# Connect with Pets Activity Guide Rabbit Hurdles and Agility

#### Instructions for building:

- Using empty toilet paper rolls, poke holes one cm apart along your paper towel rolls for different levels of difficulty.
- 2. Feed a rabbit-safe stick into the holes on both rolls to create the basic hurdle for your bunny to navigate.



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## **Basic Rabbit Agility Training**

### Step 1: Introduction

• To introduce your rabbit to the jump, set the jump down in a space where your rabbit is comfortable. Let your rabbit investigate the jump. If they naturally cross over it reward them once they're over the jump.

### **Step 2: Luring**

• Practice luring your rabbit by putting a treat in front of their nose and move around a flat surface before moving to a jump.

### **Step 3: Jumping**

- Start with short sessions up to 15 minutes long and use low jumps that are only a few inches or less off the ground. Use rewards and make sure both you and your rabbit are having fun!
- A simple starting jump can be something on the floor like a wooden board or book or the basic hurdle described above.



#### **Caution for Cotton-Tails**

Because rabbits are prey animals they can be easily startled. Do not chase or grab your rabbit in an attempt to have them cross over something. This can be stressful for your bunny and could lead to potential injuries.

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