

Pets Operational Procedure

P10 – Rabbits Daily

1. Pellets

Give one scoop of pellets per rabbit. It's important that they don't get given too much or else they will fill up on these and won't eat enough hay.



2. Hay

Top up the hay in hay racks and litter trays if needed. They need constant access to hay and can eat a pile of hay the same size as themselves each day!

3. Greens

They can have a handful of rabbit safe veg/forage each day. Ideally herbs and fresh or dried wild plants/forage are best, but the key is variety and not too much of any one thing. Some examples are coriander, mint, parsley, dill, basil, dandelion, plantain, apple leaves/branches, willow (as long as they are not on Metacam/pain relief). Carrots and fruit are only to be treated as very small quantities.



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4. Water

Empty and refill full of water bottles every day.
Clean the bottle if necessary, using a bottle brush.
Make sure that it is attached securely and is at a suitable height for the rabbit to reach.



5. Health Checks

Rabbits are prey animals and hide signs that they are in pain, so we have to keep a close eye on them. Don't pick them up unnecessarily but try and have a visual check over them and watch their behaviour. Make sure they are eating, hopping ok and that their poops look healthy. Check for signs of drooling, runny eyes or noses. If you notice anything that concerns you or you are unsure about, please speak to Jon, Beth or Hayley.

6. Final Checks

Make sure all hutches/enclosures are shut and bolted closed. Put everything away and make sure the lids are closed on the food and storage containers and that you have swept the patio clean.

