

# Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue **ADOPTION CONTRACT**

## **ADOPTER INFORMATION (for adopter to complete)**

*Your privacy is important to us. We will not sell or share your contact information.*

Full legal name: \_\_\_\_\_ SARR member:  yes  no  
Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **RABBIT INFORMATION (for SARR to complete; attach additional sheet if needed)**

Foster name: \_\_\_\_\_ Foster home provider: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender:  ♀  ♂ Date of spay/neuter:        /        /  
Age:        yrs.        mos. Date of birth (if known):        /        /  
Weight:        lbs.        oz. Breed and color: \_\_\_\_\_  
History: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinary Referral** Dr. Richard Panzero, DMV. River Road Pet Clinic, 5655 East River Road, Suite 171, Tucson, AZ 85750. Telephone: 520-577-3100.

### **Adopter: Please read carefully and initial each point before signing this form.**

1. **CARE.** In assuming responsibility for the above rabbit, I agree never to physically abuse, neglect, or abandon him/her, nor will I allow any other person or animal to do so. I will be the primary care provider for the rabbit. I will supervise any children when they are playing with this rabbit. If I am adopting a bonded pair/group of rabbits, I will not separate the members of the pair/group except on the recommendation of a veterinarian or a Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue rabbit educator.  
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2. **SALE & EXPLOITATION.** I agree never to sell or exploit the rabbit, nor will I allow any other person to do so. I am adopting this rabbit as a companion animal, and I will never allow him/her to be used for any other purpose, including breeding, meat, fur, laboratory experimentation, public entertainment, or public exhibition. I will not use this rabbit for food, pet food, or bait, nor will I use him/her as a sales promotion, petting zoo animal, classroom pet, science fair project, or 4H project. I understand that the rabbits adopted by the Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue have been spayed/neutered and cannot be bred. I understand that the Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue will only adopt rabbits to homes with other rabbits if all the rabbits have been altered.  
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3. **RESIDENCE.** I agree to keep the rabbit in a private residence only. I have obtained permission from my rental agency or property manager/owner to keep rabbits in my home. I will take this rabbit with me if I ever move to a new home. I will keep the

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Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue informed of any changes to my legal name, home address, or primary telephone number.

4. **HOUSING & TRANSPORT.** I agree to give the rabbit social interaction, exercise, and play time in a safe environment. I will bunnyproof my home. I will provide the rabbit with adequate housing, either allowing him/her to roam freely in my home or housing him/her in a large, indoor enclosure with solid flooring. If using an enclosure, I will let the rabbit out of his/her enclosure each day to exercise and play. I am adopting this rabbit as a house pet, and at no time will leave him/her outside overnight. I will closely supervise any outdoor play activity, providing protection from predators and monitoring temperatures and weather conditions. I understand that temperatures above 85°F can cause fatal heat stroke in rabbits. I will keep my home cool enough for this rabbit, and I will only transport him/her in a carrier with adequate cooling.
5. **HEALTH, DIET & GROOMING.** I agree to provide the rabbit with veterinary medical care to keep him/her in good health and free of pain. Whenever possible, I will seek the services of a veterinarian who has had training in rabbit medicine. I will provide this rabbit with a balanced diet of daily fresh water and food consisting of unlimited timothy hay (or a nutritionally equivalent grass hay); non-toxic leafy greens, herbs, and vegetables; timothy hay-based pellets; and small amounts of carrot or fruit as treats. I will change the rabbit's litter box regularly using a non-toxic litter. I will brush the rabbit, trim his/her nails, and check his/her teeth for overgrowth regularly.
6. **LIABILITY.** Once this rabbit is adopted, the Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue is not liable or responsible for any damage or injury caused by the adopted rabbit. I understand that the Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue and its representatives have disclosed any and all health problems this rabbit has, to the best of their knowledge. I understand that health problems may arise in the future for which the Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue or its representatives will not be held responsible.
7. **REMOVAL.** I agree that the Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue is authorized to remove the rabbit if he/she is not receiving adequate care or is being endangered by lack of veterinary medical care, or if there has been a violation of the adoption contract or any local anti-cruelty laws.
8. **RETURNS.** If I am unable to maintain this agreement for any reason, I will return the rabbit to the Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue in accordance with policy, no matter what the time span. I understand that rabbits cannot be exchanged except under special circumstances.
9. **AGREEMENT & FEES.** I have read the adoption contract and will abide by its terms. I am aware that the adoption fee is non-refundable, as it is a donation to the Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:     /     /

FULL LEGAL NAME (print):

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## **WITNESS/RECEIPT**

Received from person(s) named above and on the same date, a donation in the amount of \$

Payment method:  cash  check  credit card

**Signed:**

*Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue*

**Dated:**

*The adoption fee is \$50 for one rabbit or \$75 for a bonded pair of rabbits. A 10% discount is available for Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue members.*

## **Your additional donation is needed and welcome!**

The Southern Arizona Rabbit Rescue is a non-profit, volunteer-run, no-kill domestic rabbit rescue and adoption agency serving Tucson and Southern Arizona. We are currently pursuing 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt status. Our mission is to advocate rabbit welfare. We believe that rabbits should be companion animals only. We promote spay/neuter surgery to reduce rabbit overpopulation in our community. We offer public outreach and services to prevent rabbit abuse, neglect, and abandonment.

## **ADOPTION TRANSFER PROCEDURE (for SARR to complete)**

### **Adoption contract**

- Complete the “rabbit information” section. Calculate payment for the adoption fee.
- Allow the adopter time to complete, read, and initial the contract before signing.
- When the adopter has signed the contract and paid the adoption fee, complete the “witness/receipt” section. Ask the adopter to provide identification before signing.
- Make a copy of the contract, including the receipt, for the adopter. Retain the original contract and receipt for our records.
- Give the original contract, receipt, and payment to our administration volunteers.

### **Adoption transfer checklist**

- cardboard carry-home box (if adopter did not bring a carrier)
- towel or bedding
- cool pack
- bag of hay
- bag of pellets
- rabbit care guide (if adopter does not already have a copy)
- special instructions for the rabbit’s care, if any
- adopter’s copy of adoption contract, including receipt