



# 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.

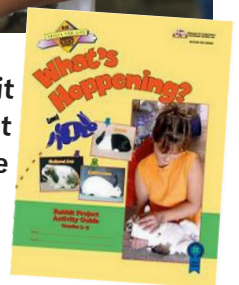
If you like rabbits, hop to it! One Lancaster County 4-H club focus on rabbits, as well as a variety of other projects. Open to all youth ages 8–18.

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.

You can keep your rabbit indoors or outdoors.



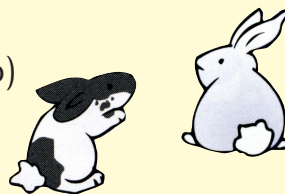
4-H Rabbit Project Guide



## Supplies needed

Cage**	.....	\$50–100 for supplied start up kit
Bedding for waste	..	\$4–9 for pine shavings or pellet bedding
Water bottle	.....	\$5
Food dish	.....	\$3–\$10
Pellet food	.....	\$6 (2lb) to \$30 (50lb)
Grooming brush	...	\$8
Nail trimmer	.....	\$6–9

(\*\*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

#### Bomgaars

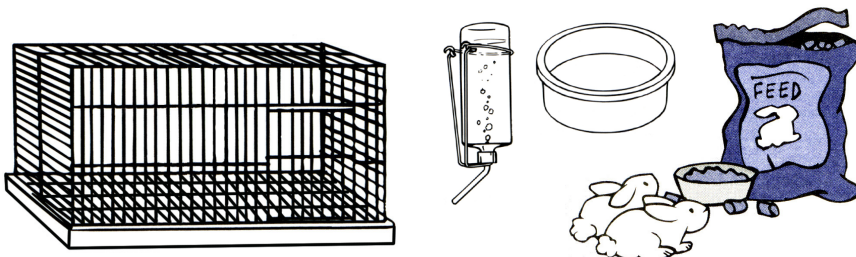
5640 Cornhusker Hwy, 402-466-1191

#### 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
- Rabbit Grooming Table Instructions handout

## American Rabbit Breeders Association

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

- Recognized Breeds — the American Rabbit Breeders Association currently recognizes over 52 unique rabbit breeds and 13 different breeds of cavies.
- “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

## Other Resources

- The Rabbit Show — <https://www.youtube.com/@TheRabbitShow>
- Rabbit Tutor — <https://rabbittutor.com>