

## DIET FOR RABBITS

1. Hay (Oat or Timothy) must be available 24 hours a day!
2. Feed a minimum of 1 cup vegetables for each 4 pounds of body weight.
3. Feed a minimum of 3 types of vegetables daily. A variety is necessary in order to obtain the necessary nutrients. Choose one vegetable each day that contains Vitamin A, indicated by \*.
4. Vegetables followed by an exclamation point (!) are high in either oxalates or goitrogens and may be toxic in accumulated quantities over a period of time.  
USE THESE VEGETABLES SPARINGLY.
5. Vegetables can be added to a rabbits diet once it reaches 12 weeks of age. Add 1 vegetable at a time. If soft stools or diarrhea occurs, eliminate that vegetable from the diet.
6. Pellets should be purchased fresh and be high in fiber. Rabbits 7 months to 1 year should be limited to ½ cup of pellets per 6 pounds of body weight a day. Rabbits younger than 7 months can be fed unlimited pellets.
7. An ideal pellet will have the following values: *Crude Fiber 20 - 25%*  
*Crude Protein 13 - 15%* *Calcium < 1%* *Crude Fat < 2%*  
DO NOT BUY PELLETS THAT CONTAIN SEEDS, NUTS, OR STARCH RICH CEREAL KIBBLE MIXED IN.

### VEGETABLES

Alfalfa, radish & clover sprouts	Cilantro	Peppermint leaves
Basil	Dandelion greens *	Radish tops
Beet greens (tops) *	Endive *	Raspberry leaves
Bok choy	Escarole	Romaine lettuce (no iceberg)
Broccoli (mostly leaves & stems)*	Green Peppers	Spinach (!)
Brussels sprouts	Kale (!)	Watercress *
Carrots (limited)	Mint	Wheatgrass
Carrot tops *	Mustard greens *	
Celery (shopped)	Parsley *	
Clover	Pea Pods (flat edible kind) *	

### FRUITS

1. Small amounts totaling only 1-2 level tablespoons per 5 lbs of body weight.
  2. No fruits if rabbit is on a diet or is ill.
- Apple, peach, pear, melon, raspberries, papaya, blueberries, pineapple, plums, strawberries**