

AABR Adoption Application and Agreement.

Today's Date: _____

Name of Bunny: _____



AdoptABunnyRabbit

AABR (Adopt A Bunny Rabbit.Org) ADOPTION APPLICATION

Name of applicant: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

- 1) Have you had rabbits in the past? If yes, how many, what sex and where were the rabbits kept? What happened to those rabbits?

- 2) Do you have a rabbit now? _____ How many? _____ What are their names and ages? Are they spayed/neutered? Do they have any medical conditions?

- 3) Is this bunny intended to be a companion for another family rabbit? If former, please describe your rabbit's diet.

- 4) Do you **have** or **plan on getting** any other animals? If yes, what kind?

- 5) How many children live in your household? _____
What are their ages? _____
How many adults live in your household? _____

- 6) Which member of your household will be the primary caregiver for the rabbits?

- 7) Have you done any research on what it takes to care for a rabbit? If yes, how did you research?

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- 8) Have you contacted other rabbit rescue groups or shelters? If so, which ones?
- 9) Does any member of your family have any allergies to animals or hay?
- 10) Do you own your own house or rent an apartment? _____ For how long? _____
(sometimes apartments will not allow rabbits as pets.)
- 11) Is your home bunny-proofed? (Electric cords are covered, there are no chemicals on the floors, toxic plants have been removed from the rabbit's living and play areas, have plenty of cardboard, etc.)
- 12) Are you aware that rabbits like to chew and may want to chew the carpet or furniture? (Don't hit or strike them! We can help with ways to prevent this from happening.)
Is there any behavior you cannot accept in a rabbit?
- 13) What type of enclosure are you planning to use for the rabbits and where will they live? (All our bunnies are in-door bunnies and we adopt to people and families that agree to having them as house companions.)
- 14) Describe the ways you plan to allow your rabbits to exercise, number of hours, space, etc.
- 15) If you go away on vacation, who will take care of the rabbits? (AABR offers boarding to their adoption families at a very reasonable rate.)
- 16) What is your veterinarian's name?
(If you don't have one, we can provide a list or you can access more information on the House Rabbit Society website, <https://rabbit.org/rabbit-veterinarians-state-listings/#California>)

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17) Do you currently have any other pets? Please describe type, age, sex, and whether spayed or neutered (include all animals in household including roommate's pets). How long have you had these pets? Where are other pets kept during the day and where at night?

18) What would you do if/when your rabbit(s) require extensive veterinary care (e.g., surgery) costing in excess of \$1000 at one time or over several years?

19) What would you do with the rabbits in the following situations? (We request you contact us if for ANY reason you find yourself in a situation where you can no longer keep the bunny.)

- your apartment no longer allows pets
- your (new) roommate is allergic to rabbits
- your (new) significant other is allergic to rabbits
- you and your significant other separate

20) All adoptions have a free consultation with one of our knowledgeable board members at your home. Do we have permission to visit your home?

21) Are you interested in doing volunteer work or fostering a bunny?
(If you are not able to adopt, are you interested in sponsoring one bunny at least to be neutered or spayed? _____)

Note: Please e-mail this form to: Vicki@adoptabunnyrabbit.org or AABRnonprof@gmail.com and please also call us (or text us) at 818-225-7367 to let us know that you submitted the application.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing above, you acknowledge that you have read the 3 pages of adoption information and requirements, attached. (You may keep that portion for your records and information.)



AABR (Adopt A Bunny Rabbit.Org) ADOPTION INFORMATION

The following information is requested so that we can assist you in the selection of a house rabbit companion. This application and consultation with a AABR adoption counselor is designed to help us determine if the adoption is in the rabbit's best interest and to assist you in finding the rabbit/s most compatible with your lifestyle. Rabbits are highly social—they are happiest and thrive when living with other rabbits as an integrated part of their families' lives and surroundings. Therefore, rabbits are housed **inside only** and require 5 to 8 hours of playtime daily. In order to be considered as an adopter you must:

- Be able and willing to provide an indoor, loving, safe and peaceful environment for your rabbits.
- Be financially stable and willing to provide all necessary medical care.
- Be committed to the health and welfare of the rabbit for his/her lifetime (an average of 8-10 years) regardless of lifestyle changes such as divorce, moving, etc.
- Be aware that we DO NOT adopt rabbits to children—all members of the household should visit the prospective rabbit and apply for adoption.
- Be aware that we DO NOT place rabbits in a home with an un-neutered or un-spayed rabbit.
- Be willing to agree to a home visit and consultation by one of our AABR Staff prior to or shortly after the adoption.
- Agree to an adoption fee of \$80.00 (This is used to pay for our rabbits' spay/neuter and medical care and is tax deductible.)
- Be willing to agree to a follow-up home visit within 1 week of the adoption date.
- Agree to our Adoption Policies.

Thank you for wanting to give a rabbit a safe and loving home. Our primary goal at AABR is education—the purpose of the initial visit is to help facilitate a good match between a bunny and your family's needs and comfort levels. Please complete the application and send via email to: AdoptABunnyRabbit@yahoo.com or Vicki@adoptABunnyRabbit.org

Attention: Adoptions.

ADOPTION POLICIES

- 1) **Primary Caregiver.** When a rabbit is adopted from AABR, the primary caregiver must be a responsible adult. The rabbit should be treated as an integral part of the family, i.e., no group ownership (such as a classroom pet). WE DO NOT adopt rabbits as pets for small children.
The entire family must want the rabbit.
- 2) **Indoor Housing.** Adopters of AABR rabbits must understand that our rabbits are to live as household companions. This means that they must have their primary **living space indoors and must spend every night indoors**. During the daytime, adopters can allow their rabbits outdoor daytime exercise. If this is the case, the rabbit must be provided with an area with secure fencing, and supervision. AARB staff may require additional safety precautions appropriate to their local. *This will be discussed during the consultation provided after (or before) the bunny has been moved into your home.*
- 3) **Social Requirements.** If the rabbit is going to be alone (i.e. without the company of people, a cat or other household pets) for the majority of the time, then we recommend that the adopter adopt a second rabbit as a companion to the first. Or adopt a pair of rabbits. 😊
- 4) **Neutering.** Sexually immature rabbits of mixed sexes can be adopted together as long as the adopter agrees to separate them when the males are 3 ½ months old and to neuter them as soon as the testicles have descended (usually around 4 months). All of our bunnies have been spayed/neutered, but we also require that all bunnies they are bonded with be spayed/neutered. (Please speak with our staff for any special cases.)
- 5) **Returns:** If there are such problems with the adopted rabbit that the adopter needs to return the rabbit, we ask that you give AABR some advance notice. Nevertheless, **all rabbits adopted from AABR must be returned to AABR.**
- 6) **Exchange:** Bunny Groomer does not exchange animals. Exceptions may be made when:
 - The AARB staff and adopter are working together on making a match between an adoptee and a pre-residing rabbit AND
 - In the AABR Staff's judgment, a different match would be less stressful to the animals.

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ADOPTING A SECOND RABBIT FROM AABR

The biggest advantage to getting a second rabbit is emotional support for your first rabbit when you're not around. Once you have seen multiple rabbits snuggling and kissing, you will never want to have only one rabbit again. Rabbits that travel, board, or visit the vet together are less stressed than single rabbits that experience these events.

Because we can't assume any two rabbits will get along with each other, strategy is used for second rabbit adoptions. This strategy is based on the assumption that YES, there is a rabbit your rabbit will like, but we can't always predict with certainty which rabbit it will be. Because it is the nature of rabbits to like or dislike passionately, rabbit matchmaking is something of an art. At AABR, matchmaking is one of our specialties. Below is a description of the process we use.

Tell us about your rabbit's personality, history, and habits, and communicate details about your home. If your rabbit is not yet spayed or neutered, this must happen next. Tell us what kind of rabbit you were hoping to adopt. Keeping in mind that your rabbit will have a final say. We know our rescued buns very well, which helps to ensure a good match for all.

We will set up a time for you to bring your rabbit to meet two or more rabbits who have been selected by us in consultation with you. At least two candidates are considered, because in spite of our best intentions, one rabbit may reject the other. Body language of the rabbits will be interpreted by the staff facilitating the match and can vary from indifference to excitement. Based on the rabbit's reactions, the adopter's preference, and the matchmaker's assessment of the match, the date can move on to bonding. Bonding is usually a period of one week with the rabbits together under supervision in neutral territory. Reports are made to the caretaker on the rabbit's progress. If negative behavior occurs, a different match is considered. We don't want either rabbit hurt or stressed. We will try different combinations of rabbits until the chemistry is perfect.

The honeymoon begins when positive, trusting behavior is seen. The two bunnies can now go home. The adopter is instructed to keep the rabbits in a small, neutral, confined area, such as a spare room or hallway, for one week. BUNNY GROOMER staff and the adopter keep in contact. If all goes well during this transition, number one bunny can go back to her routine, sharing everything with her new friend.

If you would like to hear more about adopting a second or third (or fourth, or fifth....) rabbit from AABR, please contact us at 818-225-7367 or email us at: AdoptABunnyRabbit@yahoo.com or check out our website at AdoptABunnyRabbit.org