



Small Animal Foster Feeding Guidelines

Rabbits and guinea pigs should have unlimited access to fresh timothy hay. This should make up the majority of their diet (80-90%). Rabbits and guinea pigs under 6 months old can also eat alfalfa hay, but should still primarily eat timothy.

All foster pets should have free access to fresh water. This can be given in a water bottle, a bowl, or both. Some pets may prefer one over the other.

Rabbits and guinea pigs should be given $\frac{1}{4}$ c. of age appropriate pellets once daily. These can be given scattered in their hay for enrichment, or given in a bowl. If you are frequently finding a majority of the pellets left behind in the hay, it may be better to feed in a bowl to make sure they are eating enough.

Rabbits and guinea pigs should also be given fresh greens once daily. It's beneficial to rotate through the greens offered when possible. All guinea pigs should receive a matchbox-sized portion (roughly 2 inx1.5inx0.5in) each. Portion sizes for rabbits will vary based on their weight – they should be given roughly 1 packed cup of greens per 1 kg of weight (1 kg= 2.2 lbs). You can find their weight, usually in kgs, on their medical summary sheet.

SAFE GREENS FOR SMALL ANIMALS

When in doubt, ask before feeding!

Daily	In moderation (2-3 times a week)	As treats (1-2tbs every 1-3 days)
Romaine Red or green leaf lettuce Basil Cilantro Bok choy Arugula Fennel Dill Spring greens Wheatgrass Chicory	Kale Spinach Parsley Collard greens Mustard greens Bell peppers Escarole Swiss Chard	Berries Grapes Pineapple Bananas Apples (seeds removed) Pears Carrots Peaches/Plums/Nectarines (no pit) Melons (can include peel + seeds) Brussel sprouts Broccoli (stems + leaves)

Do NOT feed: Nuts, seeds, grains, bread, yogurt, legumes (beans, peas, etc.), onions, leeks, chives, potatoes, avocado, cabbage, rhubarb, mushrooms or corn.