise mats to keep your rabbit from sliding around.

### A few things your rabbit enclosure should always contain:

- Hay rack/feeder
- Food and water bowls/water bottle
- Hidey holes and tunnels
- [Toys and enrichment items](#)
- Litter box
- Access to a cool spot (e.g. tile or ice pack) to prevent overheating



### Cleaning

To keep your rabbit healthy and free of potential issues like [sore hocks](#), spot clean your rabbit’s enclosure daily (clean the litter box/replace with new newspaper and shake out the linens) and deep clean at least once a week (washing and changing all the blankets/linens), but you may need to change linens as needed if they become wet or damp.

For more recommendations for different types of rabbit housing, check out [My House Rabbit](#).