

Rabbit Care Costs



Housing and Bedding: \$50–350

An indoor enclosure should be your first big purchase for your new pet. Make sure your rabbit's living corridors are spacious and comfortable. Remember: the *minimum* recommendation for a rabbit's cage is four feet wide, two feet deep, and two feet tall. To keep your rabbit comfortable and happy, be sure to provide plenty of bedding throughout the enclosure.

It is important for rabbits to have time outside of their enclosure each day.

Housing Accessories: \$25–100

Providing your rabbit with a variety of toys, exercise, and mental stimulation will help her remain happy and healthy.

- Hide-a-ways: \$5–25
- Toys: \$10–50
- Litter box: \$5
- Crocks for food and water: \$5–10
- Chewing items, such as untreated wicker baskets, cardboard tubes, and apple branches: \$2

Food and Litter: \$35–120 Per Month

When purchasing rabbit food, bear in mind that rabbits need a lot of fiber. Pick a brand that has at least 18% minimum fiber. Some quality brands include: Oxbow, Sherwood Forest, and Supreme.

- Rabbit food: \$10–20
- Hay (should be available 24 hours a day for your rabbit in unlimited quantities): \$10–30
- Healthy treats (raisins): \$5
- Veggies: \$10–50
- Newspaper or paper/untreated wood-based litter: \$0–20

See the *Rabbit Feeding* handout for safe and unsafe rabbit foods.

Annual Medical Costs: \$100–\$500

The most common health concerns in rabbits include upper respiratory infections, overgrown incisors, sore hocks, and gastro-intestinal emergencies. Keep in mind that not all veterinary hospitals care for small animals, and therefore, may be costly.

- Annual veterinary costs: varies
- Emergency veterinary costs: varies
- Grooming supplies (Fur-buster comb, nail trimmers, Q-tips): ~\$15