

The rabbits available for adoption through the Empty Cages Collective (ECC) have been rescued from abandonment, exploitation, neglect and other forms of cruelty. ECC wants to ensure that the rabbit(s) you are adopting receive life-long care, as well as compassionate and respectful treatment. We want to ensure that the best possible home is found for the animals that have been entrusted into our care.



Rabbit Adoption Application

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Three blue silhouettes of animals are positioned to the right of the text. From top to bottom, they are a dog, a cat, and a bird.

**Please note** that there is a required adoption donation to adopt a companion animal from us, as rescuing animals properly is an expensive endeavor. It costs substantial amounts of money to provide the extensive care (day-to-day care, medications, emergency veterinary care, etc.) which most rabbits need after we rescue them.

We appreciate any and all donations – whether they are in the form of needed supplies, food, veterinary care, or cash.

## **RABBIT ADOPTION APPLICATION**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BELOW CAREFULLY. IF YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF RELINQUISHING A PET FOR ANY OF THESE REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER ADOPTING A PET. **PLEASE CHECK EACH BOX PROVING YOU HAVE READ AND DO NOT CONSIDER ANY OF THESE AN ISSUE:**

- There are too many animals in the house already.
- Allergies to the rabbit.
- You are moving and cannot take the rabbit with you.
- The cost of maintaining a healthy rabbit is too much. (Average veterinary bill is \$200+, please consider pet insurance.)
- Landlord issues.
- House soiling issue.
- Personal problems.
- Inadequate facilities to raise a rabbit.
- The rabbit does not get along with other pets.
- You get divorced or separated and no longer want the rabbit you had together.
- Chewed furniture
- Child bored with the rabbit
- Sheds too much
- Too hard to care for
- Not enough time
- Having a baby

Rabbit(s) you are interested in adopting (Name/Description):

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### ***Personal Information***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which best describes your type of residence?

Apartment      House      Other

2. Do you own or rent?

Own      Rent

3. A) If you rent, do you have your landlord's consent to have a rabbit or other companion animal?

Yes      No

B) Can you provide a copy of your lease showing that you are allowed to have companion animals and provide your landlord's contact information?

Yes      No

4. Are all members of the household in agreement concerning the adoption of this animal?

Yes      No

5. Does anyone in your household have allergies or asthma?

Yes      No

6. Does anyone in the household smoke?      Yes      No

7. Who resides in your home? (Relationship and ages)\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you currently have any animals in your home?      Yes      No

If yes, please list what species and their age:

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Are these animals spayed/neutered?\_\_\_\_\_

10. Where were these animals spayed/neutered? (if by a vet please put name and phone number; if they were fixed when you got the animal please provide the name of the group through which you got them) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Please list the name and phone number of the vet that you currently use or have used in the past:

12. Do you plan on keeping the rabbit(s) outside?

11. Describe where rabbit(s) will be kept & in what type/size of cage:

11. Do you plan on allowing the rabbit(s) to have a litter of young?

Yes                      No

12. Who will be the primary caregiver for the rabbit? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Who will care for the rabbit when the primary caregiver is away, either for business or vacation?

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how much time will the responsible person have available to spend with the rabbit?

Weekdays \_\_\_\_\_

Evenings \_\_\_\_\_

Weekends \_\_\_\_\_

14. How many hours a day will the rabbit be left alone?

15. Do you plan on letting your rabbit out of his/her cage?

16. How will you provide daily exercise and entertainment for your rabbit?

17. Why are you interested in adopting a rabbit?

18. What are the most important characteristics you are looking for in a rabbit?

19. What will you feed a rabbit?

20. Have you had rabbits before?    Yes                      No

If so, how many?

How long did you have them?

How long did they live?

What did they die from?

Were they spayed/neutered?

Did they have any litters?

Did they live indoors or outdoors?

21. Would you be willing to attend a class on rabbit care if available? Yes No
22. Do you know a small mammal veterinarian? Yes No
23. Would you like us to recommend a veterinarian? Yes No
24. Are you aware that rabbits might have or develop bad habits (destruction of clothing, furniture, etc; biting; dislike of strangers or certain household members; leaving droppings everywhere), and that these habits can be difficult to modify? Yes No

25. If your rabbit develops a bad habit, what will you do?

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26. Have you made arrangements for your rabbit in the event of your illness or death? Yes No

27. Are you financially secure enough to responsibly care for a rabbit's care for the rest of his/her life, including unforeseen health problems? Please explain:

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### ***References***

Please provide us with three references, their phone numbers, emails addresses, and their relationship to you. One of the references must not be related to you. All applicants are required to list references and we cannot process applications without them:

Name  
Phone  
Relation  
Email

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I have completed the above application and have read the provided information. I understand that a volunteer will review my application and that the shelter had a right to refuse adoption to any applicant.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3/8/12

*\*Note: Answering “yes” or “no” to any of the above questions will not necessarily result in your qualification or disqualification as an adopter.*