

RHDV2 Solutions for Lagomorph Rehabilitation in Small or Home-Based Facilities

- Use large Tupperware bins with hardware cloth lid to ensure all organic material stays in cage (as compared to open sided/wire cages). Smooth sides are easier to clean and disinfect (fewer crevasses for organic material to get stuck in).



- Use disposable pee pads as substrate. They are easier to carefully roll up and dispose than to remove organic material from towels and the biosecurity challenges of transporting and laundering other substrates or towels.
- Use metal or plastic hide boxes to ensure ability to adequately clean and disinfect.
 - If using wood hide box, would have to be discarded after use on litter of rabbits.
 - Cardboard boxes would be another disposable option.
- Make quarantine units (i.e. all a day's admissions) on a shelving unit.
 - House rabbits separately as appropriate.
 - This will reduce the amount of PPE used making it more feasible for smaller operations.
 - HOWEVER, be prepared that if there is an outbreak or concern for RHDV2 the entire unit (shelf) will need to be considered for euthanasia.
 - The bins help ensure no organic material falls from the upper cages to the lower ones.
 - Bins are easy to take down for cleaning.
- To separate spaces in your facility (quarantine, cleared, etc.), hang waterproof tarps floor to ceiling, ensuring they are taped to walls/floors so no material can bounce underneath or around into the other area.
- Use visual cues for biosecurity (red tape on floor, signs on walls, etc.) to ensure you do not cross contaminate.

