



## Rabbit Adoption Policies

- 1. Caretaking:** When a rabbit is adopted from Peace Ridge Sanctuary, the primary caregiver must be a responsible adult. Care should at no time be the primary responsibility of a child or teen. The rabbit should be treated as an integral part of the family- We do NOT adopt rabbits as gifts or pets “for children”. The rabbit must be wanted by the entire family and the adults are responsible to maintain and supervise proper daily care and handling.
- 2. Housing:** Adopters of PRS 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 inside. During the daytime, adopters can and should allow the rabbits daytime exercise; in the good weather rabbits can and should have a SECURE outdoor area where they can forage safe (non-sprayed) edibles like grasses etc. Rabbits should not remain caged all day long and need access to exercise to maintain physical and mental health. We do not allow the use of hutches out of doors, in garages or sheds etc. Hutches or wire bottom cages are not adequate habitats for rabbits.
- 3. Social requirements.** We require that all rabbits who are social (as most are very social) have another rabbit companion. Therefore, we will not adopt out a sociable rabbit alone unless you are adopting a companion rabbit for one already in your care. If this is the case, we will bring the rabbit to your home post home visit so we can help you set up a successful meeting for the rabbits. The only time we adopt out lone rabbits is when there is another rabbit waiting in your home, or if our rabbit has shown us that he or she prefers to be solitary.
- 4. You must return the rabbit to us:** If there are problems of any sort and the adopter needs to return the rabbit, we ask that you call Peace Ridge Sanctuary right away to arrange for that return to happen. Once an animal is adopted from Peace Ridge Sanctuary, it can not be given to anyone outside the adopter’s home, relinquished to another shelter or person etc.
- 5. Our contract:** Every adopter must agree to each and every stipulation to our adoption contract.