



• Rabbit Medicine Chest

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ITEM	MEDICAL SITUATION	DOSAGE	PRODUCT INFORMATION / HOW TO ADMINISTER
Acidophilus Tablets	Digestion	1/2 tablet	Feed 1 fruit flavored tablet while on anti-biotics. Helps regulate digestive tract.
Alcohol (Rubbing)	Tattooing	Small amount	Rub on inside of ear prior to tattooing. Alcohol removes dirt and wax from the ear. Individual alcohol wipes work well.
Acid 4-Way	Diarrhea Regulates gut	1/8 teaspoon in 1 gallon water	Mix with vitamins, aqua lyte. Aqua Vite, Aqua Lyte and Acid 4-Way can be purchased on line or at rabbit shows from a cage dealer. Acid 4-Way can replenish the rabbit's gut that anti-biotics have killed.
Apple Cider Vinegar	Moldy feed, hay Breeding Fly control	1 tablespoon in 1 gallon water	Add to your rabbit's water. Use during cool weather only! Water will turn rancid in the heat. Breeding: stabilizes organs & makes them more receptive. Fly control: mix equal parts of vinegar & Pine-Sol. Spray on surfaces around your rabbits, but never on cages.
Aqua Lyte	Anti-stress	1/2 teaspoon in 1 gallon water	Mix with vitamins and use to water rabbit.
Aqua Vite	Vitamins	1/2 teaspoon in 1 gallon water	Use the mixture to water your rabbit daily. Make sure the water stays fresh and doesn't get too strong. Dump water every 3 days to guarantee correct ratio of water / mixture.
Bacon	Doe eating kits	1 raw piece	Put 1 raw piece of bacon in the doe's cage when she is in labor. Only need to do this when the doe has been a bad mother and has eaten her kits previously. The doe will munch on the bacon and leave the kits alone.
Bene-Bac	Digestion	Per directions	Source of naturally occurring bacteria for digestive system. Very helpful for kits that have problems during weaning. Yogurt is a substitute for Bene-Bac.
Biosol Liquid	Enteritis	Per directions	Marketed for scours in cattle & goats. Works in the gut & is very effective in treating infectious mucoid enteritis. Available at a feed store. Also sold under the name of Dri-Tail in pet stores. More effective than Pepto-Bismol and Kayopectate. Anti-diarrheal medicines can cause digestive problems in a rabbit.
Bounce Back	Off of feed	2 cc	Mix small amount & squirt directly into rabbit's mouth. Can be purchased at TSC.
Chlorhexidine Solution	Wound flushing	Small amount	Clean wounds. Can also be used to remove droppings stuck rabbit's bottom. Purchase from your vet or pet supply catalog.
Conditioner	Coat & body condition	2 parts Oats 12 parts Barley 1 part Black oil Sunflower Seeds	Top dress 1 teaspoon every other day. Watch your rabbit's weight when using the conditioner. Oats = Old fashion oats (not instant) Barley = Steam Rolled (from grain elevator)
Dramamine	Wry Neck	1/4 tablet	1/4 tablet 2 - 3 times a day until you see it working. Reduce to 1/4 tablet once a day for about 3 weeks. Make sure you worm the rabbit when wry neck is present.
Drywall	Fur, coat problems	3" x 4" piece	Rabbit chews on the drywall. Magnesium in the drywall helps the coat condition.
Esbilac	Nursing problems	Per directions	Milk replacer for dogs & small animals. Foster babies to another doe if possible. Feed milk replacer with pet nursing bottle or syringe. Be very careful not to feed too fast, the baby can aspirate.
Hay	Hair fiber, digestion	Small handful	Place in cage 3 times a week. Watch your rabbit's manure. If it's too loose, you are feeding too much hay. If they are not cleaning up their feed, you are giving them too much hay.



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Ivermectin	Fur Mites	Small pea size	Put a small pea size amount in the rabbit's mouth. Retreat in 10 days.
Kayopectate	Diarrhea	A few drops	Wipe the drops on the bunnies paws. They will lick it off. You can also put drops into their mouths. Use with caution. See Biosol information.
Kwik Stop	Toe Nails	Small amount	Dab on the bleeding toenail. Sold in pet stores.
LA-200	Colds, Snuffles Upper Respiratory	1/2 cc - 1 cc	Use 22 gauge needle, apply inter-muscularly 1/2 cc for a 4 lb rabbit, repeat in 8 hours if needed. Snuffles is severely contagious. Quarantine rabbits that show signs of sickness. Culling best method.
Listerine	Fur Mites Sore Hocks	Small amount Just a dab	Spray a small amount of Listerine on the affected area of the rabbit's skin. Put on sore hocks 2X a day. Make sure the rabbit's cage doesn't have any sharp wires sticking up. Give the rabbit a resting mat or a piece of drywall to sit on.
Meat Tenderizer	Fur block, molt	1/4 teaspoon	Put 1/4 teaspoon of plain meat tenderizer in your rabbit's water during molt. Bromelain in the tenderizer will dissolve the ingested hair safely and quickly.
Milk	Kindling problems	Milk, Bread, Tums	Soak bread in milk. Top with a crushed fruit flavor Tums. Added calcium helps the doe and reduces the chance of milk fever.
Mineral Oil	Ear Mites	A few drops	Put a few drops of mineral oil (not salad oil) in the ear 2X for 3 days. Massage the ear to be sure it works its way down the ear canal.
NFZ Powder	Pink Eye	Instructions	Pink eye medicine for dogs, cats, sheep, goats & cattle. Available at pet and feed stores.
Oak Leaves	Off of feed	1 leaf per day	Put in cage. 1 leaf per day encourages rabbit to eat during hot weather. Make sure leaf is free of pesticides & disease.
Papaya	Hair Balls Makes coats shiny	1 tablet per day	Put in food bowl or feed it to the rabbit. They will take it out of your hand. Great for humans that have indigestion, Hiatal hernias. Can be purchased at GNC or any place that sells vitamins.
Pen-G	Vent Disease	1 drop 1/2 to 1 cc	Put Pen-G directly on rabbit's genitals. Can also purchase Combi-Pen 48. Bot available at TSC. Also can be administered With 22 gauge needle inter-muscularly. 1/2 to 1 cc
Hydrogen Peroxide	Cleaning	Q-tip amount	Clean wounds & preening glands. Preening glands are located on either side of the rabbit's genital openings on bucks & does. A musk oil is emitted from the glands & if rabbits do not clean themselves well, the oil builds up and has a rancid odor.
Ivomec	Mites, fleas, wormer	.03 cc	Give to rabbits orally .03 cc per 1 lb. Affective against mites and fleas. Also used as a wormer.
Neosporin	Sore Hocks	Small amount	Dab on sore hock with Neosporin
Nutri-Cal	Diarrhea	Per directions	Excellent source of nutrition when rabbits are ill, not eating or have diarrhea. Fed to rabbit with syringe or small spoon.
Pedialyte	Diarrhea, dehydration	Add to water	Replaces lost electrolytes. Add to drinking water. Use unflavored Pedialyte. Make sure you keep an eye on the expiration date.
Preparation-H	Sore Hocks	Small amount	Dab sore hock with Preparation-H.
Raspberry Tea	Labor & Kindling	4 oz	Raspberry tea bag, prepare as you would for yourself. Give doe 4 oz of tea before labor.
Ritz Crackers	Off of feed	1 cracker	Give 1 cracker to enhance eating.



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Salt Substitute	Wry Neck	Sprinkle	Sprinkle salt substitute over the rabbits food. Make sure you dump the feed not eaten each day so there isn't a build up of salt. Wry neck is known to be caused by Potassium deficiency. Make sure the rabbit has plenty of water. Lower bottle so the rabbit can reach it.
Seven Dust	Fur Mites	Dust	Rub a small amount of Seven Dust on the rabbit's head & spread it around the cage. Can be purchased at a garden store.
Shredded Wheat	Hair fiber, digestion	1	Feed as a healthy treat - 1 mini size 2X a week.
Simethicone Drops	Gas	1 dropper	Give 1 dropper full 2 - 3 times a day. Sold where they sell baby aspirin.
Styptic Pencil (powder)	Toenails	Small amount	Dab on bleeding toenail. Sold in drug stores.
Sulfaquinolaxine or Sulmet	Coccidiosis	Per instructions	Used to treat coccidiosis, use with caution. Withdrawl times must be adhered for meat rabbits.
Terramycin Eye Ointment	Eye infections	Small amount	Place a small amount directly under the rabbit's eyelid.
Toenail Clippers	Toenails	1 pair	Trim toenails regularly
Vanodine	Multi-purpose Cleaning & Sanitizing	Mix as directed	Strong enough to kill Pasteurella, rabies & Tuberculosis, but gentle enough to spray in infected eyes or put in drinking water. Available online @ Stibbars or from cage dealers at the rabbit shows. Use after every rabbit show. Kills any disease the rabbit would carry on their feet. Spray cages every week when cleaning.
Vet-Rx	Upper Respiratory	Per directions	Drop directly into your bunnies nose. Follow directions on bottle. Can be purchased from TSC or cage dealer at shows.
Vitamin E	Poisoning	1 gel cap	Removes toxins from the rabbit's body. Snip top off of a gel capsule and squirt it into the rabbit's mouth.
Wazine 17	Worms	2 tablespoons in 1 gallon water	Add Wazine to your rabbits water. Worm 3X a year, repeat after 10 days. Feed extra hay to your rabbits while being wormed.
White Vinegar	Fur Stains Clean cages & bowls	Equal parts	Mix white vinegar & water together in a spray bottle. Moisten fur with mixture. Use clean cloth & wipe. Can also add a little white cornmeal into the stain. Comb the cornmeal out with a brush. Removes hard water & calcium build up on cages. Disinfects food bowls.
Yogurt	Off feed	5 cc	Squirt 5 cc of yogurt in their mouths. They usually like peach or French vanilla flavored yogurt.

Resources:

Rabbit Network, EZ-Rabbi-tree, Cody's Rabbit Cave, 3 Little Ladies Rabbitry

Cage Dealers:

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