## BETTER BUNNY FOSTER VOLUNTEER INFO PACKET

By fostering a rabbit, you are providing a temporary home and helping a bunny in need until they find a forever family. Better Bunny appreciates your support and dedication!

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## INTRODUCTION TO FOSTERING

Fostering is a temporary arrangement in which you provide a loving and safe environment for a rabbit in need.

The goal is to care for the bunny until adoption or another placement is found. Better Bunny retains legal ownership of all foster rabbits.

As a foster caregiver, you are responsible for providing daily care, monitoring health, and keeping us updated on your foster bunny's well-being.

## SUPPLIES

## HAT HE PROVIDE

# WHAT YOU PROVIDE

- X-PEN
- ·LITTER BOX
  - · CARRIER
- ·WATER DISH

- · FOOD & HAY
  - •LITTER
  - •BLANKETS
    - ·TOYS

All supplies provided by Better Bunny, must be returned to Better Bunny when the foster bunny is adopted or re-located

# FOSTER CAREGIVER RESPOSIBILITIES

AS A FOSTER CAREGIVER, YOU AGREE TO:

- •PROVIDE FOOD, WATER, SHELTER, AND ENRICHMENT.
- KEEP THE BUNNY IN A MINIMUM 4X4 SPACE (EXERCISE PENS OR LARGER ENCLOSURES ARE IDEAL—NO CAGES).
- •FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DIET, MEDICAL CARE, AND HANDLING.
  - CONTACT BETTER BUNNY IMMEDIATELY IF ISSUES ARISE.
  - RETURN THE BUNNY TO BETTER BUNNY UPON REQUEST.

#### YOU MAY NOT:

- TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR RE-HOME THE RABBIT YOURSELF.
- MAKE ANY MAJOR CHANGES TO THE BUNNY'S APPEARANCE (GROOMING FOR HEALTH REASONS IS OKAY).
  - ALLOW THE BUNNY TO INTERACT WITH OTHER PETS.

## RABBIT CARE BASICS

#### DIET:

•HAY: UNLIMITED TIMOTHY OR ORCHARD GRASS
•FRESH GREENS: 1 1/2 CUPS OF RABBIT SAFE LETTUCE DAILY

(SEE LIST OF SAFE VEGETABLES)
•PELLETS: FEED ONLY WHEN ADVISED TO DO SO BY BETTER

BUNNY

•FRESH WATER MUST BE ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN A BOWL (NOT A BOTTLE)

#### **HOUSING AND ENCLOSURE:**

• INDOOR HOUSING IS REQUIRED
• A MINIMUM OF 4' 4' PEN OR FREE-ROAMING AREA
• SOFT BEDDING OR FLEECE BLANKETS FOR COMFORT (NO WIRE-BOTTOM CAGES)

#### **ENRICHMENT AND SOCIALIZATION:**

• DAILY PLAYTIME AND EXERCISE
• PROVIDE CHEW TOYS AND TUNNELS/HIDE-Y HOUSES
• GENTLE HANDLING AND POSITIVE INTERACTIONS

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# EMERGENCY PROTOCOL IF YOUR FOSTER BUNNY IS SICK OR INJURED:

- 1. CONTACT BETTER BUNNY IMMEDIATELY!
- 2. IF WE ARE UNREACHABLE DURING AN EMERGENCY:
- TRANSPORT THE BUNNY TO ONE OF THE LISTED VETERINARY HOSPITALS
- •CONTINUE TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH BETTER BUNNY DIRECTORS

#### SIGNS OF AN EMERGENCY:

- LOSS OF APPETITE FOR MORE THAN 12 HOURS
  - ·LETHARGY OR UNRESPONSIVENESS
  - DIARRHEA OR UNUSUAL DROPPINGS
- ·LABORED BREATHING OR EXCESSIVE NASAL DISCHARGE
- ·HEAD TILTED, ROLLING, OR UNCONTROLLABLE MOVEMENTS

## RETURNING A FOSTER RABBIT

## IF YOU ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO PROVIDE FOSTER CARE

WE UNDERSTAND THAT CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE. IF YOU CAN NO LONGER FOSTER, PLEASE:

- 1. GIVE BETTER BUNNY AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE SO WE MAY ARRANGE ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT
- 2. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CARE UNTIL THE BUNNY IS SAFELY RETURNED
- 3. ARRANGE A DATE AND TIME WITH A BETTER BUNNY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE RETURN OF YOUR FOSTER RABBIT, TO BETTER BUNNY
- 4. DO NOT RELEASE THE BUNNY OR RE-HOME

## FAQ

#### Can I adopt my foster rabbit?

Yes! If you wish to adopt, let us know, and we will guide you through the adoption process.

#### Do I have to pay for food and supplies?

Better Bunny will be able to provide some supplies, but foster caregivers are generally responsible for day-to-day needs.

#### Can my foster bunny play with my other pets?

For safety reasons, your foster bunny should not have direct contact with other pets unless approved by Better Bunny.

#### How long will I foster?

Foster duration varies from a few weeks to several months. We will work with you to ensure a suitable timeframe.

#### Do need to bathe my foster rabbit?

No, bathing a rabbit can actually cause harm to them and potentially be fatal!

Rabbits can go into shock or hypothermia if submerged

For disabled bunnies, a "butt bath" may be done safely, with prior knowledge and research.

in water.

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### CONTACT

Email: info.betterbunny@gmail.com
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Director's phone number will be provided on the foster agreement form

For emergencies contact:
Feather and Fur animal hospital
Oahu vet clinic
King street pet hospital