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## Rabbits and Herbs, a Herbal Remedy

Rabbits in a natural habitat are completely herbivores. They browse on grass and other greens that are available. They will also munch on carrots and other vegetables found in our gardens. So it is not unusual for a rabbit breeder to feed various herbs to their rabbits as a remedy for various elements. We have on occasion used a few of these herbs with our rabbits for various reasons. We are not veterinarians, and should you be unsure of your rabbits health you should consult with them. Keep in mind, any changes in rabbits diet should be small and gradual as rabbits have a very sensitive digestive system.

## The Herbs & Use

Here are a few herbs and what they are recommended for by other rabbit breeders. These are listed in order by herb name. Check back with us tomorrow, and we'll list the ailment, and the herb which breeders recommend.

- AGRIMONY - Conjunctivitis
- BIRCH - Chewing, pain relief, anti-inflammatory, diuretic.
- BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER SEEDS – Coat Condition
- BLACKBERRY - Used for pregnant does, summer cooling, stimulate appetite, diarrhea
- BORAGE - Laxative, milk flow of nursing does, fevers, reduce stress
- CHAMOMILE - Pain relief, calm nervous rabbit, eye wash for weepy eye
- CHICKWEED – Anti-inflammatory, healing of cuts, molt
- CLEAVERS – healing of cuts, laxative
- COLTSFOOT – respiratory expectorant
- COMFREY - healing, bone formation, ill bunnies, stressed and weak bunnies, respiratory expectorant
- DANDELION - Blood purifying, respiratory ailments, anti-inflammatory, bladder infections, diarrhea, milk flow of nursing does
- ECHINACEA -Immune system stimulant and broad spectrum antibiotic. In the lower doses it's the stimulant and in higher doses acts as an antibiotic. Anti-inflammatory with anti-viral properties
- ELDER FLOWER - respiratory expectorant, fevers
- EUCALYPTUS - dried and powdered, and sprinkled repel fleas
- EYEBRIGHT – weepy eye
- FENNEL – bloating & gas, milk flow of nursing does
- GARLIC - immunize against disease, antiseptic, antibiotic, bloating & gas, respiratory expectorant
- GINGER – infertility in bucks
- GOATS RUE – Milk flow in nursing does
- GOLDEN ROD – anti-inflammatory
- GROUNDSEL – laxative, molt

