

## FOOD LIST FOR RABBITS

Does your bunny get their "5 a day?"

The latest info from the British Society of small animal vets (BSAVA) suggests that, along with 80% hay, feeding a variety of greens every day is the best way to keep your buns teeth and digestive system healthy.

*The Rabbit Doctor (2014)*

*Choose your "5 a day" from this sample list*

### Sample Greens

Cos lettuce
Endive lettuce
Butter lettuce
Rocket lettuce
Romaine lettuce
Spinach
Silverbeet
Chinese lettuce (i.e. bok choy)
Celery tops (and small amount of stalk, cut into short lengths)
Chicory
Herbs: Watercress, coriander, mint, basil, dill, fennel...

### High calcium greens (minimal as part of salad)

Kale (small amount)
Dutch carrot tops (small amounts)
Flat leaf parsley (small amounts)

### Sample Vegetables

*(small amount with greens in the evening)*

Apples
Grapes
Pears
Strawberries
Banana
Carrots
Sultanas (2 or 3 at bedtime sometimes)

### Bunny Chews (occasionally)

Apple branches & leaves
Pear branches
Willow branches & leaves
Blackberry (dethorned) branches and leaves

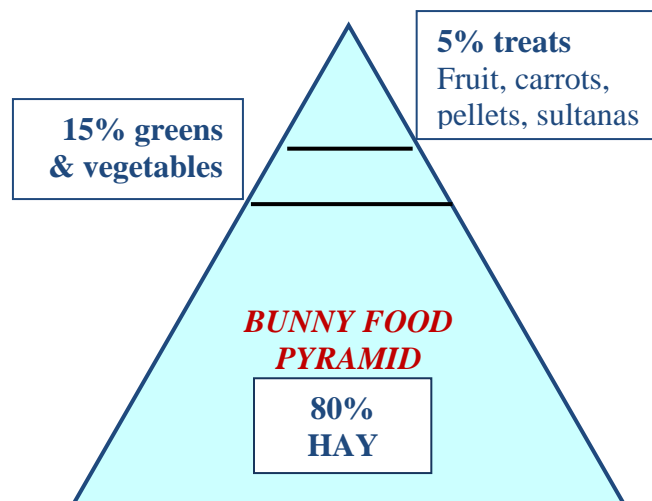
### Hay (unlimited)

Grass/Meadow hay
Oaten hay
Rye hay
Oxbow pellets



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### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Rabbits have sensitive digestive systems.
- Only change the bunny diet 10% at a time
- We recommend feeding the bunnies greens morning and night
- Two or three squares of fruit and vegetables with the evening meal such as carrot and apple or other on the list.
- Feeding the bunny twice a day serves as a welfare check and allows you to establish if the bunny is well and eating.
- Most bunnies also like 2 to 3 sultanas or half a grape or a small amount of pellets after breakfast and at bedtime as a treat.
- Treats can be used
  - As a welfare check
  - To boost the weight of an underweight bun
  - to bond with your bunny
  - to establish a routine
  - to settle them for the night

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

- **Do Not feed a rabbit iceberg lettuce** as this can cause diarrhea and lead to dehydration
- **Cabbage and Cauliflower** leaves in large quantities can cause bloat, which can be fatal in rabbits. **Advise not to use at all.**