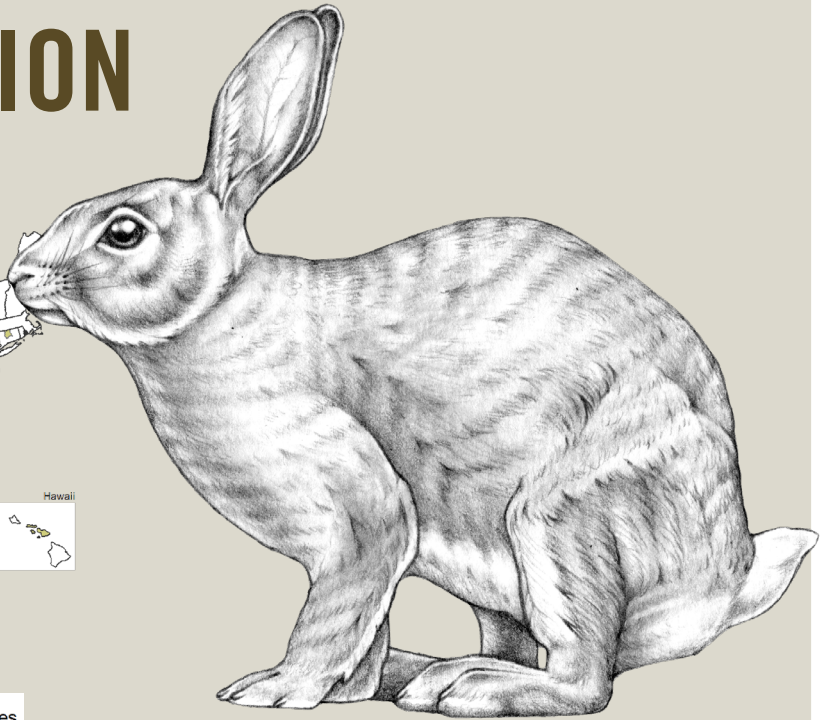
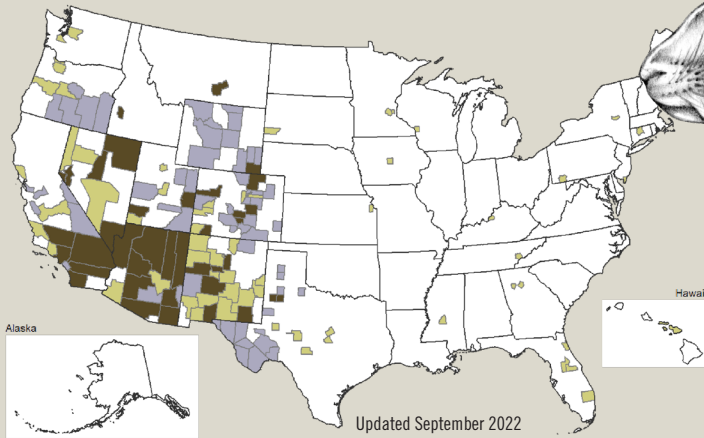


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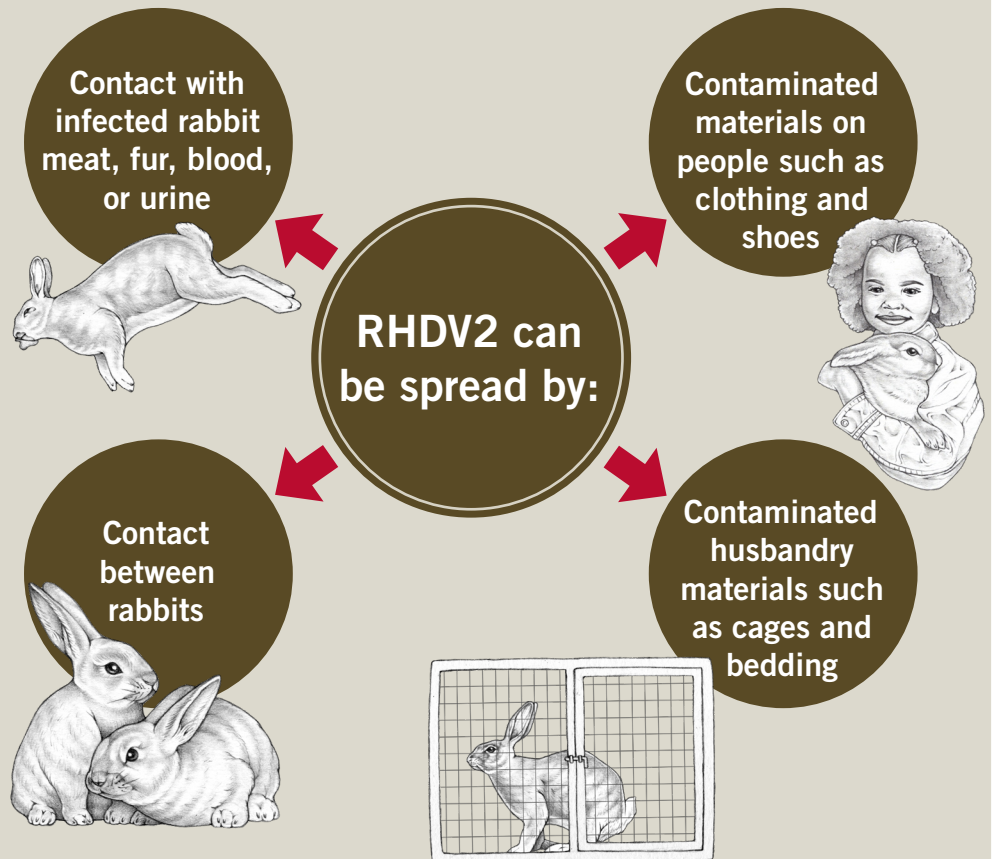
BASIC INFORMATION



RHDV2 can spread through wildlife populations. However, the greatest risk of RHDV2 spreading to new areas is from people moving infected rabbits and contaminated materials.

What is RHDV2?

- ▶ RHDV2 is a highly contagious virus that infects wild and domestic rabbits and hares.
- ▶ RHDV2 kills up to 80% of infected rabbits.
- ▶ Visible signs are rare, but infected animals may have blood-stained nose or mouth.
- ▶ The virus can survive extreme conditions, such as freezing temperatures or hot, dry environments.
- ▶ The virus can survive outside of a rabbit on contaminated materials.
- ▶ RHDV2 will not impact human health or the health of your dogs



For full details and expert advice on mitigating RHDV2, visit rhdv2.org

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HOW CAN I HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RHDV2

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Immediately report sick or dead rabbits to your state wildlife or agriculture agency; do not handle the animal unless directed otherwise. If possible, mark the location with flagging or another object, or record the GPS coordinates.

Clean your clothes and shoes after any interactions with a rabbit

Limit your movement of products that have come in contact with rabbits.

Educate yourself on the latest news about the disease. Visit rhv2.org.

Why should I care about RHDV2 and rabbits?

- ▶ Rabbits are an important food source for many wildlife species.
- ▶ Rabbits help maintain healthy habitat through seed dispersal.
- ▶ Rabbits are good indicators of a healthy environment.
- ▶ The domestic rabbit industry is worth USD \$2.2 billion.
- ▶ 2.9 million American households own a pet rabbit.
- ▶ Youth members in 4-H and National FFA learn valuable skills by raising and showing rabbits.
- ▶ 1.3 million people hunt rabbits each year.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MY RABBIT?

- ▶ Avoid areas affected by the disease
- ▶ Keep your rabbits inside, away from rabbits that may carry the disease.
- ▶ Practice sound biosecurity measures (see rhv2.org)
- ▶ Vaccinate your domestic rabbits to minimize your rabbit's risk of death.



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