

Rabbit Haven Education Center –Pre Adoption Questionnaire

All information you provide to us is held in confidence and used ONLY to facilitate your adoption of a rabbit from The Rabbit Haven.



NAME(s) _____

CA drivers license # *bring with you- do not send info on line.* _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE # home: _____ Work: _____ E mail address(s) (Required) please print/

Best time to reach? _____ AM /pm / _____

Good days for contact -Day of week? _____

Are you interested in any specific rabbit(s)? If so, please list their names:

Why have you decided to add a rabbit to your family? _____

List all animals you currently care for at this time: List breed, age and where they live (indoor or out)

Do you think these animals will be compatible with the bunny(s)? Y/ N

Has your existing animal(s) ever had problems with other animals before? Y/ N if so, please explain.

Do you have a snake/ferret/dog/hunter cat or other predator animal in your home? Y / N

If so, explain how you plan to keep these animals separate?

Are you planning to adopt another new pet? If so, do you agree to adopt a pet that is compatible with the rabbit?

Tell us all about your current animals – their name, temperament, age and spay neuter /health status?

How do you currently house your existing animal companions?

Name of vet: _____

Are you open to obtaining a new vet given you will be adopting a rabbit? _____

Household Information: (mark appropriate boxes) (Underline Y or N)

Do you Own Rent Share housing Own/rent mobile home Apartment

Other Do you have permission of the landlord to have a rabbit? Y /N Permission in your lease? Y/N

List all members of your household: name/relation to you/ _____

Is everyone in your household in favor of adopting a pet rabbit? Y/N

Do you plan on residing in the area long term? Y/N If you plan to move, leave college, change jobs, etc. have you made plans to take the rabbit with you? Do you agree to locate housing that will allow your rabbit to move with you? Y / N

Adopting a rabbit means taking on a commitment to love and support the rabbit 10 years of more.

Care and handling:

Do you know how to pick up and hold a rabbit? Y/N Need info? _____
Do you understand the need for mental stimulation and toys for rabbits? Need info? Y/N
Are you familiar with safe handling and grooming practices for rabbits? Y/ N Need info _____
If your new rabbit needs to be spayed or neutered will you have this done? Y/ N Need info _____
Do you need assistance with spay and neuter referral services? Y/N Need info _____
Do you need a referral to a Rabbit care (Exotics) Veterinarian? Y/N Need referral _____
What is your area code where you will want a vet? _____
How far are you willing to travel to obtain quality vet care? If you already have a vet what is your veterinarian's name? _____

Care: Who will be the primary person responsible for the pet's care, grooming, feeding and the purchase of the vegetables, food and hay needed? _____. The primary caregiver must be an adult, 18 year of age or above.

If this rabbit will be around a child, are you, **(the parent or guardian)**, willing to **supervise the playtime** with bunny and to **train each child** in the proper handling practices? Y / N
If the rabbit is primarily the pet for your child, are you, the parent, willing to take over the responsibilities of the rabbits care if the child loses interest or can no longer care for the rabbit? Y? N
We adopt to indoor homes only. Are you aware of the **dangers of keeping bunny outside** & the **benefits of indoor housing**? Y/N Do you agree to keep you bunny housed indoors at all times Y / N

Housing: How do you plan to house your rabbit?

An enclosure Inside cage/special room. What size is this cage/room? _____

Free in house: Other? _____

Need information of housing arrangements? Y /N

Is the rabbit area you have now enclosed and safe from both airborne and ground predators? Y/N

Do you need information on where to get enclosures, condos, or precision pen housing? Y/N

Health – (Rabbit Haven adoptions come with a first Free medical exam.)

If the house rabbit receives proper care, food and loving support and live indoors, safe from the elements and predators they can live 12-15 years.

Rabbits need to be seen for initial vet exam and recommended fecal test. They will need to be spayed or neutered, if not already altered. After that, they should have a well bunny exam once a year. They may also become sick or have an accident and need to see a special exotics vet.

1. Are you willing/able to provide this care? Y/N

2. Do you need info on how to spot any signs and symptoms of rabbit disease? Y / N

3. Need info on: GI stasis? Y/N Myxomatosis? Y/N URI? Y/N testing? Y/N How to select a good rabbit vet? Y/N The importance of spay and neuter? Y/N

Females have an extremely high risk of cervical & uterine cancer if not spayed. They can also reproduce every month (can become pregnant minutes after they give birth) and have up to 12 in a litter. Will you have your female spayed? Y/N Need info re spay? Y/N.

Male rabbits have health and behavior issues (spraying, fighting, excessive digging & general frustration, chewing) when they are not neutered – Will you neuter your male rabbit? Y/ N Need info about this procedure? Y/N

Myxomatosis is a disease transmitted by fleas or mosquitoes. Rabbits left outside run the highest risk of exposure. There is no vaccine against this deadly disease. Myxomatosis is 98% fatal. Will you protect your rabbit from Myxomatosis? Y/ N

Need more information about rabbit disease and prevention? Y / N

Litter box supply: Rabbits need to use a non-toxic paper-or plant based litter – no clay or clumping litters. (Health concerns) Various types of paper-based litters are available. Need info? Y/N

Care of the Rabbit: Rabbits are sensitive social beings. When you adopt you are adding a family member. Your adoption is meant to be permanent for the rest of the rabbit's life. Domestic house rabbits live indoors, protected from the elements and are treated as part of the family. The rabbit has special nutritional and medical needs. They need annual visits to vet, good quality and high fiber timothy pellets for adults and high quality alfalfa pellets for little ones, less than 8 months of age. They also need plentiful hay, fresh water and 1-2 cups of dark leafy green vegetables every day. The rabbit requires grooming, love and attention, the proper litter, & a clean environment. Can you provide for these needs? Y / N.

Social needs: The rabbit is social and needs human interaction on a regular basis and appropriate housing at least 6 x size of the rabbit. No cages with wire bottoms are acceptable - Staff will go over this with you.

Do you agree to house your rabbit companion with you or the family and not set it apart in a place removed from the rest of the family? This means they are not housed out in a garage, in a distant laundry room or put in a cage back in a bedroom. Is this arrangement ok with you? Y / N.

What are your plans to integrate the rabbit into your family? (Introductions, set up, interaction and care follow up)

Children and rabbits: Many times parents want to adopt a bunny for a child to help the child learn how to care for an animal companion. Many children and their supportive families set up a great environment for the rabbit and it is a wonderful experience. However, often young children lose interest and do not want to care for the rabbit after a few months. The rabbit is not to be used as a temporary learning experience. A rabbit is to be adopted as a permanent family addition. A long term lesson in loving, sharing and caring. Note: Rabbits do not always like to be picked up or carried by children or held for long periods- is this ok with you? Y / N

Permanent adopters are the adults: Are you willing to take on parenting and care for the bunny when/if your child loses interest? Y/N

Allergies: Does anyone in your household (including you) have **allergies** to rabbits or other animals? Y / N
Has anyone had an allergy to hay or grass. Y/N

Permanent adoption: When adopting and signing your adoption contract you are agreeing not to take your adopted rabbit to a shelter or give away or sell the rabbit. You are agreeing to contact the Rabbit Haven & your adoption counselor if you are having any concerns about your adopted rabbit so we can work with you to resolve any issues you may have. Will this be a permanent adoption? Y/ N

The Rabbit Haven is available to offer you an initial consultation during your adoption and addition support after you adopt. We can provide training you may desire. We also make home visits or arrange for a home visit as requested.

Rabbit Haven counselors contact you on the third day following your adoption, then at 30, 60 & 90 days to see how your newly adopted rabbit is getting along and to answer any questions you may have.

The Rabbit Haven provides free bunny nail trims at all our adoption shows. Check our web site for show dates and sites. www.therabbithaven.org. Come and visit. We always enjoy seeing our new rabbit family members.

Our education services and support systems are designed to help you through each step of your adoption process to make your new adoption experience most enjoyable. We want you to fully appreciate and enjoy your new rabbit family member.

We will be pleased to give you information or answer your questions during any phase of your rabbit adoption process. It is best to have all this information prior to your adoption.

Do you have any other questions that we did not cover on this questionnaire? Y/N

Please List: then when the counselor reviewing your application calls you they will be prepared to answer your questions.

Rehoming: The Rabbit Haven has a rehoming program. This program is for emergencies only. (Death of owner, loss of home, inability to provide care –medical issues of adopter) Waiting time frame 4-16 weeks, dependant on number of rabbits in our system.

Potential adopter signature: _____ date: _____

Counselor Review signature: _____ date: _____

Thank you for completing your questionnaire. Your adoption counselor will now review this with you and answer any questions you have. Then an appointment can be made for you to adopt a rabbit.

Counselor Notes:
