

Bunnies are the the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
most abandoned animals in the US



Why? People do not understand bunny needs before they adopt. If cared for properly, a bunny is a delightful, charming friend who will entertain you immensely and brighten even a bad day.

- **Life Expectancy:** Bunnies can live to be 13+ years old.
- **Adoption:** Be prepared to take time to build a bond with a new bunny. Once they feel safe with you, let the games and hijinks begin
- **Housing:** At least 4'x4' home with enough room for a litter box and another area for exercise. No wire floors
- **Litter box:** Bunnies can be litter box trained. Soft recycled paper litter is best. Do not use clay, pine or cedar litters, even though they are marketed for bunnies. Litter boxes need to be cleaned 2-3x a week.
- **Health Care:**
  - Bunnies need veterinarians that are bunny-savvy (see list below for local vets who care for bunnies)
  - Bunnies need neutered to prevent reproductive cancers and unwanted litters
  - Bunnies need consistent feeding and rigorous attention paid to their appetite and any stool changes
  - Bunnies need a particular diet, heavy on quality timothy hay or orchard grass. Treats are good but need to be carefully chosen and limited
- **Caregivers:** Children should never be the main caregiver for bunnies. Adult supervision keeps them happy, healthy and out of trouble. If you don't want a bunny to care for, don't adopt one for your kid.
- **Interaction:** Bunnies are social creatures. They need attention and interaction from their humans or a bonded mate to be happy. Dogs and cats can be their friends as well, but always need supervised when playing together.

**Spay and neuter resources:**

**Blue Ridge Vet Associates** (we use and recommend), Purcellville VA 540-338-7392  
**SEAVS** (Stahl Exotic Animal Vet Services), Fairfax VA 703-281-3750  
**Ark Animal Clinic**, Hedgesville WV 304-754-5300  
**Kingdom Animal Hospital**, Clearbrook VA 540-665-3030  
**Cumberland Valley Vet Clinic**, Hagerstown MD 301-739-3121  
**Park Circle Animal Hospital**, Hagerstown MD 301-791-2180

**24hr Emergency Services:**

**Blue Ridge Vet Associates**  
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