

Simcoe and District Humane Society

Rabbit and Small Furry Friend Pre-Adoption Package

Please read package prior to adoption

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Stress and Your New Pet

Many things including being in a cage, change of food, litter, housing, bedding, schedules, people and new animals can cause **STRESS**.

Stress can bring about different medical and behavioural concerns including Upper Respiratory, diarrhea or runny stool, loss of weight and appetite, aggression, runny eyes, and more.

Keep your new pet on the same food, litter and schedule as much as possible to reduce the stress of moving into a new home and meeting new people and pets.

Please ask the caregiver, associate or volunteer what food your new pet is eating, litter he is using and if anything is known about treats and schedule your new pet is used to.

- **Your new pet is eating:**

- Pellets**

- **Brand if known** _____

- Hay - Large handful or two AM & PM (This is their main diet and should not be left out!)**

- **Timothy**
 - **Alfalfa**

- Treats:** _____

- Supplements:** _____

- Other:** _____

Litter: *recycled paper*

Bedding: *shavings or other type of bedding different from litter. Pine or cedar should not be used.*

Schedule *Full bowl of food AM & PM, Fresh Water AM & PM, Handful of Hay AM & PM*

The SDHS asks you to take your new pet to the vet.

Stress, moves, and change plays a big role in many illnesses and your pet may be reacting to the stress of shelter care and the adoption process. Your vet will be able to answer all of your questions and will help your pet get off to a great start in your new life together!

Simcoe and District Humane Society takes every precaution to adopt healthy animals. It is very possible that your adopted pet has been exposed to a contagious disease or parasite before coming into care of SDHS or at the shelter. (If you are adopting a pet with special concerns information will be available from adoption volunteer or store staff)

Things to Watch For:

😊 **Good**

- Pet is eating
- Pet is drinking
- Pet is acting appropriately
- Pet is getting used to people, other pets and surroundings
- Pet is sleeping and resting appropriately
- Pet is happy
- Baby is growing
- Pet has normal bowel movements and is urinating normally
- Pet's eyes are clear and he appears to be healthy

NOT GOOD

- Pet is not eating or drinking
- Pet is acting strangely, aggressively or depressed
- Pet is not getting used to people, other pets and surroundings
- Pet is sleeping too much or not enough
- Pet is lethargic
- Baby is losing weight
- Pet is having abnormal stools or urination
- Pet's eyes are red and puffy, signs of sneezing or sickness

Taking care of your pet's teeth and eyes are important!

Please ask if your new pet has had any veterinary care, dental work, or other grooming needs.

Please ask if your new pet needs follow-up on any health, dental or grooming needs

The SDHS asks you to take your new pet to the vet within the first few days of adoption.

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Rabbit or small furry friend Pre-Adoption Questionnaire

Animal Name _____

Shelter ID# _____

Chip# _____

Simcoe and District Humane Society reserves the right to reject adoption applications. All information provided will be kept strictly confidential. The purpose of this questionnaire is to ensure all animals are placed in the appropriate home environment. Please circle Y for yes and N for no.

1. Have you ever applied to adopt an animal from a rescue, shelter or humane society before? Y N
 - a. If yes please provide name of adoption agency and contact person:
 - Adoption Agency _____
 - Contact Person (if known) _____
 - b. Did you adopt an animal from this agency? Y N
 - If yes, what type(s) of animal(s) did you adopt? Cat _____ Dog _____ Other _____
 - If no, please provide reason(s) you did not adopt:
 - Application Refused
 - No Appropriate Animal
 - Cost
 - Other: (please explain)
2. Animals under 5-6 months (due to veterinary preference) or those with extreme medical needs may not be altered at time of adoption.
 - a. Are you intending to adopt this animal for breeding purposes? Y N
 - b. Do you understand that all animals **MUST be altered by 6 months** and/or at the earliest appropriate stage with your veterinarian's direction? Y N
 - Will you ensure the animal does not get pregnant or create a pregnancy? Y N
3. **SDHS would prefer all small animals be kept indoors.** Will your new pet be kept inside? Y N
 - a. If no, how will you ensure its safety? Please explain:

4. Do you rent or own your home? Rent _____ Own _____
 - a. If you rent, do you have a lease with an animal clause? Y N
 - b. Does this clause allow you to have animals? Y N
 - c. Would you provide a letter from the landlord which states animals are allowed? Y N
5. Some Municipalities have limits on pets owned in one home, or have bylaws on licensing. Are you aware of any current municipal by-laws that might affect your companion animal? Y N
 - a. Please explain:
6. Have you ever housetrained a rabbit or small furry friend before? Y N
7. Do you presently or have you ever had any companion animals? Y N
 - a. Please list any animals in your home at this time:

 - b. If you had companion animals but they are no longer in your home please explain what happened to them:

8. Change of location, food, and additions to households may stress some animals which may create many medical and behavioural issues.
 - a. Will you be taking your new pet to vets? Y N
 - b. Are you willing to work responsibly on integrating the animals in the household? Y N
 - c. Have you ever integrated animals before? Y N (*If No, please ask an associate or volunteer how!*)
 - d. If yes, was it successful? Y N

9. Can you afford the cost of regular veterinary care, spay/neuter, food etc.? Y N
10. Do you have the extra time to raise, exercise, train and maintain a companion animal? Y N
11. How many people reside in your home? # of adults _____ # of children _____
- a. Please list ages of children
- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 – 6 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 months – 3 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 12 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 18 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 – 18 years |
- b. Have they been around animals before? Y N
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses or other farm animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small pets (guinea pigs, hamsters etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
12. Are there any allergies to animals in your family? Y N
- a. If yes, to what kind of animal(s)?
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses or other farm animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small pets (guinea pigs, hamsters etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
13. If you go on vacation, what will you do with your pet?
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board at kennel | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay at family or friends home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board at vet | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Sitter | |

Name of Veterinarian: _____ Phone: _____

14. Is there anyone home during the day? Y N Sometimes
15. Are you moving in the near future? Y N
16. You must be over 18 to sign the SDHS Adoption Agreement or have parent/guardian signature.
- a. Are you 18 years of age or over? Y N
- b. Are you over 65? Y N
- If yes, do you have arrangements for the care of your pets if/when you are no longer able to look after them? Y N

The SDHS reserves the right to inspect your property to ensure suitability for the animal prior to adoption. Refunds are given ONLY if the animal is not medically sound and/or there is documented proof of allergic reactions. We cannot be responsible for the disposition of the adopted animal.

- I have read the pre-adoption questionnaire and have answered all questions and provided the information as required.
- I have filled out the personal information on page 3 of the pre-adoption questionnaire and understand my personal information will be kept strictly confidential and used for the purpose of adoption of an animal from SDHS.
- I will follow through with post-adoption reports as requested.
- I understand that I may receive emails and updates from SDHS regarding post-adoption follow-up, events and SDHS updates.
- I declare that all information regarding this application for adoption is true and that I have provided accurate and correct information regarding this application and my personal information.
- I have filled out the Consent to add email and other contact information to database (Canadian Anti-Spam Law)

MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ANIMAL IS RELEASED!

Personal Information for Adoption of an animal from Simcoe and District Humane Society
Adopter Information Please Print Clearly

First Name:		Last Name:	
Street (911) Address:			
Mailing Address:			
City:		Province	
		Postal Code	
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:		Other Phone:	
Email Address			

A valid email address is required for SDHS records and to apply for the 6 week gift of insurance

Type of IDENTIFICATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/> Student Card <input type="checkbox"/> Passport: <input type="checkbox"/> Government ID: Type: _____ Other: _____
ID number:	
Issue Date:	Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Expiry Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
Date of Birth:	Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

A Photo ID would be preferred (please DO NOT USE HEALTH CARD)

If there is a second person (example: spouse, co-habitant etc.) adopting this animal with you please provide their information below:

First Name:		Last Name:	
Street (911) Address:			
Mailing Address:			
City:		Province	
		Postal Code	
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:		Other Phone:	
Email Address			

A Photo ID would be preferred (please DO NOT USE HEALTH CARD)

Type of IDENTIFICATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/> Student Card <input type="checkbox"/> Passport: <input type="checkbox"/> Government ID: Type: _____ Other: _____
ID number:	
Issue Date:	Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Expiry Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
Date of Birth:	Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Emergency/Other contact to add for microchip registration:

First Name:		Last Name:	
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:		Other Phone:	

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Simcoe and District Humane Society relies on donations and fundraising to help the animals. The Society also depends on the use of emails to collect post adoption updates (photos included). We ask that you add info@s-dhs.ca and adoptions@s-dhs.ca to your list of approved senders.

- I consent to receive Simcoe and District Humane Society’s electronic newsletters containing information, updates and fundraising events. You can withdraw your consent at any time.

At the time adoption and with a valid email address, Simcoe and District Humane Society will register the microchip of your new pet. There may be a time when SDHS will send license renewal notices via email.

- IF YOUR PET IS MICROCHIPPED ~ I consent to share my contact information with Pethealth, Inc. for the purposes of microchip registration; you can withdraw your consent at any time.**
- I consent to share my contact information with Pethealth, Inc. for the purposes of License Renewal Notices. You can withdraw your consent at any time.**
- I understand that Pethealth Inc may send information on other services provided by their company. You can withdraw your consent at any time.**

Adopter Release of Health Concerns:

Simcoe and District Humane Society takes every precaution to adopt healthy animals. It is very possible that your adopted pet has come into contact with a contagious disease or parasite before coming into care of SDHS or at the shelter. (If you are adopting a pet with special concerns information will be available from adoption volunteer or store staff)

- I understand that SDHS cannot be held responsible for stray and Shelter Type issues such as Upper Respiratory, parasites including coccidian or giardia.
- I agree to take my new pet to a vet within 48 hours after adoption to help my pet stay healthy!
- I understand that SDHS will not be responsible for cost or care and I will not hold SDHS responsible for any or all cost of care after adoption.

To Be Read and Signed by Adopter(s)

I declare that all information regarding this application for adoption is true and that I have provided accurate and correct information regarding this application and my personal information.

(Adopter MUST BE OVER 18 years of age to adopt from SDHS or 16 with parent’s signature)

Adopter Signature _____ Date: (MO) _____ (DY) _____ (YR) _____

Adopter Signature _____ Date: (MO) _____ (DY) _____ (YR) _____

Parent/Guardian: (Please print clearly) _____ Contact Phone :(____) _____
(Needed if adopter is under 18)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Keep your Rabbit Indoors

Simcoe and District Humane Society and The House Rabbit Society recommends your companion rabbit be housed indoors. A hutch rabbit cannot possibly receive as much attention as a rabbit within the home. After all, how much time do you intend to spend in the yard? Personalities emerge when your rabbit gets to know you. Their potential is realized when you enjoy each other's companionship.

Indoor Rabbits	Outdoor Rabbits
Rabbits are safer indoors	More likely to be preyed upon. They can be frightened to death without even being touched by a predator.
Rabbits enjoy companionship from humans and sometimes other animals	Hutch rabbits often appear dull, uninterested or frightened. Rabbits need socializing.
Rabbits hide illnesses. You must act quickly when they are sick. When indoors, you notice their eating & behavior changes more quickly.	You may not catch the subtle difference they exhibit when they are sick. Could mean life or death.
Indoor rabbits will probably live longer. They are safer from poor weather conditions, threatening animals, and are generally happier rabbits.	When it is raining and cold, you may not go out to feed or check on your rabbit. He, too, is cold and lonely.
Indoor rabbits tend to become a part of the family. Not as easily forgotten about or given away. The human/animal bond is optimized when you get to see bunny dances and enjoy their companionship after a hard day.	Outdoor rabbits are sometimes even afraid of humans because they are not familiar with them. Housing a rabbit outdoors is usually the beginning of the end