



Where to Look for a Good Cage in Sacramento

Provided by the Sacramento Chapter of the House Rabbit Society

Big John's Cages. Many HRS members know "Big John" as the cage guy at the Roseville Auction. John builds quality custom cages at reasonable prices; we've seen his work, and it's impressive. His number is (916) 393-2424, or check him out at the auction.

Petco, Petsmart, Premium Pet. Most of the bigger "pet department stores" in the Sacramento area sell rabbit cages. These are of varying quality and price (most of the cages at Petsmart are under \$100, but you may need to assemble some of the bigger ones at home). Please note that many pet stores sell plastic cages, which we do not recommend, even for dwarf bunnies. These cages have parts and pieces that could potentially break off and injure your rabbit's mouth if chewed. They're also less durable and harder to clean.

Feed Stores. Sometimes local feed stores carry good-sized cages that fit the bill. Locally, try Western Feed and Pet Supply. However, feed supply stores often specialize in outdoor hutches, and their supply

of indoor cages might be limited. So call ahead of time and see what they have in stock.

Classified Ads. If you're not in a hurry and you have the time and patience to wait for a good deal, look for cage listings in the Sacramento Bee or (even more often!) in the Pennysaver. Secondhand cages are sold in a variety of conditions, so be sure you check out what you're buying before you commit to taking it. But if you find one that's in good shape, you can probably get it for the fraction of the cost of a new one.

House Rabbit Society. The HRS Sacramento chapter has a number of cages that have been donated for our use. Although we keep some of them for adoption days and other events, we usually have several on hand that are available for a small donation to the HRS. Call our hotline number to see what we have in our garages.

If you are in the Oakland area, the **Lucky Goldfish Pet Store** at 801 Broadway has a wide range of cages available. Call them at (510) 836-3039.

Catalog and Internet Sources. A quick search on the Internet offers a number of other outfits that make and sell rabbit cages. If you really want to do some comparative shopping, you might try any of the following:

- **KW Cages.** This company is tried-and-true for

good cages. They offer single-story and two-story cages, stacking cages, and cages with shelves for the rabbit to jump onto. Depending on the model and size, prices range from \$30 to about \$160, plus shipping. A catalog of their "rabbit wares" is available by calling 1-800-447-CAGE, or you can see pictures on their Web site at www.kwcages.com.

- **Leith Petwerks** makes beautiful single, double, and triple level bunny condos ranging in price from \$100-\$250. They are at www.leithpetwerks.com online, or contact them at (812) 355-3307 for more information.
- **Petmarket.com** is an online pet supply store with 30 years of experience in the mail-order business. This Delaware-based company offers "Wabbitats," which are one-story basic cages, for about \$50. There are pictures of these on their Web site (www.petmarket.com/html/rabbitcages.html) or you can call them for more information, at (888) 738-6758.
- **Walker's Quality Cages and Feed Supply**, at (303) 424-0305. They're located in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, but they make cages to your specifications and they do ship.

Hay Sources

Most local pet supply stores carry small bags of timothy hay. To buy larger volumes of timothy or oat hay, check out:

Bradshaw Feed and Pet Supplies

7285 Bradshaw Road369-8225

Western Feed and Supply

East Sacramento452-4741
Carmichael.....485-1311

Oxbow Hay Company

.....1-800-249-0366
.....www.oxbowhay.com

Oxbow is available mail order only. It's more expensive because of the shipping costs, but definitely worth it.



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