

## ADOPTION POLICIES

- 1. Primary Caregiver.** When a rabbit is adopted from Oscar's Rabbit Rescue (ORR), 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.
- 2. Indoor Housing.** Adopters of ORR rabbits 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. During the daytime, adopters can allow their rabbits short timeframes of outdoor daytime exercise, understanding that heat is dangerous for rabbits (>84° F can quickly be fatal; prefer 55-69° F). If this is the case, the rabbit must be provided with a shaded area with secure fencing (dig proof and covered), and adequate supervision. Fosterers may require additional safety precautions appropriate to their location.
- 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. Sterilization.** Rabbits will not be available for adoption until after recovering from spay/neuter. Neuter can typically take place when soon as both testicles have descended (usually around 4 months). Except for medical reasons, females can be spayed when reaching 6 months of age. Even when the rabbit will live alone, spaying and neutering after sexual maturity is still required. All rabbits in the home must be spayed/neutered prior to adoption.
- 5. Returns.** If there are such problems with the adopted rabbit that the adopter needs to return the rabbit, we ask that you give the fosterer some advance notice. Some common sense and courtesy is expected. Once an animal is adopted from ORR, the space vacated is usually filled within a week. A return requires two preparations: A space must be opened by a new adoption, and another rabbit must be "bumped" from the rescue list at an animal shelter. Nevertheless, all rabbits adopted from this foster home must be returned to this foster home in the case of insurmountable problems.
- 6. Exchanges.** ORR does not exchange animals. Exceptions may be made when:
  - a) The fosterer and adopter are working together on making a match between an adoptee and a pre-residing rabbit AND
  - b) In the fosterer's judgement, a different match would be less stressful to the animals.
- 7. Adoption fees.** ORR adoption fees are donations that cannot be refunded. We are a federally recognized tax-exempt, non-profit organization (\*application processing\*). Donations made to us are no more refundable than they are to any other public charity and go towards medical and supply costs of rabbits without homes.

*Thank you so much for your time and consideration in benefiting the lives of rabbits!*

*Donations are greatly appreciated to assist with  
medical care and supplies for ongoing rescue missions.*

Cash, Check, or Electronic:

