

## **Good Samaritan/Owner Surrender & Relinquishment Policy Ohio House Rabbit Rescue, Inc.**

Ohio House Rabbit Rescue, Inc is a private, nonprofit rabbit rescue organization and does not receive any tax dollars from the city or any government agency. If space is available, Ohio House Rabbit Rescue will accept rabbits that have been rescued by Ohio House Rabbit Rescue staff and volunteers, rabbits rescued and then surrendered by a Good Samaritan, and rabbits surrendered by their owners (very limited space is designated for owner surrenders). If it is determined that Ohio House Rabbit Rescue does not have the space to admit the rabbit, then Ohio House Rabbit Rescue will offer a list of other organizations that may accept the rabbit. Additionally, Ohio House Rabbit Rescue will utilize a waiting list option.

If a Good Samaritan rescuer or owner is considering bringing a rabbit to Ohio House Rabbit Rescue for possible intake, contact Ohio House Rabbit Rescue at [contact@ohiohouserabbitrescue.org](mailto:contact@ohiohouserabbitrescue.org) to see if space is available.

For Good Samaritan and owner surrenders, Ohio House Rabbit Rescue will offer support and information to encourage and assist the Good Samaritan or owner to keep the rabbit. If medical intervention, such as a necessary spay or neuter is needed for the Good Samaritan or owner to keep the rabbit, the Good Samaritan or owner will be required to sign a waiver acknowledging the risks of any medical procedure or intervention and release Ohio House Rabbit Rescue from all liabilities. The Good Samaritan or owner may also be asked to allow Ohio House Rabbit Rescue to complete a home visit before any action is taken.

If the Good Samaritan or owner declines support from Ohio House Rabbit Rescue to keep the rabbit and still wishes to surrender the rabbit, the Good Samaritan is required to complete the *Good Samaritan Rescue/Surrender & Relinquishment* form and the owner is required to complete the *Owner Surrender & Relinquishment* form and bring it to Ohio House Rabbit Rescue on the day the rabbit is surrendered. Additionally, Ohio House Rabbit Rescue asks that all materials such as food, litter, litter box, cage, exercise enclosure, food and water bowls used by the surrendered rabbit and his/her owner become the property of Ohio House Rabbit Rescue, Inc and should be delivered to Ohio House Rabbit Rescue on the day the rabbit is surrendered.

For all surrenders, we require a \$40 donation for a single rabbit and \$60 for a bonded pair. This donation helps cover the costs of spaying/neutering, food, any necessary veterinary care, and costs related to fostering and adoption of the surrendered rabbit.

All questions and inquiries may be directed to:  
[contact@ohiohouserabbitrescue.org](mailto:contact@ohiohouserabbitrescue.org)