



BUNNY WORLD FOUNDATION ADOPTION AGREEMENT

- 1) "I," "me" and "my" hereinafter refers to _____ (name of person adopting a bunny).
- 2) I agree that **Lucky Bunny(s)** _____ is/are being adopted as a family pet, and will be given all privileges as would any family member, i.e., sleep inside the house and be allowed freedom of the house when the family is home. I will treat him/her with the same love, respect and kindness that I treat the other members of my family. In general, I will take excellent care of him/her.
- 3) I will give him/her proper food, water, shelter and medical treatment when necessary.
- 4) Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will I breed bunnies. I/We agree that I will neuter / spay the bunny and it is understood that a fee of \$1,000 per bunny will be assessed if the bunny is NOT neutered / spayed as soon as he or she reaches sexual maturity.
- 5) I am planning to keep him/her for the duration of his/her life. If I can no longer provide proper care for him/her for any reason whatsoever, I will do the following: obtain approval from BWF to transfer ownership of **Lucky Bunny (s)** _____ to a relative or friend. If this occurs, the new owner will have to sign their name to a new Lucky Bunny Adoption Agreement. Under no circumstance can I give this bunny to ANYONE without BWF's consent.
- 6) I will notify BWF immediately if I have any change of home address or phone number or e-mail.
- 7) I understand that bunnies have no concept of right and wrong. Their behavior is impelled by instinct and desire for pleasure. Their behavior is the result of instinct and desire for pleasure. I will teach him/her proper behavior by encouragement and by the use of positive reinforcement, by rewarding him/her and by being kind to him/her. I will discourage improper behavior by diverting him/her attention with toys,

loving attention or removal of the problem items. If this doesn't work, I will call a Veterinarian and another bunny professional for further suggestions.

- 8) I promise to keep him/her indoors at all times, because he/she will live a longer, healthier life if kept indoors. Owls, coyotes, dogs, diseases and cars can kill a rabbit. If, at any time, during his/her life he/she should become lost, I agree that BWF will be notified within 24 hours.
- 9) I promise that he/she will never be abused in any way by any individual or individuals. I will not sell, give or otherwise dispose of him/her to any person, group, medical facility or organization where he will be used to be tested on, sacrificed, killed or used in any method or research.
- 10) I understand that if I allow him/her to be sacrificed or used in medical research, I am committing a felony and that I will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- 11) I understand I am responsible for any expenses related to him/her from the moment I take possession of him or her.
- 12) I agree that a representative from BWF may make a follow-up visit at a mutually convenient time to ascertain that the above conditions have been satisfied.
- 13) If, in the opinion of BWF, there is a breach of any terms of this agreement, I understand that he/she will have the right to reclaim **Lucky Bunny (s)** ____ and if reclamation is not possible, I will be subject to a lawsuit.
- 14) In the event of a material breach of any of the terms and conditions of this agreement by the adopting party, it is understood and agreed upon by the parties that reasonable liquidated damages in the amount of \$5,000 will be immediately due and payable to BWF.

You will be given a copy of this contract for your files; a BWF representative will take a photo of you with your new family member.

I agree to the above conditions, I agree to BWF Policies, and I agree to an Adoption Donation in the amount \$_____.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Bunny World Foundation

Witnessed by: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for adopting a Lucky Bunny!!!

Addendum

Name of Lucky Bunny:

Physical Description:

Age of Lucky Bunny:

Sex:

Date neutered/spayed:

Date of Placement:

Date of follow-up visit:

Name of Adoptive Parent:

Info on 2nd Lucky Bunny if applicable:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail:

Home Phone:

Business Phone:

Cell Phone:

Driver's License No.:



BWF ADOPTION INFORMATION

The following information is requested so that we can assist you in the selection of a house rabbit companion. This application and consultation with a BWF adoption counselor is designed to help us determine if the adoption is in the rabbit's best interest and to assist you in finding the rabbit/s most compatible with your lifestyle. Rabbits are highly social—they are happiest and thrive when living with other rabbits as an integrated part of their families' lives and surroundings. Therefore rabbits are housed **inside only** and require 5 to 8 hours of playtime daily.

In order to be considered as an adopter you must:

- Be able and willing to provide an indoor, loving, safe and peaceful environment for your rabbits.
- Be financially stable and willing to provide all necessary medical care.
- Be committed to the health and welfare of the rabbit for his/her lifetime (an average of 8-10 years) regardless of lifestyle changes such as divorce, moving, etc.
- Be aware that we DO NOT adopt rabbits to children—all members of the household should visit the prospective rabbit and apply for adoption.
- Be aware that we DO NOT place rabbits in a home with an un-neutered or un-spayed rabbit.
- Be willing to agree to a home visit and consultation by one of our adoption counselors prior to the adoption.
- Agree to an adoption fee which is used to pay for our rabbits' spay/neuter and medical care OR commit in writing to spay/neuter yourself.
- Be willing to agree to a follow-up home visit within 1-2 months of the adoption date.

- [Agree to our Adoption Policies.](#)

Thank you for wanting to give a rabbit a safe and loving home. Our primary goal at BWF is education—the purpose of the initial visit is to help facilitate a good match between a bunny and your family’s needs and comfort levels. Please complete the application and send via email to: info@bunnyworldfoundation.org
Attention: Adoptions.

ADOPTION POLICIES

- 1) **Primary Caregiver.** When a rabbit is adopted from BWF, the primary caregiver must be a responsible adult. The rabbit should be treated as an integral part of the family, i.e., no group ownership (such as a classroom pet). WE DO NOT adopt rabbits as pets for children. The rabbit must be wanted by the entire family.
- 2) **Indoor Housing.** Adopters of Bunny World Foundation 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 indoors. During the daytime, adopters can allow their rabbits outdoor daytime exercise. If this is the case, the rabbit must be provided with an area with secure fencing, and adequate supervision. Fosterers may require additional safety precautions appropriate to their locale.
- 3) **Social Requirements.** If the rabbit is going to be alone (i.e. without the company of people, a cat or other household pets) for the majority of the time, then we recommend that the adopter adopt a second rabbit as a companion to the first.
- 4) **Neutering.** Sexually immature rabbits of mixed sexes can be adopted together as long as the adopter agrees to separate them when the males are 3 ½ months old and to neuter them as soon as the testicles have descended (usually around 4 months). Except for medical reasons, females are to be spayed within 30 days of reaching 6 months old. These same requirements exist even when an adopter has only adopted a single immature rabbit. Even when the rabbit will live alone, spaying and neutering after sexual maturity is still required.
- 5) **Returns:** If there are such problems with the adopted rabbit that the adopter needs to return the rabbit, we ask that you give the fosterer some advance notice. Some common sense and courtesy is expected. Once an animal is adopted from Bunny World Foundation, the space vacated is usually filled within a day. A return requires two preparations: a space must be opened by a new adoption, and another rabbit must be “bumped” from the rescue list at the animal shelter. Nevertheless, all rabbits adopted from this foster home must be returned to this foster home in case of insurmountable problems.
- 6) **Exchange:** Bunny World Foundation does not exchange animals. Exceptions may be made when:
 - The fosterer and adopter are working together on making a match between an adoptee and a pre-residing rabbit AND
 - In the fosterer’s judgment, a different match would be less stressful to the animals.

ADOPTING A SECOND RABBIT FROM BWF

The biggest advantage to getting a second rabbit is emotional support for your first rabbit when you're not around. Once you have seen multiple rabbits snuggling and kissing, you will never want to have only one rabbit again. Rabbits that travel, board, or visit the vet together are less stressed than single rabbits that experience these events.

Because we can't assume any two rabbits will get along with each other, strategy is used for second rabbit adoptions. This strategy is based on the assumption that YES, there is a rabbit your rabbit will like, but we can't always predict with certainty which rabbit it will be. Because it is the nature of rabbits to like or dislike passionately, rabbit matchmaking is something of an art. At BWF, match-making is our specialty. Below is a description of the process we use.

Tell us about your rabbit's personality, history, and habits, and communicate details about your home. If your rabbit is not yet spayed or neutered, this must happen next. Tell us what kind of rabbit you were hoping to adopt, keeping in mind that your rabbit will have a final say. We know our rescued buns very well, which helps to ensure a good match for all.

We will set up a time for you to bring your rabbit to meet two or more rabbits who have been selected by us in consultation with you. At least two candidates are considered, because in spite of our best intentions, one rabbit may reject the other. Body language of the rabbits will be interpreted by the staff facilitating the match, and can vary from indifference to excitement. Based on the rabbit's reactions, the adopter's preference, and the matchmaker's assessment of the match, the date can move on to bonding. Bonding is usually a period of one week with the rabbits together under supervision in neutral territory. Reports are made to the caretaker on the rabbit's progress. If negative behavior occurs, a different match is considered. We don't want either rabbit hurt, or stressed. We will try different combinations of rabbits until the chemistry is perfect.

The honeymoon begins when positive, trusting behavior is seen. The two bunnies can now go home. The adopter is instructed to keep the rabbits in a small, neutral, confined area, such as a spare room or hallway, for one week. BWF staff and the adopter keep in contact. If all goes well during this transition, number one bunny can go back to her routine, sharing everything with her new friend.

If you would like to hear more about adopting a second or third (or fourth, or fifth....) rabbit from BWF, please call us at (310) 528-4582 or email us at info@bunnyworldfoundation.org.