

Bunny Lounge Guidelines

Rabbits are prey animals, and their welfare is important to us. The guidelines we have in place are to make sure the bunnies feel safe and happy, which will mean you have a more enjoyable visit as well! If you have any questions please feel free to talk to one of our Bunny Whisperers.

1. Make sure to **wash your hands** before interacting with any of the bunnies.
2. Please **do not pick up the bunnies** or restrict their movement in any way. Most rabbits do not enjoy being picked up, and can injure themselves or their handler if picked up incorrectly. For the safety and happiness of both the bunnies and you—please leave them on the floor.
3. You are welcome to pet the bunnies, but please **be mindful of their body language**: if you reach out to pet a bunny and they move away from your hand, try a different bunny! We have diagrams showing where bunnies like to be pet posted as well. They are more likely to approach you again if they know you are respectful of their space.
4. Rabbits have incredibly sensitive hearing and can be startled by loud noises. Please **keep your voice low** while inside the bunny lounge.
5. **If a bunny is hiding underneath a bench or hidey house, please leave them alone.** They may be sleeping, or just need a moment alone.
6. Please **don't run or chase after the rabbits**. This can scare them, and if very frightened they may be reluctant to come out and visit.
7. **Get low!** The closer you are willing and able to get to the rabbit's level, the better.
8. **You are welcome to feed the bunnies with the food we provide.** Please do not feed the bunnies anything else, and take note of signs and staff direction to not feed particular bunnies who are on restricted diets.
9. If you are visiting a bunny inside a pen, please **make sure the gate is closed** behind you. If one escapes, please let one of us know immediately.
10. **Enjoy vibing with the buns** :) Rabbits are curious creatures and usually can't resist checking out new things and people in their environment. Let them come to you and check you out! Sometimes the easiest way to get a bunny to be your friend is to ignore them at first to show that you are not a threat to them. Plus just watching a bunny clean their face, flop down for a nap, and binky or zoom around are proven ways to boost serotonin. Rule of thumb, the safer they feel, the more adventurous they are going to be!