There’s loads of information on the internet about caring for bunnies. Here are a few simple guidelines to help you raise a happy & healthy Holland Lop.

* Make sure that your Holland Lop has fresh cool water at all times. Water bottles are what all of our kits learn to drink from. Crocks/water bowls work well but can be dumped & soiled easily so its important to check them regularly..
* We feed Kalmbach 18% Best in Show. You may choose your own feed but it is not recommended. We have provided transition feed to mix with your new feed for the first week or so. Do half transition feed half new feed & gradually decrease.
* Feed 1 teaspoon old fashioned oats (not quick oats) daily to all Hollands under 6 months of age. If your Holland digs or dumps the food bowl, give the oats in a separate smaller dish.
* Provide fresh, unlimited timothy hay or orchard medley daily (no alfalfa it’s too rich)

At 6 months of age we give:

* ½ cup of feed per day at the same time or ¼ in the morning & ¼ in the evening
* Fresh, unlimited timothy hay
* 1 teaspoon of old fashioned oats weekly

\*No food treats until 6 months old.

* Food treats may be given weekly after 6 months old but should be very limited. Too many treats can make your Holland overweight and unhealthy. Too many treats could also give your bunny diarrhea and be fatal. Our weekly Holland safe treats include: plain shredded wheat, plain cheerios, dandelion greens & parsley. A great source for bunny safe treats: riseandshinerabbitry.com

If your Holland has watery liquid diarrhea, remove food pellets, then give hay & oats only (no treats) with plenty of water (add a bowl of water in addition to your water bottle) until you see normal droppings. Hollands can easily get dehydrated & have very sensitive digestive systems. If your Holland stops eating and drinking…you may need to see a veterinarian. Hollands have soft clusters of poop called “cecotrophs” in addition to their normal round/firm droppings. Your baby has learned from his/her mama how to eat these tasty turds. It is completely normal & helps them to maintain a healthy gut.

Please do not bathe your Holland. A young Holland is very sensitive to cold. The stress from bathing and the cold can be fatal. Hollands will groom themselves regularly. They will also ingest lots of fur in the process which is why they need unlimited hay. The high fiber helps to move all the fur through their little guts. You can brush your bunny to help keep his/her hair clean and smooth. If your Holland becomes soiled with stool try to brush it out. If that fails you can cautiously trim the soiled fur with scissors. As a last resort you can wash your Hollands bottom only with mild soapy warm water & be sure to dry as best as you can.

As your bunny grows you will need to trim their nails once a month with a cat nail trimmer. Only trim the nail up to the “quick” …there is a visible blood vessel in each nail. Dark toenails make it difficult to see the “quick” so use plenty of light.

Hollands do get bored. We provide ours with plenty of toys (plastic treat balls, cardboard, wood blocks, straw tunnels, boxes). Chew toys like apple sticks also keep teeth healthy. If your bunny has an outdoor play area make sure that there is plenty of shade because they can easily overheat.

Once your bunny reaches their hormonal stage (typically 4-6 months), we strongly recommend spaying or neutering if breeding isn't in your plans. Your sweet bunny's personality can go through dramatic changes as hormones kick in. Some may begin mounting, spraying urine, or developing nipping behaviors. Their previously perfect litter box habits might suddenly deteriorate. Many become territorial over their living space, toys, and even their favorite humans

Please allow your new Holland time to transition and settle in to their new home. Bunnies can get easily stressed by too much handling and lots of change at one time. Enjoy getting to know your new bunny & best of luck!

If you have additional questions or concerns don’t hesitate to reach out via text (330)461-2655

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