

## HOUSE RABBIT DIETARY RECOMMENDATIONS

A rabbit's diet should be made up of high-quality pellets, fresh Timothy hay, fresh water, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Hay and pellets should be available 24 hours a day. Fresh veggies should be give twice per day and fruits should be limited to a treat, but no more than two times per day in *small* amounts. Rabbits prefer to drink from a bowl like a dog. However, if your bunny continuously knocks over his bowl, you may want to switch to a drip-style water bottle that hangs from the side of the cage.

Hay is essential to a rabbit's digestive health. It provides necessary roughage that reduces the danger of hairballs and keeps the gut in working order.

Below is a guide of appropriate fresh veggies, leafy green and fruits.

## **Dark Leafy Greens**

- Arugula
- Basil
- Bok Choy
- Beet greens
- Carrot tops
- Cilantro
- Dandelion greens
- Dill greens
- Escarole
- Fennel
- Green, red or Romaine lettuce (no iceberg)
- Parsley
- Radish tops
- Turnip greens

## **Non-Leafy Greens**

- Carrots
- Celery
- Bell peppers
- Broccolini
- Broccoli (leaves and stems)
- Brussels sprouts
- Pea pods

## Fruit

- Apple
- Banana
- Blueberries
- Cherries
- Grapes
- Melon
- Pear
- Peach
- Papaya (including papaya pellets)
- Raspberries