

## About our rabbits

All our rabbits are neutered, vaccinated (against both RHD/RHD2 and Myxomatosis), microchipped and have started a 4 week course of Panacur prior to rehoming. Adopters may be advised to continue this course depending on how long the rabbit has been with us, the cost of which is the responsibility of the adopter.

All rabbits receive a health check performed by our current veterinary practice, and adopters will be made aware of any issues raised. Unfortunately the SAA cannot be held responsible for any health problems that develop after adoption.

If you are considering a rabbit as a pet for your child, please think about this very carefully. The majority of rabbits which come into our care are unwanted children's pets, where the novelty has worn off after a short period of time and the parents haven't realised the level of commitment involved in meeting all the rabbit's needs. We will rehome our rabbits as family pets only if we are confident that the parents are keen to have the rabbit, and happy to do the majority of the work.

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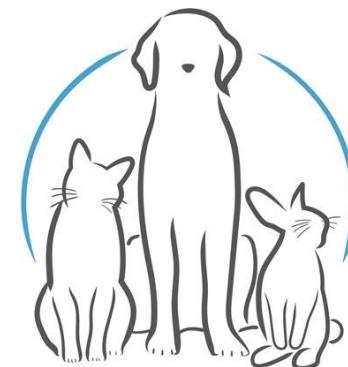
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# Rabbit Adoption Information



Animals that are adopted from a rescue environment need plenty of patience, care, and love to help them settle successfully into a new home. We aim to carefully match animals to potential new owners, and to provide as much information as possible to new owners about their background and behaviour, to maximise the chance of successful adoption. We also offer advice and support after our animals are adopted.

If there is a particular type of rabbit you are looking for, e.g. a Dwarf rabbit, please be aware that the animals in our care change frequently so please keep in regular contact.

# Homing Requirements

- Maximum of **6 rabbits per household**
- For rented accommodation, we require **written proof from the owner of the property**
- Can be rehomed indoor or outdoor (**single rabbits must be indoor**)
- Rabbits normally **rehomed in pairs** (the decision to home a rabbit singly will be taken by animal care staff).
- We regularly provide companions for people's existing rabbits. Your existing rabbit must be neutered and vaccinated against RHD/RHD2 and myxomatosis.

Any hutch needs to be minimum **1.8 x 0.9m** over one or two levels and with **enough height for the rabbit to be able to stand up on its back legs with ease**. There should also be a permanently attached run with a minimum size of **1.8 x 1.2m**. Other options such as sheds are suitable but must meet the minimum space allowance. (Total **3.9m<sup>2</sup>/42ft<sup>2</sup>**)

Minimum recommended size:

Hutch : 1.8m x 0.9m / 6ft x 3ft

Run : 1.8m x 1.2m / 6ft x 4ft

These requirements are to ensure adequate welfare standards for our animals. We reserve the right to refuse applications for adoption if we have reason to believe the home is unsuitable or the accommodation does not meet the measurements above. This decision is final.



# Rehoming Process

1. On your visit to the SAA, you will be shown the rabbits that are available for adoption in our rehoming unit. We will ask you questions about your home and family to enable us to recommend a rabbit(s) that will have a good chance of settling in with you successfully. Staff will discuss rehoming to ensure you have a thorough knowledge of the level of commitment and work involved. If you are looking to bond your existing rabbit(s), staff will discuss the different ways of doing this.
2. If both you and staff think a rabbit(s) would be suitable, you can place a reserve on them. This is followed up by a pre-adoption home visit to check suitability. At this time, the area where the rabbit is going to live will be measured to ensure it meets our size requirements.
3. Provided everything is OK after your home visit, you can make an appointment to collect your new rabbit. If you wish to bond your new rabbit with your existing rabbit, you can arrange a 'bunny date' at the SAA first. All being well, you are then able to take your new rabbit home. We ask for a minimum £55 donation per rabbit to help towards our running costs, payable upon collection.
4. Once the adoption process has been completed we will contact you to check that your new companion has settled in. If for any reason you are experiencing problems or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, and we will endeavour to help you however we can.