



**OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD)

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) is a highly contagious, fatal viral disease in rabbits caused by multiple virus strains. RHD is spread between rabbits by direct contact with infected animals or their urine and feces. RHD does not affect humans or other animals.

Symptoms of RHD in rabbits could include:

- Acute/rapid death
- Fever
- Lethargy
- Lack of appetite
- Congested membranes around the eyes
- Nervousness
- Lack of coordination
- Excitement or paddling
- Difficulty breathing
- Bloody, frothy nasal discharge at death

**IF YOU FIND A SICK OR DEAD RABBIT,
DON'T TOUCH IT, REPORT IT:
1 (800) 347-7028.**

**Find more information online at:
<https://ODA.DIRECT/RHD>**

Protect Your Rabbits

Keep your distance

- ✓ Restrict access to your property and keep your rabbits away from other rabbits.

Keep it clean

- ✓ Wash your hands thoroughly before and after working with your rabbits. Clean and disinfect equipment.

Don't haul disease home

- ✓ Buy rabbits from reputable sources and keep new rabbits separated for at least 30 days.

Don't borrow disease

- ✓ Do not share equipment or supplies with neighbors or other rabbit owners. If you must borrow, disinfect it first.

Know the warning signs

- ✓ Early detection can help prevent the spread of disease.