

# BEFORE

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## BEFORE YOU ADOPT A RABBIT, PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- **DO YOU HAVE** animals that could endanger the rabbit (many dogs were bred to capture small animals, and rabbits have been known to die of fright)?
- **RABBITS ARE NOT** low maintenance pets: preparing veggies, cleaning the litterbox, providing the attention your pet craves (and needs) all require time and a daily commitment. Which adult in your family will be the primary caregiver?
- **ARE YOU PREPARED** for a commitment of 10+ years to the bunny? What will you do if you get married or have children – or if your children lose interest?
- **DOES EVERYONE IN** your family want a rabbit?
- **CAN YOU AFFORD** the care of a bunny? Rabbits can cost \$50-100/month if given proper care. Vets consider them 'exotics', so vet care is more expensive. They are small, delicate creatures, so spaying and neutering is more costly.
- **IF YOU ARE** renting, are you allowed to have rabbits in your house or apartment?
- **DO YOU HAVE** the room? You'll need to have space for a pen, or a room that can be sectioned off for the bunny to live in, but still have the rabbit involved in the home's daily activities.
- **IS YOUR HOME** and/or yard "bunny-proofed", with cords and dangerous chemicals out of reach, houseplants above the rabbit's reach, or a yard free of any toxic plants?
- **WILL YOU BE** available to supervise your children when they're around the rabbit? Rabbits are very delicate, and can easily be injured.

**BEFORE YOU ADOPT**, please make a list of questions you have, and be sure to have a person knowledgeable in the care of rabbits provide answers. We're happy to help!



**ALWAYS ADOPT** from your local animal shelter or other rabbit rescue group that adopts out NEUTERED rabbits.