



## Fun and Affordable Toys for Rabbits

Rabbits are by nature curious, fun-loving creatures and need mental stimulation as well as physical exercise. A bored, under stimulated rabbit can become destructive, aggressive, overweight or depressed.

Watch the way your bunny likes to play and the ways he gets into trouble and try to duplicate those activities in safe ways. Remember: A bored rabbit is a naughty rabbit.

### ■ Toys

- Cardboard box with entry and exit
- Hay-packed toilet paper rolls
- Willow ring, circle or branches
- Oatmeal boxes that have been emptied
- Plastic empty butter and sour cream containers
- Stuffed animal
- Slinky
- Baby toys: hard plastic (not teething) toys like rattles and keys, things that can be tossed.
- Old bunch of keys for throwing
- Dragon grass doormats from Home Depot
- Telephone book or newspaper secured under a table or chair to provide something to pull at.
- Old magazines, cereal/tissue boxes and junk mail to tear up.
- Part of an old sheet or towel (if your rabbit doesn't eat it).
- Timothy hay cubes to chew and toss around
- Little plastic trucks (about 5-6" high!)
- Own laundry pile (clean) made up of unmatched socks and other "throw away" clothing.
- Pillows in a pile in a corner
- UNUSED Downey fabricsoft dispenser filled with pellets or hay.
- Plain paper bag, on its side
- Large cardboard concrete forms from the hardware store. These tubes resemble a burrow and Bun will love to dig in, sleep in and run through them.
- Untreated wicker baskets or (straw) whisk broom
- Plain, untreated, woven-straw paper-plate holders
- "Cottontail Condo" or other cardboard condos
- Little Tykes gym from Toys-R-Us
- Kitty condos, tubes, tunnels, and trees
- UNTREATED Sea grass mats from Pier 1 or Cost Plus Imports.
- Stairs to charge up and down
- Cat toys: Batta balls, and other cat toys that roll or can be tossed.
- Dried out pinecones
- Jungle gym type toys from Toys R Us
- Things to jump up on (they like to be in high places)
- Toddler stacking cups or empty yogurt pots (put one inside the other with a treat in between so the bunny has to work out how to get to it).
- Plastic or metal cookie cutters, two tied together with white cotton twine
- ABC blocks in the craft section of Wal-Mart, a soft pine (NOT child's blocks) for knocking over & chewing.
- Untreated wood, twigs and logs that have been aged for at least 3 months or untreated pine wood blocks. Apple tree branches can be eaten fresh off the tree. Stay away from: cherry, peach, apricot, plum and redwood, which are all poisonous.
- Hanging parrot toys (made of hard plastic), hanging baby toys (a mobile is the best!), or slinkies which have been hung on the top of the cage.
- 1 or 2 garden chairs with towels draped over them to jump up and down and hide underneath.
- Wooden tunnel (wooden ramps and 'bridges' are a welcome addition).
- Large litter trays or plastic storage boxes filled with ...soil, sand or peat for digging.
- Bucket and spade and small plastic flowerpot to pick up and toss.
- Football or beach ball about 4 times their size to nudge and roll.
- Large upturned plant pots to hop up and down.
- Potted edible plants, (e.g. lavender or parsley) to nibble on.
- A clay pipe to run through.
- A log or tree stump to jump on or over.
- Large flat stones to climb on and smaller ones for sniffing and chinning.