

New Rabbit Checklist



Follow the steps below to set you and your rabbit up for success in your home.

- Make a veterinarian appointment within 3 business days to introduce your new rabbit. Your rabbit will receive a basic exam free of charge (additional treatments are not included). You can make an appointment at a number of Bay Area Veterinary Hospitals, including:
 - All Pets Hospital, San Francisco—415-861-5725
 - Linda Mar Vet Hospital, Pacifica—650-359-6471
 - VCA Tender Care, San Rafael—415-454-4994
 - VCA Bay Area, Oakland—510-654-8375

- Complete your microchip registration at **24PetWatch.com** or by calling **1-866-597-2424**. Your microchip information will be registered by the SF SPCA free of charge with Found Animals Foundation. You may update this information at **www.foundanimals.org**. Keeping your microchip contact information current will give your rabbit every possible chance of being found if lost.

- Feed your rabbit according to the instructions in your adoption packet. Typically, our rabbits eat Oxbow Bunny Basics T Adult Rabbit Food and are provided unlimited amounts of orchard grass hay in our adoption center. Make certain your rabbit always has plenty of fresh hay available. Any diet changes should be done gradually to avoid upset stomachs. They also eat about a cup of mixed greens and less than 1 tablespoon of treats per day.

- Remember to give your rabbit a safe place and plenty of time to adjust to the new home. We recommend confining your new rabbit to an exercise pen or one rabbit-proofed room for at least the first week, providing supervised playtime outside of that space daily. Confinement will help your rabbit feel safe, prevent litter box accidents, and give you time to rabbit-proof your entire house.

- If you already have resident pets in your home, we recommend keeping your new rabbit separate for at least a week to avoid behavior problems and the spread of shelter-related illnesses. Rabbit introductions can be very difficult, so refer to the *Introducing Rabbits* handout for more information.

- Read your adoption handbook and visit **www.sfspca.org** for additional care and training information. Be sure that any training methods and equipment used are positive reinforcement based and do not cause your rabbit any mental or physical pain or suffering. If you have any questions, please call us at **415-522-3500**. We make a lifetime commitment to our animals and are always happy to help.

Thank you for opening your heart and home to an animal in need!