



ADOPTION PROCEDURES

House Rabbit Society rescues rabbits that are about to be euthanized, from a rotating list of local San Francisco Bay Area shelters. When we take these rabbits into our shelter or foster system, we make a commitment to them for life.

We carefully screen potential adopters to find a home where the rabbits will be well cared for the rest of their lives. A potential adopter must meet several qualifications to adopt HRS rabbits. These are included on our handout, "Adoption Policies."

Potential adopters are able to visit with the rabbits and choose their future companion with the help of our staff, to find the right rabbit for their household.

To that end, we have created these adoption procedures. Finally, due to spay and neuter costs, our adoption fee is \$70 for single rabbits and \$100 for pairs. These only cover a portion of their medical costs during their time in our shelter and/or foster system.

The adoption process is as follows:

1. Potential adopters visit the shelter to meet adoptable rabbits. Rabbits in the Habitat Rooms A-D are ready for adoption. Rabbits in the Quarantine Room may also be available for adoption, but their health screening may not be completed. Potential adopters can also look at non-shelter adoptable rabbits on our bulletin board in the Magic Hallway.
2. Potential adopters must complete the Adoption Application. In addition, the staff person or volunteer on duty will interview the adopter. Only after both the application and interview have been completed may adopters be approved by HRS staff.
3. First-time rabbit adopters must watch an introductory video that will answer many of their questions about rabbits and help them to prepare bring their bunny home. **There is an additional 24 hour waiting period required** after seeing the video before taking the rabbit home, so that the adopter has time to set up and rabbit-proof their home.
4. The potential adopters take home Adoption Procedures, Adoption Policies, Rabbit Care Packet and any other hand outs that will be useful. Potential adopters bunny proof their home and decide what to purchase in terms of cage, pen or other housing, plus food, litter boxes, toys and other care items.
5. Once potential adopters have read the materials, watched the video, prepared their home, and decided to make the commitment, they call the shelter to discuss adoption details, or return to the shelter.
6. A home visit may be scheduled with potential adopters to help them prepare to bring their bunny home.
7. If all of the above procedures have been completed *and* potential adopters are approved by HRS staff, they are invited to return to the shelter to adopt their rabbit. At that time, adopters will complete the Adoption Contract, pay the fee and take their rabbit to his or her forever home!