

## Age of a Hopping Rabbit

We have trained rabbits as old as 3 years old for hopping.

Sometimes a 4 month old rabbit is not mentally mature to start training as they are becoming teenagers. If you have ever lived with a teenager you know what that means.

Sometimes it is better to wait until a rabbit is 6 to 8 months old and no longer a teenager. Waiting a couple months gives the rabbit more time develop some maturity and common sense.

## Pictures of ground working rabbits



Buck is just walking around. He is getting comfortable wearing the harness with someone walking behind him.



Buck is learning to go over rails placed on the carpet.



If the rabbit is unsure about going over the rails pick the rabbit up and gently place it on the other side of the rail.



Different angle of Buck going over rails on the carpet.



As you can see Buck wants to get going.



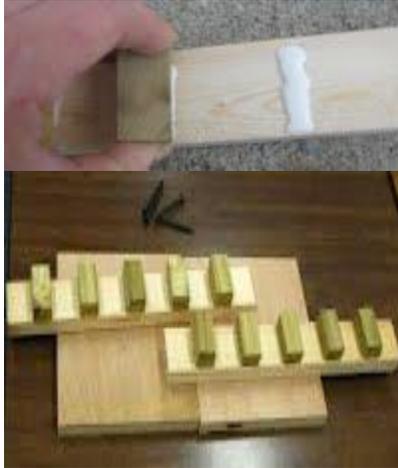
Buck is almost to the end.



Buck has reached the end.

## 5 Building a Jump





Before you can have the rabbit jump over jumps you either need to buy jumps or make your own jumps. What we consider safe rabbit hopping jumps are jumps that fall apart if the rabbit should run into them or miss judge the jump and hit it on its way over the jump. either fall if the rabbit hits them with their foot

## Marking the jump Bars



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## Measuring and Marking the Side Rails

### WOODEN BLOCKS SIDERAILS



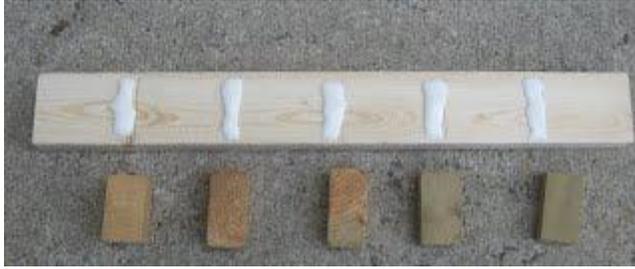
We use 1 X 1/2 " Pine boards, they are light weight



To make the jumps consistant we mark the board every 2 " starting from the end.



We set the side rail holders beside the wood to glue (Gorilla Wood Glue) them in place.



Next to make things go faster we put the glue right below the line we marked.



We attach the wooden rail holders onto the side rails



Finished side rails placed on 6" X 6" jump bases. We use 2 1/2" to 3" screws to secure the siderails to the bases.

The wooden side rails holders are used with flat wood. We use Pine or Cedar for the rails. This wood is a softer wood and lighter in weight allowing it to fall easier. Oak is a heavy and denser wood, so it takes more to make it fall.

## **ELECTRITION STAPLES SIDERAILS**



Mark the siderail every 2" starting at the base when using electrician staples.



These are electrician staples and we use a hammer to pound them in at the 2" marks.



Electrician Staples before they are bent to form a dip.



After we attach the siderail onto the jump base we create a dip in the staple. To do this we stand on the base, using 2 pliers we pull up on the staple at the same time.

### POULTRY STAPLES SIDERAILS



Mark the siderail every 2" starting at the base.



We mark the board at 2" intervals and mark the center of the board so when we pound in the staples we know where the staples need to be placed to create a small dip for the PVC pipe to rest in.



Sorry not a very good image, but you get the point.



These are poultry staples. We use 2 staples at every 2" line to create a small pocket or dip for the PVC pipe to rest on.

