

## **Foster Home Policy Ohio House Rabbit Rescue, Inc**

Fostering rabbits in accordance with the philosophy and policies of Ohio House Rabbit Rescue is a key responsibility of this organization. Rabbits in foster care are the property of Ohio House Rabbit Rescue and Ohio House Rabbit Rescue has the right to remove a foster rabbit from the foster home at any time and without prior consent. Fosterers are representatives of Ohio House Rabbit Rescue and must demonstrate that they have the commitment and knowledge to fulfill this obligation.

Ohio House Rabbit Rescue will provide the following start-up supplies for each foster home:

- A 4x4 enclosure with linoleum flooring for the enclosure
- Food and water bowls
- A litter box
- Paper-based litter
- Food pellets
- Timothy hay
- Toys
- Vegetables (salad greens) and fruits
- A wellness exam and spay or neuter surgery
- Additional veterinary expenses will be covered by Ohio House Rabbit Rescue if funds are available. Approval must be obtained from the Foster Care Coordinator or the Executive Director prior to delivery of care by an approved veterinarian. In the case of a medical emergency, the fosterer will be authorized to sign for and consent to all reasonable and necessary veterinary procedures by an approved veterinarian.

### **Foster Home Applicant Requirements**

1. All foster home applicants will be members of Ohio House Rabbit Rescue.
2. All foster home applicants must submit a completed application.
3. All foster home applicants will provide a personal reference.
4. Foster home applicants may be asked to provide a vet history of current or past pets.
5. Foster home applicants must agree to a home visit by a representative of Ohio House Rabbit Rescue.
6. Upon approval, all fosterers must read and sign the Foster Home Contract, which provides further details on the responsibilities of the fosterer.
7. Fosterers must be prepared to cover reasonable costs of their foster rabbits, including daily fresh green vegetables.
8. All other rabbits in the home must be spayed/neutered.
9. For applicants with minimal experience with rabbits, an orientation process and/or training with an experienced fosterer will be provided. The fosterer will be monitored for a period of time via phone, photos, or a home visit.
10. Fosterers may recommend a potential adopter, but all adoption decisions must be approved by the Adoptions Coordinator.
11. Fosterers must complete the adoption process to adopt a foster rabbit. The fosterer will be assessed a discounted adoption donation.

### **Possible limitations on foster home approval:**

- Having ferrets or snakes as pets in the home.
- A person in the home has been convicted of a felony.
- A person in the home has an environmental or animal allergy.
- There are young children in the home.

**Foster-to-Adopt Policy**

Foster home applicants who are interested in fostering rabbits only until they meet one that is a good match for their family must meet the foster home applicant requirements. Once the fosterer is ready to adopt, he/she will be required to complete the adoption process and pay a discounted adoption donation.

**Application Process**

Persons wishing to be Ohio House Rabbit Rescue Foster Homes should complete the on-line Foster Home application. Once received, someone will contact the applicant either by telephone or email within 72 hours. If the applicant does not hear from Ohio House Rabbit Rescue, the system did not receive the application. The applicant should let Ohio House Rabbit Rescue know via email at [contact@ohiohouserabbitrescue.org](mailto:contact@ohiohouserabbitrescue.org)

All questions and inquiries may be directed to:  
[contact@ohiohouserabbitrescue.org](mailto:contact@ohiohouserabbitrescue.org)

If you are ready to foster, please submit the *Ohio House Rabbit Rescue Foster Home Application*.