

ADOPTION POLICIES

1. Primary Caregiver. When a rabbit is adopted, 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 children. The rabbit must be wanted by the entire family.

Snickerdoodles' will not adopt a rabbit into a home in which an individual resides who has ever been convicted of animal neglect or cruelty in any local, state, or national jurisdiction or breeds rabbits.

2. Indoor Housing. Adopters 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. The rabbit must live on the floor in an enclosure with no wire flooring and with minimum dimensions of 4 feet by 4 feet or free range in a room inside the home. In addition to an enclosure, the rabbit must have space and time for play and exercise. The exercise space is to be contiguous with the rabbit's housing space. The flooring in the rabbit's living space and exercise area must be carpet or rugs.

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.

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 1/2 months old and to neuter them as soon as the testicles have descended (usually around 4 months). Except for medical reasons, females are to be spayed within 30 days of reaching 6 months old. These same requirements exist even when an adopter has only adopted a single immature rabbit. Even when the rabbit will live alone, spaying and neutering after sexual maturity is still required.

5. Returns. If there are such problems with the adopted rabbit that the adopter needs to return the rabbit, we ask that you give some advance notice. Before we accept a returned rabbit, we may help to problem solve any concerns as to increase the potential for the rabbit to successfully maintain in the home. Some common sense and courtesy is expected.

6. Adoption fees.
-Singles: \$90
-Bonded Pairs: \$150

-ALL fees received for adoptions will be used for covering care & medical costs of the rescue's rabbits.

7. Homecoming

When all goes well and the big decision has been made, a representative of Snickerdoodles' will deliver the adopted rabbit to his/her new home. This allows time for the adopter to get housing set up and to rabbit proof the adopter's home as necessary. Additionally it allows Snickerdoodles' to offer the adopter any support necessary in the set-up of housing and answer any other questions. For long distance adopters, a photo of the rabbit's habitat and telephone communications may suffice. When the rabbit is delivered, the adopter will be required to sign the adoption contract and pay the adoption fee.