

Guidelines for finding a Safe Home for Your Rabbit

Use these guidelines when you're trying to re-home your bunny. A site visit is strongly recommended, so you know and are comfortable with the home environment.

You must charge an adoption fee of at least \$40.00 to make sure your bunny is not used for snake food. Snake people always use small bunnies.

1. **Network with everyone you know.** Relatives, friends, co-workers, parents of the children with whom your children go to school.

2. **Do not separate bonded pairs.** Rabbits form incredibly strong bonds with their companions. The stress of separation can cause them to shut down and give up.

3. **Spay/Neuter** the bunny before you attempt to find a new home.

4. **Make a color flyer** featuring the bunny, personality traits and details about why you must find bunny a new home. Post flyer in places which are frequented by the kind of people whom you feel would be responsible new parents for your bunny: churches, local civic organizations, school bulletin boards, veterinarian office bulletin boards, local humane societies.

5. **Do not post at super-markets.** People eat rabbits.

6. **Do not donate the rabbit to a school.** Your bunny is as intelligent, social and as sensitive as a dog or cat. She doesn't belong in a classroom where she will be poked, prodded, and chased all day and then left to sit alone in a dark cage all night and all weekend. What would happen if she became ill and no one was there?

7. Beware of people who have breeds of dogs which have been bred for hunting or chasing: greyhounds, terriers, dachshunds, etc. **NO PUPPIES!**

8. Do not send your rabbit to a home where the children are under seven years old. Rabbits do not like to be held or carried, and they can be seriously injured by a child who does not understand the difference between a live rabbit and a stuffed toy.

A rabbit is an intelligent, social, sensitive creature, and adopting one should be a lifetime commitment (10–12+ years like a dog). A rabbit is not a toy to be discarded when the novelty wears off or when it becomes too troublesome or expensive to keep.