



Sophie, NYC Animal Care & Control shelter (A.C.C.)

Why Rabbit Adoption?

7 reasons to adopt, and not buy:



Daphne & Dasher, abandoned in Yonkers

1. Health: Rabbits that are sold by pet stores or breeders often have infectious diseases (such as coccidia, which can cause life-threatening diarrhea) due to unsanitary breeding facilities, unnatural levels of stress, inadequate nutrition, and needless antibiotics that suppress good bacteria. Often, illnesses are not detected until weeks after onset, after the rabbit's been purchased by unsuspecting customers who are then left to pay huge medical bills and/or end up with a rabbit who dies shortly after being brought home.

Ruby, A.C.C.



2. You're Saving a Life: You're giving a wonderful, rabbit a second chance, and possibly saving her from being euthanized (put to sleep), simply for not having a home.

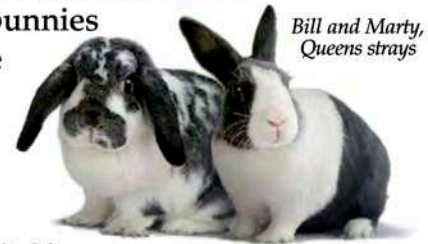
3. Bunny Kisses: Would you like a bunny who will kiss you on the face, or make you laugh? A bunny who is good with children, or doesn't mind other animals?

Since we foster rabbits in our homes and work closely with them in the shelter, we know their personalities. Therefore, we can find you the bunny who is right for you. Pet store staffers often have neither the time nor adequate space to interact with their rabbits. And petstore rabbits are often juveniles, so true temperament is not yet apparent.

4. Spaying/Neutering: Pet store bunnies are rarely altered, which is necessary for litter-training and the prevention of aggressive behavior, and for health reasons (unspayed female rabbits have a 50-80% chance of developing uterine cancer as they age). Our bunnies

have been altered, so you not only don't have to spend the \$200 to \$400 surgery cost, you don't have to deal with the bunny's recovery from the operation, either.

Kevin, Manhattan stray



Bill and Marty, Queens strays

5. Help and Support: We at House Rabbit Society are trained to educate you on care, behavior, and safe handling of your rabbit. You will be able to call us anytime with questions or concerns that you may have. We will even help you safely bond your bunny with another, if you wish.

6. Stop the Overpopulation Problem: You may think that you are rescuing a rabbit when you purchase her from a pet store with deplorable living conditions. Make no mistake, however: the store owner will happily take your money, and replace that rabbit with another one purchased wholesale from a breeder. These breeders operate like puppy mills, and have no regard for the domestic rabbit overpopulation problem. The better way to help *all* of the rabbits who suffer as a result of this crisis is to not purchase from a pet store — period. If the public would stop buying rabbits, the mills will have to stop breeding them, plain and simple.

Holly, Long Island stray



7. Variety & Choices: We have wonderful bunnies of all types, sizes, ages. At any given time, we have access to far more choices than any pet store, and we have the training and desire to help you find the right one for you.



Maria, Westchester stray