



## Rabbit Adoption Policy

Thank you for considering adopting a rescue rabbit. Every year 35,000 rabbits become homeless and as a rescue centre we want to ensure the animals in our care go to the best possible Forever Home.

This document provides you with important information regarding CRRC's adoption policy.

- Rabbits are naturally very sociable creatures and they need the companionship of their own kind to avoid them becoming lonely, therefore we only rehome rabbits in pairs.
- The Centre can help with bonding your single rabbit with one of our rescue rabbits (see below for our bonding policy).
- Under no circumstances should your rabbit be able to breed.
- All rabbits, where possible will be neutered or spayed and will have received their health checks and annual vaccinations for VHD1, VHD2 and myxomatosis.

### **Accommodation Requirements**

We can only rehome where your accommodation meets or exceeds the following sizes. All requirements are based on a pair of rabbits living together.

#### **Rabbits Living Outside**

Rabbits are very active creatures and need a lot of space and exercise. They can live outside all year providing they have the right accommodation.

- The accommodation must be a minimum 48 sq.ft. for a pair of rabbits, accessible to them 24/7, with a minimum height of 2ft.
- There must be an enclosed area of at least 12 sq.ft. the rabbits can use as a safe space.



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- The accommodation will need to be fox proof with strong mesh (foxes can get through chicken wire).
- Sheds and playhouses need to be adapted to allow light and ventilation.

## Rabbits Living Inside

We can rehome rabbits to live inside.

The following size requirements are based on a pair living together.

- The rabbits must have access to an area of 48sq.ft accessible to them 24/7.
- The rabbits must have a quiet place to go such as a crate or a pen. It must be a minimum of 12sq.ft. - this should be accessible at all times.

## Giant Rabbits

- Accommodation must be a minimum of 60 sq.ft with min. 4 ft height
- As house rabbits they need an area of min. of 48sq.ft, or a large room with free range access 24/7.

## Bonding Rabbits

- Bonding takes place at the Centre and there are no exceptions to this, bonding takes between 10 – 21 days.
- Your rabbit will need to be fully vaccinated for VHD1, VHD2 and myxomatosis.
- Whilst your rabbits are being bonded you will need to ensure, if your accommodation is not new, that it is completely disinfected with animal friendly disinfectant. This is to neutralise all scent of your existing rabbit. This is extremely important as any remaining scent can upset the bond.

For further information on housing ideas and where to purchase, please go to our Help and Advice for Rabbits.

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