



# Anim-Mates

Registered Charity No 1098252

**Adoption Form2**




Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: Work \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. Sex: **M / F** Type \_\_\_\_\_ Colour \_\_\_\_\_

Neutered: **Yes / No** Myxomatosis vaccinated: **Yes / No** Age \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

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1. I declare that I am over 18 years of age and competent to undertake the complete responsibility for the animals. This responsibility will not be transferred to another person without the agreement of Anim-Mates.

2. Anim-Mates does not in any circumstances sell animals. However a minimum donation is requested.

3. I undertake that no further change of ownership will take place without the permission of the Anim-Mates representative.

4. My vets name is \_\_\_\_\_ I undertake to feed and house the rabbits as family pets and provide regular qualified veterinary treatment and additional treatment when needed.

5. I will permit an authorised person of the Anim-Mates group to visit my house at a convenient time to ensure all is well.

6. I agree to have the rabbits neutered by \_\_\_\_\_ and that all inoculations are kept up to date.

7. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN THE ABOVE RABBITS BE USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES.

8. Anim-Mates reserve the absolute right to reclaim the rabbits if, in the opinion of Anim-Mates, the terms of this agreement are not being adhered to.

9. Male rabbits must be kept away from unneutered females for at least 8 weeks after their neutering.

I, the undersigned agree to this as a binding legal agreement subject to the above terms and conditions.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ (Adopter) Dated this day \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Received the donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ cash/ cheque towards future animal care.**

In no circumstances can Anim-Mates or any of its volunteers be held responsible for veterinary fees or behavioural problems or damage caused by re-homed animals after this contract is signed.

Completed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Anim-Mates volunteer)

Media: **Yellow Pages / Posters / Press Ad / Friend / Newsletter / Website / KT** or \_\_\_\_\_



Simply tick the box below and the government will top up your donation providing Anim-Mates with an extra 28p for every £1 you give. Please treat all of my donations from 6 April 2000 and until further notice as Gift Aid. My annual UK income tax and /or capital gains tax is more than the tax Anim-Mates will reclaim.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE TICK THIS BOX**

If you are not a taxpayer please tick this box →

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## Rabbits

### **Hutches and Runs**

The hutch should be at least big enough for the rabbit to stand on his hindquarters and stretch out and they should at least be able to stretch in all other directions and be able to hop about in.



The rabbit should be able to go outside for exercise as often as possible, in a good-sized run or directly into the garden. Rabbits will dig and burrow and areas must be made escape proof. Also, check that there are no poisonous plants around.

### **Cleaning**

It is very important to keep the hutch and rabbit clean especially during the warmer weather. If hutches are not kept clean, flies will lay their eggs here.

### **Maggots**

If the rabbit itself has urine scalding or sore areas, these will also attract flies. If not noticed quickly (within hours) the rabbit will become fly blown with maggots that eat away at the flesh. If caught quickly the rabbit may be treated.

### **Water and hay**

Hay and fresh water must always be available for your rabbit.

### **Feeding**

The best diet for a rabbit is grass, good quality hay, fresh vegetables (never lettuce) and a good quality high-fibre commercial diet. Fruit is offered with care, as they can be naturally high in sugar and therefore not so good for teeth. Special hay nets can be purchased or tying a bunch of fresh hay on the cage front also ensures they are provided with their daily amount of fresh clean hay.



*The following vegetables, plants and weeds are good sources of nutrition:*

Basil, Brambles, Broccoli (including leaves), Brussel Sprouts, Carrots and carrot tops, Cauliflower leaves, Celery, Chickweed, Clover, Coriander, Dandelion greens and flowers, Docks, Escarole, Green peppers, Ground elder, Groundsel, Mint, Parsley, Pea pods, Plantain, Radish tops, Raspberry leaves, Romaine lettuce (NOT Iceberg or light coloured leaf), Sow thistle, Spinach and kale (in small quantities), Spring greens and Watercress

Do not over feed on dry food as the rabbit can become overweight and lazy. Naturally, rabbits are grazers, eating large volumes of grass, which is high in fibre, and low in protein and fats. Commercial rabbit diets are often too low in fibre and too high in protein and fat.

### **Vaccination**

There are 2 diseases rabbits can be vaccinated against. Myxomatosis and Viral Haemorrhagic Disease. Please talk to your vet about these.

### **Stimulation**

Please provide lots of stimulation for the rabbits like flowerpots, balls, and cardboard boxes.

### **Don't let the novelty wear off**

Most rabbits that come to Anim-Mates do so because the initial novelty of owning one has worn off. Please *please*, do not allow this to happen again to them. The more consistent attention and time you spend with your rabbits the more joy they will bring you. They are inquisitive creatures and there is nothing worse than seeing such beautiful creatures left for their short lifespan in a 6ft hutch with no stimulation and attention.

**Many thanks for rescuing a rabbit and giving them a second chance rather than buying from a pet shop.**

