



# Rabbit Haven Education Center – Rabbit Adoption Application

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

How did you hear about Rabbit Haven?  Friend  Newspaper  Craig's list  Vet  Facebook  Twitter  Instagram  Pet People  Pet Pals Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please let us know)

**YOUR NAME(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, + Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE # home:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE # cell:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address(es) (Required) please print legibly.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's license** You will be asked to show your picture ID when adopting.

**Best time to reach you?** \_\_\_\_\_ am /pm **Best day(s) for contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which rabbits are you interested in meeting?** Please list names of rabbits listed on our web or list types of rabbits you wish to meet: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a matchmaking appointment? Is so, tell us about your current rabbit:

Sex,  Spay neuter status  Temperament \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ like/dislikes

List **all** other animals you currently care for at this time:

Please List animal breed, age, spay/neuter status and where they live (indoors or outside)

<i>Animal Species/Breed</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Spay/Neuter Status</i>	<i>Where they Live</i>

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

Will they be housed separately or in the same area? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a snake/ferret/dog/hunter cat or other predator animal in your care? Y / N If so, explain what are your plans to keep these animals separate. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Prior rabbit / animal guardianship:**

Have you ever had a companion rabbit before? Y/N

Do you still have this bunny? Y/N If bunny is no longer with you, what happened to this bunny? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever given an animal away? Y/N If yes, what were the circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_

### **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 / Family / household makeup: \_\_\_\_\_

Any children in your home? If so, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Acceptance:** 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, have you made plans to take the rabbit with you? Do you agree to locate housing that will allow your rabbit? Y / N

## **Care and handling**

Do you know how to pick up and hold a rabbit? Y/N Need info? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 take your rabbit in for these services? Y/N  
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 rabbit vet care?  
If you already have a qualified bunny (exotics) vet, what is your veterinarian's name/address/phone number & name of clinic?

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**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/guardian willing to take over the responsibilities of the rabbit's 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:** All of our rabbits are house rabbits. How do you plan to house your rabbit? The rabbit needs plenty of space to live and play. We recommend the x-pen (aka 8 panel exercise pen) or NIC cube condo enclosures.

- A pen enclosure  Inside cage/special room. What size is this cage/room? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Free in house: Other? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Need information on 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

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## **Health: Rabbit Haven adoptions come with a first Free medical exam.**

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

Rabbits need to be seen for initial vet exam. 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 How to select a good rabbit vet? Y/N  
The importance of spay and neuter? Y/N Other needs? : \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know that Rabbits can obtain Pet insurance? VIP is one policy some of our clients obtain.  
You agree that you may not euthanize the Animal except in the case of terminal illness (confirmed by a Vet) or injury, and in that case the euthanasia must be performed by a licensed veterinarian. Are you ok with this requirement \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

**Spay neuter:** -Female rabbits have an extremely high risk of cervical & uterine cancer if not spayed. They can also reproduce every month as early as 3.5 months every 28 days. They can become pregnant minutes after they give birth and have up to 12 in a litter. Will you have your female spayed at the recommended time? Y/N Need info re spay? Y/N

-Male rabbits have health and behavior issues such as spraying, fighting, excessive digging & general frustration, chewing when they are not neutered and they are more likely to get testicular cancer if unneutered, Will you neuter your male rabbit at the recommended time? Y / N  
Do you 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

**Litter box supply:** Rabbits need to use a non-toxic paper or plant based litter ONLY – no clay or clumping litters, no corn cob litter. (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 social, nutritional and medical needs. They need annual visits to the 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, fun toys and activities to stimulate them, the proper litter, and a clean environment. Will you provide for these needs? Y / N.

**Social needs:** The rabbit is a highly social being and needs human interaction on a regular basis and appropriate housing at least 6 six times the size of the rabbit. Do you agree to house your rabbit companion with you/the family and not set it apart in a place removed from the rest of the family? Y/N 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). Our staff will be happy to talk with you to give you suggestions. \_\_\_\_\_

**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 or just because the child wants one. 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.

**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

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

**Allergies:** Does anyone in your household have **allergies** to rabbits or to other animals? Y /N  
Do any of your family members have an allergy to hay or grass? Y/ N

**Students: (If you are not a student, you do not need to complete this section)**

It is important to have a clear plan when you add a rabbit to your life. Your new rabbits may be with you for 10 years or more. Does your current housing situation permit rabbits? Y / N

If you share housing with others, have you checked with all of them to make sure it is okay with them to have a rabbit? Do your roommates have other pets: if so what kind of pets? (List) \_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans when school ends? Grad. school, employment, or when you move to another area? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you sure the rabbit will fit into your new life after your current school situation ends? Y/N What if you have to return home to live with parents? Have you asked your parents if the rabbit will be welcome there? Y/N If you have to move, do you agree to secure housing that will also allow your rabbit to move with you? Y/N Students sometimes live on a lower income given costs of school. Can you afford to care for your rabbit's basic needs and medical care? Y/N

Do you have the time to clean up after the bunny, interact with your rabbit, change the litter box, and be sure the bunny has fresh greens, water and fresh hay daily? Y/N

**All adopters – Rabbit Haven Permanent Adoption:** When adopting, you are agreeing that you intend for the adoption of your rabbit to be permanent. You are agreeing that **you will not take your adopted rabbit to an animal shelter or give your adopted rabbit away or sell the rabbit.** You agree to contact the Rabbit Haven Director [Director@therabbithaven.org](mailto:Director@therabbithaven.org) if you are having any concerns about your adopted rabbit so we can work with you to resolve any issues you may have. Do you agree to these terms? Y/ N

The Rabbit Haven is available to offer you an initial consultation before and during your adoption. We are available for additional support after you adopt. We can provide training you may desire: care, housing, nutrition, grooming, social needs, etc.

**Counseling support:** Rabbit Haven counselors work with you during your adoption. You may contact us at any time. [Director@therabbithaven.org](mailto:Director@therabbithaven.org). 831 600-7479 or 8831 239-7119

**Nail Trim services:** The Rabbit Haven provides rabbit nail trims at nail trim clinics held in Los Gatos and in Santa Cruz. Check our web site to make your nail trim appts. with simplebookme.

Our education services and support systems are designed to help you through each step of your adoption process to make your new adoption experience 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.

Do you have any other questions that we did not cover on this questionnaire? Y/N If so, please list your other questions below - then when the counselor reviewing your application contacts you, they will be prepared to answer your questions.

Thank you for your interest in adopting a loving rabbit. Your application will be reviewed as soon as it is received and we will answer any questions you have. With each adoption you will receive valuable discount coupons to help you purchase needed supplies, Rabbit Haven counseling assistance, complete rabbit care education along with education reference materials packet to take home. Plus, your wonderful new family addition-Your rabbit!

Potential adopter signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor review signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Counselor Notes:**

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