

RABBIT REFINEMENTS



Rabbits need environmental refinements in order to express normal behaviour, exercise, and cope with behavioural and physiological challenges.



Types of refinements include:

- ✓ **Social**
(Direct or visual contact with other rabbits)
- ✓ **Structural**
(Promoting movement or exercise)
- ✓ **Physical**
(Addition of objects to chew or manipulate)
- ✓ **Food-based**
(supplements or methods of feed delivery)

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

According to the Code of Practice, cages/pens **must have** at least 1 type of refinement. Two or more refinements is **recommended** to ensure normal, beneficial behaviours.

These refinements must be monitored to ensure the safety of the rabbits. They must also be replaced or sanitized when soiled.

WHAT KIND OF REFINEMENTS CAN YOU PROVIDE?



Plastic resting mats

- ✓ Hard wood gnawing blocks/sticks
- ✓ Hay, straw, or litter



Grass or hay cubes

- ✓ Raised platforms
- ✓ Multi-level cages/pens
- ✓ Tubes/tunnels

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

<http://www.nfacc.ca/rabbit-code-of-practice#section1>