



# COLORADO HOUSE RABBIT SOCIETY

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## ADOPTION CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ between the Colorado House Rabbit Society [hereafter "CO-HRS"] and \_\_\_\_\_ [hereafter "Adopter"]. CO-HRS and Adopter shall collectively be referred to as the "Parties."

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises and benefits to be derived by the Parties, they do hereby agree as follows:

I. CO-HRS shall provide Adopter with the following rabbit(s):

Foster Name: _____ ID#: _____ DOB: _____ Sex: _____ Weight(s): _____ (current)
Breed: _____ Color: _____ Neutered/Spayed on: _____ -OR- Date to Neuter: _____

2 <sup>nd</sup> Foster (if a pair) Name: _____ ID#: _____ DOB: _____ Sex: _____ Weight(s): _____ (current)
Breed: _____ Color: _____ Neutered/Spayed on: _____ -OR- Date to Neuter: _____

II. Adopter shall (initial each item, indicating your agreement):

- \_\_\_ Take this/these rabbit(s) to the veterinarian indicated on page two (2) of this Agreement, under "Veterinary Referral," for a free checkup, within two (2) weeks of adoption;
- \_\_\_ Bring the rabbit(s) to the CO-HRS "Bunny Tune-Up Class" within three (3) months of adoption;
- \_\_\_ Work diligently, with the aid and advice of CO-HRS, to solve any problems that occur, including allergic reactions of family members;
- \_\_\_ Accept responsibility for the care of the rabbit(s), not relying on a minor or anyone else in the family to feed, clean, or otherwise care for the rabbit(s);
- \_\_\_ Provide a healthy, balanced diet and safe litter for the rabbit(s), as recommended by CO-HRS;
- \_\_\_ Keep and care for each rabbit until s/he dies a natural death, or must be euthanized for humane reasons, as recommended by a licensed veterinarian;
- \_\_\_ Not abuse the rabbit(s) nor allow anyone else to do so, and avoid bringing any animal into the home that might be a threat to the safety of the rabbit(s);
- \_\_\_ Provide for the rabbit(s) a clean, safe, bunny-proofed, well-lit, smoke-free, indoor environment, never warmer than 80° F, where family members spend a significant amount of time;
- \_\_\_ Provide a personal space for the rabbit(s), within this indoor environment, that is not in direct sunlight, large enough to contain a litter box, hay, a pellet dish, a water crock, and toys, and still allow sufficient space for two rabbits to stretch out full length at the same time and tall enough for them to stretch upwards full length;
- \_\_\_ Provide at least 30 minutes a day of out-of-personal-space play time.
- \_\_\_ Assume responsibility for damage if Adopter fails to watch the rabbit carefully enough to prevent it, not blaming the rabbit(s) or abandoning them to others because of such damage;
- \_\_\_ Provide constant supervision whenever children are with the rabbit(s);
- \_\_\_ Be physically present with the rabbit(s) during any time they are outdoors, even if the rabbit(s) is/are in a pen or hutch;
- \_\_\_ Maintain time for the rabbit(s), and cut back on other activities if they interfere with this;
- \_\_\_ Take the rabbit(s) along, if the adopter moves, accepting a rental only where rabbits are allowed;

- \_\_\_\_\_ Have the rabbit examined annually by a veterinarian qualified to treat rabbits, and take the rabbit(s) to such a veterinarian if any illness or injury occurs;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Allow no physical contact between un-spayed and un-neutered rabbits, until 10 days after each is altered;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Return the rabbit(s) to CO-HRS for spaying or neutering as set forth in Section I of this Agreement.
- III. In the event that Adopter becomes physically unable to care for the rabbit(s), or moves to a country where the rabbits cannot be taken, or something beyond the Adopter's power makes it impossible for the Adopter to keep the rabbit(s), the Adopter agrees to return the rabbits to the CO-HRS, giving them at least six weeks' notice, if possible.
- IV. CO-HRS shall not be liable for any injury or damage caused by rabbit(s) once they are adopted.
- V. In the event of any dispute concerning this Agreement and legal action is necessary to enforce the rights and responsibilities of the Parties, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.
- VI. If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed amended so as to be valid and enforceable. If the provision cannot be so amended without materially altering the intent of the Parties, it shall be stricken and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- VII. This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and the terms and conditions of this Agreement may not be modified except by another written instrument signed by the Parties.
- VIII. *If Adopter violates any part of this contract, the CO-HRS is authorized to remove the rabbit(s) from the Adopter, including any rabbit bonded to them, and the Adopter shall be liable to CO-HRS for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).*

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Adopter)

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Other adult in home)

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Witness to both signatures above)

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Received** from Adopter named above, a donation in the amount of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Adoption fee) (National Membership) (Supplies) (Additional Donation)

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (CO-HRS Representative)

**Recommended veterinarian:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Out-of-hours emergency veterinary hospital:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dr(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**CO-HRS 24-Hour Health Lines: 720-989-8561, 303-642-3383, 303-601-1122, or 720-261-4289**