



## YOU can start a 4-H rabbit project!

### You need a rabbit

Study different breeds. Consider rabbit size and temperament. Talk to local breeders. It is usually better to purchase your rabbit from a reputable breeder. Cost is around \$30.



If you like rabbits, hop to it! Two Lancaster County 4-H clubs focus on rabbits, as well as a variety of other projects. Open to all youth ages 8–18.

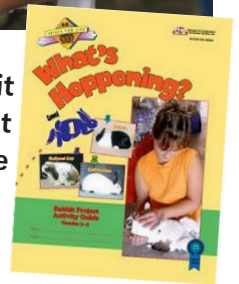
Rabbits R Us 4-H club usually meets monthly. For more information, contact leader Sarah Lanik-Frain at 402-570-9994 or slanikfrain@yahoo.com.

South Prairie 4-H club's meetings are to be arranged. For more information, contact leader Jen Metcalf at 402-890-2074 or jaine78@hotmail.com.

You can keep your rabbit indoors or outdoors.

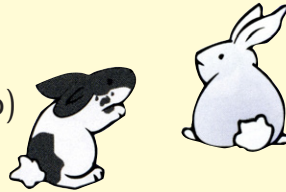


4-H Rabbit Project Guide



### Supplies needed

- Cage\*\* . . . . . \$40–60 for supplied start up kit
- Bedding for waste. . \$2–6 for pine shavings or pellet bedding
- Water bottle . . . . . \$5
- Food dish . . . . . \$2–\$8
- Pellet food . . . . . \$5 (2lb) to \$20 (50lb)
- Grooming brush . . . \$5
- Nail trimmer . . . . . \$4–8



(\*\*for small rabbit breeds – use a 24" x 24" x 16" cage)

### Helpful resources online — see back of this sheet

### Some local sources for rabbit supplies:

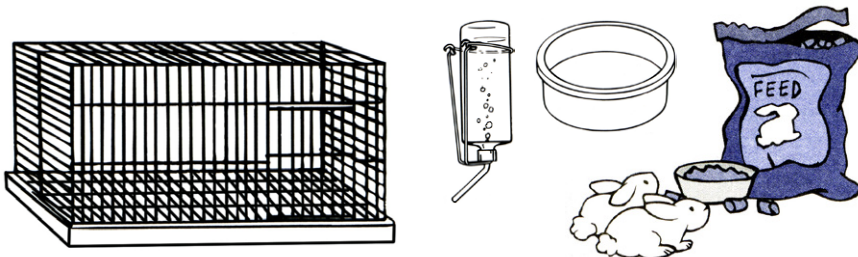
**Tractor Supply Company**  
 7300 Husker Circle, 402-476-2292  
 9000 Amber Hill Court, 402-420-0011  
 9531 N 130th St. Waverly, 402-786-3041

**Orschlen Farm & Home**  
 5640 Cornhusker Hwy, 402-466-1191

**Wal-Mart**  
 4700 N. 27th Street, 402-438-4377  
 3400 N. 85th Street, 402-466-0447  
 8700 Andermatt Drive, 402-484-6166

Most pet stores carry rabbit supplies as well.

**For more information, contact Kate at Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County at 402-441-7180**



# Helpful Resources Online

## Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County

<https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/companionanimal>

- Six How to Videos presented by Lisa-Karr, Nebraska Extension Companion Animal Specialist. Featuring former Lancaster County 4-H youth and their rabbits.
  - “How to Trim Your Rabbit’s Toenails”
  - “How to Groom Your Rabbit”
  - “The Proper Way to Pick Your Rabbit Out of Its Cage”
  - “Showmanship Example #1”
  - “Showmanship Example #2”
  - “Showmanship Example #3”
- “How to Build a Nesting Box” 2-page handout by Extension Evaluation Coordinator Jessie Bauman

## American Rabbit Breeders Association

[www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net)

- Recognized Breeds — the American Rabbit Breeders Association currently recognizes 49 unique rabbit breeds and 13 different breeds of cavy.
- “ARBA Recommendations for the Care of Rabbits and Cavies” 4-page handout
- Frequently asked questions and answers to common questions relative to rabbit and cavy care, health, and management