

# ASPEN WOOD PRODUCTS ARE THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR LITTER OR BEDDING

**Aspen is currently the preferred wood species for utilization as bedding for animals**

Aspen is preferred because it is lightweight, contains good absorbency properties, lacks characteristic odor and has a neutral color

The Aspen wood composition helps control bacterial growth and odors.

Aspen is a hardwood which does not have the problems with phenols associated with the softwood beddings such as pine and cedar.

Aspen pelleted litters contain high absorbency properties

The lack of a characteristic odor also makes aspen an excellent odor neutralizer

Aspen has been shown to be highly digestible by ruminant animals. Aspen wood does not contain the chemical called lignin which makes wood extremely indigestible by ruminant animals. Aspen twigs and sprouts are known to have a food value equal to that of medium quality hay.

Litters, especially the aspen pelleted litters, are most efficient and economical if you use a thin layer

Aspen wood products are safe to use. Aspen is inexpensive and readily available product that makes a great litter for rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils, ferrets, rabbits, cats, etc.

Wood contains no appreciable fertilizer chemicals including nitrogen. An attractive solution for nitrogen starvation is to use the wood as animal bedding prior to spreading on the soil. This will give the wood the nitrogen needed for decay by way of bacteria. Aspen then becomes a biodegradable product which is naturally returned to the earth.