



**RSPCA Manchester  
& Salford Branch**

Registered Charity No. 232255



## Thinking of adopting a rabbit from us?

Have a read of our adoption requirements below!

### Essential Criteria

- ✓ **We do not rehome rabbits to live in a hutch or cage** without it having a permanently attached run/pen. Rabbits travel up to 5 miles a day and require spacious accommodation that meets their behavioural needs at all times of day and night. Minimum size accommodation for outdoors is: 6ft x 3ft x 3ft inches hutch with a 6ft x 6ft run attached. For indoor rabbits we recommend a penned floor space of no less than 6ft x 6ft, a room to themselves or to live free range.
- ✓ **All animals in the adopter's home must be neutered & fully vaccinated** (where applicable). Existing rabbit/s in the home must be vaccinated against myxi, VHD1 and VHD2.
- ✓ **Rabbits are not suitable for children's pets**; they are prey creatures with fragile skeletons. An adult over 18 years old must be fully responsible for the animal's care and handling on behalf of the whole family.
- ✓ **We do not rehome single rabbits to live alone outdoors.** We will only rehome single rabbits to live as 'house rabbits'. If you cannot give a house rabbit at least 4 hours attention a day then please choose a pair. Ideally rabbits should live in pairs.
- ✓ If you are new to rabbit ownership please make sure you have done your research. The Rabbit Welfare Association is a great place to start.

### About Our Rabbits

- ✓ **Our rabbit adoption fee is £45 per rabbit or £80 for a pair.** This cost includes neutering, vaccination against Myxomatosis, Viral Haemorrhagic Disease and variant strain RHD2, microchipping and a general health check with a rabbit specialist vet.
- ✓ **If you wish to view a rabbit please contact us at the office on 0161 737 6600.** We keep our rabbits at our centre which is by appointment only.
- ✓ **Reserving a rabbit.** We cannot 'hold' animals for longer than 7 days, so please contact us once you have visited the rabbits and decided who you would like to adopt. We will then arrange to do a home visit.
- ✓ **We do not agree with rabbit 'speed dating'. Do not bring your rabbit along to the viewing.**

### Home visit

- ✓ We aim to do home visits within 5-7 days of a reservation being placed. *If you are privately renting please make sure you have written permission from your landlord to keep a pet in the property.*

#### **The home visit is about:**

- Sharing advice on meeting the welfare needs of a rabbit.
- Making sure you have a good understanding about the financial implications & commitment involved in adopting your chosen animal.
- Making sure the proposed accommodation meets the behavioural needs of rabbits.
- Our home visitors will endeavor to answer any questions you may have so please make a list!

### After the home visit

- ✓ **The outcome of the home visit will be shared with you within 24 hours.** If the home visit is successful we expect you to collect your rabbit within 7 days.
- ✓ **Make sure you have all your supplies ready before collecting your rabbit.**
- ✓ **Please bring along the adoption fee (cash or cheque) and a carrier when you collect your rabbit.** It sounds obvious but so many people do forget!

### Our promise to you

- ✓ If you are rabbit bonding at home we are available for advice and support and will keep in regular contact during the process.
- ✓ Your home visitor will contact you 4-6 weeks after the adoption to find out how you are all getting on.
- ✓ We are here for you for the life of your animal—if you have any questions please get in touch.
- ✓ If for any reason in the future you cannot keep your rabbit they *must* be returned to the branch. Please bear in mind that we will usually need a few days warning to arrange space.