

Biosecurity Practices for RHDV2

Biosecurity Recommendations:

Rabbit owners should practice the following biosecurity recommendations, whether they have commercial or pet rabbits:

- Keep rabbits indoors if possible.
- Have indoor and outdoor footwear; don't wear outdoor shoes indoors and vice versa.
- Wash hands before and after handling or caring for rabbits.
- Clean and disinfect feeders and other equipment daily if possible. Clean with soap and water, rinse well, spray with or submerge in 10% bleach for 10 minutes, rinse well, and let dry before re-use.
- Control flies, rats, cats, dogs, birds, etc. that can move the virus around on their feet or body.
- Don't allow visitors who also have rabbits.
- Don't handle others' rabbits.
- Prevent contact with wild rabbits.
- Do not put rabbits down on the ground to eat grass, etc.
- Do not collect outdoor forage and browse to feed rabbits.
- Treats can include raw vegetables from grocery stores.
- Monitor your rabbits closely for going off feed, looking limp/depressed, or behaving differently in any way. Call your veterinarian as soon as possible if you notice signs of illness in your rabbit.
- Report all unusual mass morbidity (sickness) or mortality (death) events to the State Veterinarian's Office at 303-869-9130.

Please see the [Cleaning and Disinfection](#) guidance document for information on proper cleaning protocols.

Please see the CSU Extension for information related to shows and exhibitions.