

# Advanced Rabbit Care

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## Chapter 1: Introduction

You have signed up for this class because the pet rabbit that you have applied to adopt is considered a higher risk for neglect and abuse; due to the breed of rabbit.

The reason for implementing this adoption process and mandatory class is due to a severely neglected German Angora named Drake that we renamed Rambo. He was an owner surrendered rabbit. The owner said that they surrendered it to us because it was not getting along with their other rabbit. Rambo had nearly been starved to death, matted to the point he could not move, and he had a prolapsed rectum from his poop being obstructed from the mats.

He was neutered four months prior to his surrender by his previous owner; his medical records showed he weighed nearly five pounds at that time. By the time he came to us; he went from nearly five pounds to barely weighing two and half pounds. Rabbits are not easily starved to death. Unlike cats and dogs, most die before getting emaciated because their delicate digestive systems shut down when they lack food.

Because of the severity of Rambo's case, we felt that we had to do something to help him, and other higher risk breeds, from this happening again. Truly, it is a miracle that he survived the ordeal. Luckily for Rambo, his old owner surrendered him to us in time. He would have died within 24-36 hours had they not signed him over when they did.



## High Risk Adoption Candidates Procedures

- ❖ All applicants must fill out Veterinary References Form and the Adoption Application prior to registering for the class.
- ❖ Only Pre-Approved adoption applicants will be contacted to register for the class.
- ❖ Approved applicants 18 older must register for mandatory Advanced Rabbit Care Class.
- ❖ The non refundable registration fee \$40 is due at the time your application for adoption has been approved. It will be due no later than 7 days from the date that you were notified that you're application has been approved.
- ❖ Once the registration fee has been paid it will reserve rabbit for you until you have graduated the class. Class date will be scheduled after fee has been paid and it can only be rescheduled once. If you have not paid your registration fee within 7 days you will lose your spot and we will not continue to reserve the adoption for you.
- ❖ The class is will be held for two hours; one on one.
- ❖ The \$60 Adoption fee is on due on the date the class has been scheduled. Your rabbit gets to go home with you after completion of the two hour mandatory class.