

Terms and Conditions

A house rabbit is a wonderful addition to your family. However, bringing a rabbit into your home entails a significant, long-term commitment. Below, we outline some aspects of the commitment we require of those who adopt our rabbits.

Primary Caregiver. When you adopt a rabbit from the Friends of Unwanted Rabbits (F.U.R.), the primary caregiver must be a responsible adult. We do not adopt rabbits as pets for children as the primary caretakers. The rabbit should be treated as an integral part of a family; thus, we do not adopt to schools, organizations, or businesses. We are looking for loving, private individuals, families, or group homes that wish to adopt a rabbit as a companion. Your entire family must want the rabbit, and, if your family has a young child, an adult must agree to supervise the child's interactions with the rabbit at all times.

Indoor Housing. Adopters of F.U.R. rabbits understand that our rabbits are to live indoors as household companions. This means that your rabbit must have its primary living space indoors and must spend every night indoors. During the day, you may allow your rabbits outdoors (temperatures must not be below 50 degrees or over 80 degrees) in a safe, secure space (e.g., secure fencing, close supervision, and any other safety precautions appropriate to the situation). F.U.R. staff will come to your home to assist you in setting up for your new bunny if requested and to answer any questions regarding care and housing.

Special Request. If your rabbit will be alone (i.e., without the company of people, a cat, or other household pets) a large part of the day, we recommend that you adopt a second rabbit as a companion. F.U.R. staff will work with you to provide information about your rabbit's social and emotional needs.

Spaying/Neutering. Except for medical reasons, all F.U.R. rabbits are to be spayed or neutered prior to adoption by a qualified rabbit veterinarian. Even when your rabbit will not have a rabbit companion, spaying and neutering after sexual maturity is required for health and reproductive reasons.

Medical Care. You agree that your rabbit will be seen by a rabbit veterinarian for medical care and regular checkups (e.g., nail and teeth trimming) as required. F.U.R. will provide you with a list of qualified rabbit Veterinarians.

Returns. Although we hope that your adoption will be a permanent arrangement, if you are unable to keep your adopted rabbit, we will take the rabbit back. You agree not to give your adopted rabbit to another party, to a shelter, or to the SPCA. Instead, you agree to contact F.U.R. and to maintain a home for your rabbit until we are able to place him/her in foster care or in a new home.

Adoption Fees. Male or female rabbit adoption fee is \$50.00. Pairs are \$100.00. We suggest an additional \$50.00 donation to help offset the cost of spay/neuter services and the care provided while your rabbit was in foster care. Donations are happily accepted and are tax-deductible.

I agree to the following terms and conditions:

I understand that there is a donation for the adoption of my new rabbit.

I understand that this rabbit will be an indoor pet integrated with the rest of my family. I understand that rabbits require time, attention and lots of love, and I have the time and the intention of providing this to my rabbit.

I agree to **provide a safe, healthy environment and to house the rabbit indoors, safe from predators, disease, and exposure.**

I agree to have the rabbit as **part of the family and not kept apart in a far off space or hutch.** I understand the rabbit needs social interaction and love for emotional well being. I understand and agree to provide for the rabbit's social and emotional needs. I agree to read all information about this topic.

I understand that Friends of Unwanted Rabbits (F.U.R.) staff is available for consultation (free) to help with set up, health, and diet or behavior questions.

I agree to have my young bunny spayed or neutered (as appropriate) by a F.U.R. contracted Veterinarian at a Veterinary Hospital. I understand that in addition to the adoption donation that I will give an extra \$50.00 cash deposit at the time of adopting a young bunny from F.U.R. I understand that the \$50.00 deposit will be refunded once I have provided a certificate of spay/neuter to F.U.R. I also understand and agree that if I fail to get my young female rabbit spayed by the age of five months or male bunny neutered by the age of three months, a time to be specified by F.U.R., that I will have to surrender the bunny to F.U.R. staff and that the adoption donation and deposit will not be refunded.

If renting, or leasing or subletting, I confirm that I have permission from the landlord to have an indoor rabbit.

I agree to provide the rabbit with fresh food, **water, timothy hay, high fiber pellets and dark leafy greens** every day. Info will be given on diet.

I have no allergies to rabbits and/or hay and no one in my household has an allergy to rabbits and/or hay to the best of my knowledge.

I have no animals that will harm the rabbit that will be allowed in the rabbit's area. (Hunting cats, ferrets, or hunting/working dogs-other)

I agree to cover all electrical cords the rabbit has access to so that the rabbit will not be injured.

I agree to contact Friends Of Unwanted Rabbits if I cannot keep the rabbit for any reason. I agree not to take the rabbit to any animal shelter.

I agree to give F.U.R. staff enough time (usually 2-3 weeks or sometimes as short as a day or two) to bring the bunny back into the F.U.R. system.

This rabbit adoption is permanent, and I understand that the rabbit may live to be 10-15 years of age.

I agree to provide my new rabbit any needed medical care. I agree to have my rabbit seen yearly for an annual exam by a veterinarian that sees exotics on a regular basis. If I need information or referrals, I will call F.U.R. to ask questions.

I understand that, if these agreements aren't kept, Friends of Unwanted Rabbits may reclaim the rabbit. We will do everything in our power to remedy any problem first.

Adopter's Signature _____ Date _____