

Why become a foster

Due to lack of knowledge a great deal of rabbits are dumped outside where they are unable to survive on their own and thrive. Rabbits require a delicate balance of everything in their life to be happy and healthy. To be able to provide them with everything they require along with proper monitoring, that is something only a foster can provide until they are able to find their forever home. These rabbits thrive in environments where they can have more one on one attention and affection. Fosters allow rabbits to have more interaction and become more confident, friendly, trusting, and most importantly – Ready for their forever home! By you providing a safe temporary home you are giving a rabbit the opportunity and time to find their forever home. Having you as a foster allows our rescued rabbits to have more free space to take in more at-risk rabbits that desperately need our help. Our fosters truly play the biggest role in making a difference to our rabbits who have come to us from the most appalling conditions, with many requiring medical assistance. Fosters allow our rescued rabbits to understand we aren't all horrible and there are good people in this world that are dying to show them what a loving touch looks like. These rabbits have never been spoiled until they have met our fosters. You are truly the one who makes the biggest impact in their lives. It is so rewarding to see how far foster rabbits have come thanks to their foster parent(s) giving them the time, effort, energy, care, and love that they deserve. Seeing them transform into adoptable rabbits is beyond words. Becoming a foster is such rewarding work that you could never regret it!



You can help us save more lives >>>

You are able to make a difference in a life by becoming a foster. You can show them that they are worth being loved and what love actually looks and feels like. They need you and so do we to take on these cases. The more fosters we have, the more rabbits in need we are able to take on. Help us give them a second chance!

Is fostering a Rabbit for me?

Ask yourself these questions :

- Are you **18+** and will be the **primary caregiver**?
- Have you taken at least **one week** to **think** about this decision?
- Have you done any **research** on rabbits, their needs, and what to expect?
- Are you ok with some **mild destruction** of your home?
- Are you ok with **nips/bites** here or there?
- Do you have **3 hours minimum** to let the rabbit **free roam** plus another **2 hours** of **attention per day**?
- Are you ok with spending **\$60-\$80 a month** for veggies?
- Do you have the **space** for a 4X4 x-pen?
- They are **NOT** allowed to be **left alone 12+ hours** a day or over night, are you able to be home?
- Is your **landlord/owner** of your residence **ok** with a **rabbit**?
- Are you able to keep in **regular communication** with our owner with minimum **weekly check-ins**?
- Our primary form of communication is through **Facebook messenger**, are you comfortable having and using this platform?
- Are you able to commit to a **ONE YEAR** foster term?

If you are interested in becoming a foster, please go to our website and download our application! Once filled out, please email the completed form to us. Please allow up to 3 to 5 days for us to review your application and get back to you.

Email: hagridshaven@gmail.com
Facebook: Hagrid's Haven Rabbit Rescue
Instagram: [hagrids_haven](https://www.instagram.com/hagrids_haven)
Website: hagridshaven.com

If fostering is something you're unable to do but you would still like to help a rescued rabbit in need, you're in luck! Our foster rabbits are always in need of donations, supplies, volunteer to drive them to appointments when your schedule allows, and of course you can even sponsor a rabbit of your choosing and receive monthly updates on them!

Should you have any **questions** or would like more **educational material** please feel free to reach out to **Hagrid's Haven Rabbit Rescue!** We can be reached on **Facebook, Instagram, or Website!**



Foster Care for Rabbits

Owner –Breanna Stead

As a Foster...

One important thing to mention is that rabbits are NOT for kids! They are not always cuddly animals and you run on their schedule. They prefer being on the floor rather than being handled, you need to get to their level to give them attention/affection. **They do nip to let you know they are annoyed/ angry/ upset/ wants your attention/ wants you to move out of their way/ trying to groom you/ etc and they can break skin even if they don't mean to cause you harm.**

This is just how they communicate with each other but they have the benefit of fur to take away some of the nip. **Rabbits can NOT be punished under any circumstances.** Being prey animals, you need to gain their trust for them to know you are safe while also working with them to get them to like you. Rabbits typically do not give love freely like a cat or dog, they make you work for it. If you smack them, you teach them to be afraid of hands and you. If you do anything physical to punish a rabbit, you will set them back months and who knows if they will trust you ever again especially depending on their background. It can take days, months, or even years in some cases for caregivers/owners to get kisses/affection from their rabbit. This is the ultimate sign of affection which rabbits make you work for and should not be taken lightly, this is their highest form of showing you love, trust, affection, etc.

Since rabbits make you work for their affection it makes it that much more rewarding when they show you these signs of affection and love. Every rabbit has their own unique personality, there are no two rabbits that are exactly alike. To get to know your rabbits like/dislikes, what's normal, how they like certain things, etc – you need to spend quality time with them. There is no black and white standard for them or for you to follow, only a guideline. For this reason, it's best for them to be in a foster's home where they can receive the proper quality time to get to know them individually. With a foster they will receive proper attention, get enough exercise, have one on one attention, illnesses/injuries can be noticed quicker, along with so many other benefits that make a huge difference to their life. If you're interested in a fur baby who comes with a large personality in such tiny bodies, the immediate gradification to see their progress from being petrified/shy towards you to them running up to you with loving eyes, seeing the trust they start to build in humans again thanks to you, seeing the fear of humans slowly vanish because of your soft touch and loving care, feeling the reward of knowing without you they wouldn't have shelter/food/or affection, and of course they are the absolute cutest to see running around doing zoomies and binkies! This is sure to be a decision you could never regret!



Responsibility of the Foster

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As a foster we ask that you provide a safe and loving environment for our foster rabbit(s). Their room will take up a little bit of space in your home as they need an x-pen often used for a dog's exercise area. They will take up a bit of your time as well, they require a minimum of 2 hours of one on one attention along with another 3 hours of monitored free roam time each day if they are not already completely free roam. Rabbits are like any other pets and should never be left alone longer than 12 hours or left alone over night. We ask that you provide fresh veggies for your foster rabbit which is given twice a day. We will cover the cost of **everything** else your foster rabbits need including replacements! If you are an hour or more away from our rescue, we provide all our fosters with a 2-3 month supply of everything you will need to care for your foster rabbit. We ask that you maintain their hay, litter, and chews along with their fresh veggies. If you are able to come to London for a supply restock, we are happy to provide you with any supplies you need. Weekly updates of our fosters are sent to our owner, the more pictures and videos we receive helps to show potential adopters our adoptable rabbits.



Rides and fees >>>

If you are interested in volunteering to drive your foster to vet appointments when you are available to do so and would like to be reimbursed for gas money, please speak to the owner of HHRR prior to the appointment for a payment arrangement. If you would like to volunteer your time and gas that is always very much appreciated but never expected.

Is Fostering a Rabbit for YOU?

Rabbits require a delicate balance of everything in their life from diet, to exercise, attention, and more. With you as a foster, you're allowing them the opportunity to live their best life while receiving everything they need. You're helping to change their opinion on humans and showing them they are worth more than being thrown outside to slowly die or be put to death.

Emergency Protocol >>>

If your foster is in need of medical assistance, please look at your emergency protocol sheet that we provide to our fosters and follow instructions.

Should our medical emergency contact(s) decide a vet is required, they will arrange this. If you would like to drive your foster to the vet please let us know, otherwise we will arrange a volunteer to pick them up and bring them to their appointment.

Should they need medical care, if you are not comfortable giving it to them, our owner or one of our medical fosters will care for them during this time until they are healthy and can be returned.

Costs Involved >>>

The only cost you would incur as a foster would be for their fresh veggies. Typically, this amount is around \$60-80 a month for a rabbit.

Any other expenses will be covered by the rescue. If you would like to buy your foster toys, treats, chews, etc please ask our owner for preapproval first as their health and safety is of the highest priority for us. If you are over an hour away, there will be the cost of hay, litter, and chew unless you're able to pick up more. If you would like to be reimbursed, we ask that you please confirm with the owner of HHRR to ensure repayment **prior** to the purchase. Thank you for your understanding!

I know I might seem like a lot of work but I promise, I am worth it! Please help give me a place to stay till I find my forever family!

Monthly Needs >>>

Nails and scent glands should be checked every 4-6 weeks. Scent glands are VERY delicate and can easily rip. If a rip occurs you must go to the vets ASAP! If your foster's scent gland(s) are packed please let HHRR know and they will clean them for you. If you need more information on how to give nail trims please see our brochure on ***Burritos, Pawdicures, & Scent Gland Cleaning.***