RABBIT SURRENDER APPLICATION
Humane Society Silicon Valley offers pet surrender services as space and resources allow. Our primary role in the community is to save the lives of animals at risk in local municipal shelters; therefore, we ask that you only consider surrendering your pet to our shelter as a last resort. If you feel you have exhausted all other options, please complete this form as thoroughly as possible and send it back to us via the contact information on the last page.
Thank you for your consideration!

Next Steps: Reservation Required Once we receive the completed application we will contact you within 48 hours to review the information and discuss your options and next steps. Please do not bring your pet to the shelter without an appointment, as drop-in’s will not be accommodated.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Name: ___________________________ Day phone: ___________________________
E-mail: ___________________________ Evening phone: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR RABBIT and BASIC HISTORY

Rabbit’s Name: __________________ Age: _______ Sex: □ Male □ Female Spayed/Neutered?: □ Yes □ No
Breed and Color: ___________________________
Is your rabbit microchipped? □ No □ Yes Chip #: ___________________________
Why do you need to give up your rabbit? ___________________________
If you have a time limit, please tell us the date you need to surrender by: ___________________________
If we could help you resolve the issue, would you consider keeping your rabbit? □ Yes □ No □ Maybe
Relinquishing your pet to an animal shelter should be a last resort, what have you already done to try and find your rabbit a new home? ___________________________
How long have you owned your rabbit?
If this is not your rabbit, who owns this rabbit?
Who in your household is the rabbit’s primary caretaker?
Including yours, how many homes has this rabbit had?
Where did you get your rabbit from?
□ Breeder □ Friend or Relative □ HSSV (when did you adopt?):
□ Pet Store □ Advertisement □ Another Shelter / Rescue:
□ Born at home □ Found stray □ Other:

FAMILY ENVIRONMENT

Please describe the human family members that your rabbit has lived with (check all that apply):
□ Adult Men □ Adult Women □ Senior Citizens □ Children (what ages): ___________________________
Would you recommend placing this rabbit in a home with children? □ Yes □ No
If no, please explain:

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Describe how your rabbit responds to children *(check all that apply)*:

- Friendly
- Playful
- Ignores
- Enjoys being held by children
- Bites
- Thumps
- Afraid of / runs away from children
- Never been around children

Would you recommend placing this rabbit in a home with children?  
- Yes  
- No

If no, please explain:

Please check all the animals that your rabbit has *lived* with *(check all that apply)*:

- Dogs
- Cats
- Male Rabbits
- Small Animals *(what kind)*:
- Guinea pigs
- Reptiles
- Female Rabbits
- Other *(what kind)*:

Describe how your rabbit responds to other animals in your household *(check all that apply)*:

- Approaches & investigates
- Playful
- Ignores
- Friendly interactions with
- Bites
- Thumps
- Afraid of / runs away from
- Never been around children
- Other *(please explain)*:

Would you recommend placing this rabbit in a home with other animals?  
- Yes  
- No

If yes, what types of animals:

**HOME and CAGE ENVIRONMENT**

Where is your rabbit *primarily* housed *(check one)*:

- Inside the home
- In the garage
- Outside the home
- Other *(please explain)*:

Please describe your rabbit’s housing environment *(check all that apply)*:

- Wire bottom cage
- Flat/plastic bottom cage
- X-Pen
- Free roaming in home
- Free roaming outside
- Outdoor hutch
- Other *(please explain)*:

Where was your rabbit kept when no human members of your family were at home *(check all that apply)*:

- Free run of home
- Confined to one room in home
- In its cage / usual housing environment
- Other *(please explain)*:

Do you provide a litter box for your rabbit?  
- Yes  
- No

If yes, is the rabbit litter box trained?  
- Yes  
- No

What type of litter do you provide?

Does your rabbit now, or has your rabbit ever, shared its living space with another animal?  
- Yes  
- No

If yes, describe how your rabbit interacted with his/her roommate?

**EXERCISE, PLAY and BEHAVIOR**

How much time does your rabbit spend outside of its cage/hutch *(check one)*:

- Once a day
- A couple of times a week
- Whenever we are home
- Less than once a week
- Less than once a month
- Other *(please explain)*:

Is your rabbit every allowed outdoors for exercise?  
- Yes  
- No

If yes, please explain where/how:

Does your rabbit enjoy being petted *(check all that apply)*?

- Yes, will nudge for more
- Yes
- No
- No, runs away
- No, will bite or scratch when I try
- Other *(please explain)*:
Does your rabbit enjoy being held (check all that apply)?
- Yes, very much
- Tolerates
- No, struggles when held
- No, runs away
- No, will bite or scratch when I try
- Other (please explain):

Is your rabbit afraid of anything (check all that apply)?
- Loud noises
- Thunder
- Vacuum
- Other animals (ex. dogs or cats)
- Men
- Women
- Children
- Strangers
- Other (please explain):

Does your rabbit enjoy sitting with you (check all that apply)?
- Yes, often in lap
- Yes, occasionally in lap
- Rarely
- Occasionally beside me
- Never
- Other (please explain):

What are your rabbit’s favorite activities (check all that apply)?
- Toss the toy
- Rearranging cage / enclosure
- Chewing
- Chase games, running and jumping
- Playing with people
- Digging
- Other (please explain):

What are your rabbit’s favorite toys (check all that apply)?
- Hanging toys
- Balls
- Newspaper and/or towels for digging
- Wood and/or willow chews
- Hard plastic toys (ex. baby keys)
- Doesn’t play with toys
- Baskets
- Cardboard items and/or paper bags
- Never given toys
- Other (please explain):

How does your rabbit react when his/her cage is being cleaned (check all that apply)?
- Allows without issues
- Seems annoyed and rearranges stuff
- Grunts, thumps, lunges, or nips
- Seems scared and runs away
- Rabbit is removed for cleaning
- Don’t regularly clean cage / hutch
- Other (please explain):

How does your rabbit respond to visitors and/or strangers (check all that apply)?
- Friendly and interested
- Playful
- Afraid, runs away and/or hides
- Ignores
- Will bite or scratch
- Doesn’t see visitors
- Other (please explain):

Please tell us about your rabbit’s “bad habits” (check all that apply)?
- Chews cords
- Digs in plants
- Scratches flooring
- Chews on furniture / baseboards
- Nipping at ankles or pants
- Bites people
- Scratches people
- Doesn’t like being handled
- Other (please explain):

Nipping and biting can be very normal rabbit behaviors; does your rabbit have a tendency to bite people?
- Yes
- No

If yes, under what circumstances: ____________________________

How hard does the rabbit bite? ____________________________  Does it break skin?
- Yes
- No

Scratching can be a very normal rabbit behavior; does your rabbit have a tendency to scratch people?
- Yes
- No

If yes, under what circumstances: ____________________________

How often does the rabbit scratch? ____________________________  Does it break skin?
- Yes
- No
DIET, HEALTH and GROOMING

Name and Phone # of your rabbit’s veterinarian: ____________________________________________________________

Approximate date of last visit: _______________________    Reason for visit: ___________________________________

What type of food does your rabbit eat (check all that apply)?

- Pellets with seed mixed in
- Alfalfa based pellets
- Timothy based pellets
- Grass hay (ex. timothy or oat)
- Alfalfa hay
- Whatever is at the store
- Vegetables (what kind):
  - Fruits (what kind):
  - Other (please explain):

Does your rabbit get “treats” on a regular basis?    Yes    No    If yes, what kind? ______________________________

How does your rabbit drink water?    Water bottle    Water bowl

Has your rabbit ever been diagnosed or treated for any of the following by a veterinarian (check all that apply):

- Fleas
- Malocclusion / Dental Problems
- Runny ears
- Digestive problems
- Other Illness / condition:
- Abscesses
- Ear mites
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- My rabbit has never seen a vet
- No, my rabbit has always been healthy

Does your rabbit require regular medication and/or a special diet?    Yes    No

If yes, please explain:

Is your rabbit accustomed to (check all that apply):

- Bathing
- Brushing
- Teeth Cleaning
- Medicating
- Nail Trimming
- Other:

Are there any places on your rabbit’s body that s/he does not like being touched, brushed or petted?    Yes    No

If yes, please explain?

OTHER

What makes your rabbit the happiest?

What upsets your rabbit the most?

What else should we know about your rabbit so we may find it the best home?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application; this information is key to helping us help you and your pet. Please send this completed form to:

HSSV Intake Department
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