

WHY SHOULD I GET A RABBIT?



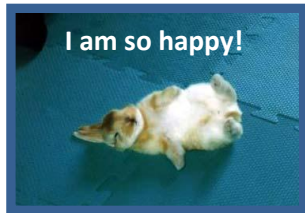
Rabbits are intelligent, social, and loving animals. They can be trained to use litter boxes (but no kitty litter or pine shavings, please). As a result, they can spend time with you cuddling, running, playing, and jumping. Rabbits can live 8 to 12 years and become important members of the family. All they need is a spacious cage, fresh food and hay, and time to run and explore.

ADOPTION VERSUS BREEDERS

All our available rescued rabbits live with caring and experienced foster families. In this way, they get lots of attention, litter training, medical care (including being spayed or neutered), and socialization.

When you adopt a rabbit, you are granting a second chance at life to an animal whose time was running out!

Sadly, rabbits from pet shops or breeders may have not received the proper care and attention needed to ensure they are healthy, safe, and socialized. Pet stores may provide incorrect information about rabbit care which leads to health issues and diminished life expectancy.



FEEDING YOUR RABBIT

Feeding a rabbit is very simple. Their primary food is fresh hay (timothy, orchard grass, etc.) in unlimited quantities around the clock. About two to four cups of wet, fresh vegetables provides added nutrition. Pellets should be limited for adults. Fruits and other treats high in sugar should be given in very small amounts.



HOUSING YOUR RABBIT

All rabbits should be kept indoors. Here at For Bunny Sake, the adoption agreement requires owners to house their rabbit inside the home. This is because rabbits are sensitive to extreme heat and cold and cannot tolerate changing temperatures. An indoor rabbit is not subject to parasites and predator attacks. Rabbits are social creatures and being alone outside can be boring and depressing.

SPAYING & NEUTERING

All our rabbits are spayed or neutered which improves litter box habits, reduces the desire to chew, decreases territorial aggression, and prevents medical problems.

RABBITS AND OTHER PETS



Whether or not a rabbit can get along with other animals depends on the personalities of the animals. Bringing a rabbit into a home with other pets requires patient observation and supervision. Dogs should be trained to respond to voice commands. Fortunately, many of our rabbits live in foster homes that already have other animals which provide us good insight as to how your new rabbit may fare.

BONDING TWO OR MORE RABBITS



If you already have a rabbit and are interesting in adding more, all rabbits should be spayed or neutered adults. Preferably, the rabbits should be of the opposite sex. Because they can be territorial, it is important to provide initial introductions under supervision and in a neutral area.

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

- A large cage or rabbit hutch
- A large cat litter pan
- Water bottle and heavy food crock
- Hay, pellets, and fresh vegetables
- Nail clippers
- Animal pen or baby gates to limit rabbit access to certain areas
- Rabbit-safe toys and chews
- Absorbent pellets or papers for litter

MYTHS & MISCONCEPTIONS

Myth: Rabbits are dirty and have a strong odor.

Truth: Rabbits are very clean animals. Once they have reached maturity and are altered, they go to great lengths to keep their living space clean. As long as you clean their cage on a regular basis, you will have no issues with smell.

Myth: Rabbits need little supervision and can be left alone for a few days at a time if their owner needs to travel.

Truth: Rabbits are delicate creatures. If their health begins to diminish, they need immediate veterinary care. Leaving them unsupervised for long periods of time can leave them susceptible to illness, injury, or death. Rabbits need care when owners are away.

FOR BUNNY SAKE'S ADOPTION POLICY

We go to great lengths to ensure that our rabbits and adopters are the perfect match. In order to adopt, you will need to:

- Fill out an application (find it at www.forbunnysakerabbitrescue.org or request one at forbunnysake@aol.com)
- Agree to a home check (one of our volunteers will meet with you to be sure you have a bun-friendly space and answer any questions)
- Possibly provide a veterinarian reference
- After approval, sign a contract promising to keep the rabbit indoors, provide it with food, shelter, veterinary care, and love

HOW CAN I HELP?

FOSTERING: The more homes we have to take in rabbits, the more rabbits we can save! We are always in need of loving homes. We can provide a cage, water bottle, food crock, litter box, and necessary veterinary care. You supply food, training, litter and love.

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS: Participate in our fundraisers which help cover the rescue's expenses like medical care, supplies, and fees. Or assist at our local rabbit meet and greets.

DONATIONS: One of the easiest ways to help is with a monetary donation. ALL funds go directly to the care of our rabbits. Donations can be made at our events, by mail at PO Box 462, Maple Shade, NJ 08052 or on our website (www.forbunnysakerabbitrescue.org or www.forbunnysake.petfinder.org).

ADOPTION CENTERS: Located in Cherry Hill and Cinnaminson, volunteers are needed to clean cages and feed 2-3 rabbits during our morning and evening shifts and to assist potential adopters with meeting a rabbit we have at the center.

GRANT WRITING: We are in serious need of committed grant writers to help us obtain the funds necessary to build our rescue. We will train you on the grant writing process.



GOODBYE, FOR NOW!

FOR BUNNY SAKE RABBIT RESCUE

ADOPTION & CARE GUIDE



Help me find a forever home!

ABOUT US:

For Bunny Sake Rabbit Rescue is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charity founded in 2004. Our mission is to save rabbits from shelters, abuse, and neglect.

OUR LOCATION & WEBSITES:

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CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR RABBITS:

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