

The Rabbit Haven Foster Application



Hello potential foster volunteer.

Thank you for your interest in fostering with The Rabbit Haven.

Please fill in the application below. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Volunteer information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: day: _____ Eve: _____ E mail: _____

How did you hear about the Rabbit Haven Program? Craigs list post? ___ Haven Web___ Flyer___
Friend ___ Twitter ___ Other _____

Foster Volunteers

Fostering saves rabbit lives! Foster families are the cornerstone of our organization.

The Rabbit is a highly social, intelligent, sensitive and a wonderful companion animal. Rabbits need to live in close proximity to their families (foster and permanent families). Due to social, safety and health needs the rabbit lives indoors with their foster family– All Haven rabbits are House rabbits. Gone are the days of old dirty hutches, unhealthy wire cage bottoms, illness from exposure to the elements and predators. Today's Houserabbits use quality, clean enclosures with plenty of room to move and play. Rabbits are clean, wonderful indoor companions using litter boxes and special flooring. They are also quiet, fun, relaxing and charming in the way they move or jump for joy (called a binky). Each rabbit's personality is different and there is the right home for every bunny. Rabbits can get along with cats, dogs and birds. Rabbits live 10-15 yrs!

Every rabbit needs attention, proper food, housing, love, grooming and support. Our foster families are trained to provide for the needs of rabbits in our care. At times when a foster bunny first arrives they may have special needs. All have been abandoned and are in need of help and support. No matter the rabbit's situation, as foster families, we help the rabbit adjust, heal and get ready to meet their permanent families.

Our foster network is very successful. Haven foster families are compassionate, loving people who choose to share their heart and home with a special rabbit(s) in need. Fosters make a big difference in the life of every rabbit they help.

Foster Training is provided: Our foster site educators will provide you with the training and information you will need to properly care for your foster rabbit. We will also provide all set up supply: Enclosure, flooring, litter box, food water crocks, hay basket and toys.

All Haven foster rabbits **live indoors** with their foster family. Naturally we will teach you all about living with a house rabbit. Fostering is fun and rewarding.

- When do you want to begin fostering? _____
- How long can you foster? _____ (min 3 months)
- How many rabbits can you comfortably foster at one time: _____
- We are located in Santa Cruz County (SV) and in the Silicon Valley area. Are you able to travel to be trained and to pick up your foster rabbit in Santa Cruz or in Sunnyvale? ___
- Are you able to transport your foster bunny to adoption shows held at PetsPals in Soquel or to For Other Living things in Sunnyvale? _____

Note: We have hub Transport ♥ If you live in Los Gatos, San Jose, Santa Clara or the Bay area you may meet transport volunteers at Lark and Oka, in Los Gatos or in Sunnyvale. We will work out details with you.

- If your foster rabbit is adopted, we offer to give you another foster rabbit to foster that same day! With your support we can continue to assist homeless rabbits.

Housing situation:

Do you own your own home: ___Y ___N?

If Renting: Do you have permission in your rental agreement to have a house rabbit? ___ Y ___ N

Care Information:

- Do you know about rabbit care and handling? _____
You will receive a complete education packet to help you learn all about rabbits and their care.
- Have you been a caregiver to a rabbit before? _____
- If you have other companion animals, please list them below.

Please list their name, age, breed and gender of each animal.

_____, _____

- Please list the name of each person currently living in your house. Please include yourself. Include the ages of any people in the household under 21.

- Who is the main person who will be responsible for the daily care and cleaning of the rabbit? _____
- Rabbits eat fresh hay, timothy or alfalfa pellets (dependant on age), plus fresh water, and dark leafy greens. Can you provide this food during your fostering? We send a starter pack initially. _____
- Where will you be housing your rabbit in your home? _____
- Do you already have a bunny condo, an enclosure (precision pen or a large cage to house a foster bunny? What size is your housing unit? _____
- Do you already have litter box, food water bowls and other supplies needed for a bunny?

If not, can you pick these up from us at Pet Pals or in Santa Cruz? Other meeting site? _____

- How much time do you anticipate being able to spend with, or caring for your foster rabbit per day? _____
- Do you have a vehicle? _____
- Are you able to bring the rabbit to a vet should the rabbit require medical attention? _____ Rabbit Haven pays the bill. (Aptos Creekside or Soquel Animal Hospital SC County or Adobe Los Altos in San Jose area). Others on a case by case basis. Always contact Heather for approval 831 600-7479 or email director@therabbithaven.org
- Can you provide post operative care for spayed neutered rabbits?

Volunteering / Fostering with the Haven is a great experience.

Thank you for completing this application. You will be contacted to follow up as soon as possible after your application is received in email. Hopefully we can set you up with your first foster bunny very soon.

Welcome to the Haven family network of people supporting rabbits.

Please complete this application and email or mail back to me at director@therabbithaven.org or The Rabbit Haven PO box 66594 Scotts Valley CA 95067.

Sincerely,

Auntie Heather, Director

The Rabbit Haven

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