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Fostering Rabbits in Wake County

SPCA of Wake County/Triangle Rabbits

<u>About:</u> Triangle Rabbits and the SPCA share a foster home network. Foster care is for rabbits who 1) are waiting for spay/neuter surgery, 2) are waiting for space at the SPCA Adoption Center, or 3) have a special need and need extra attention.

Who covers what: (Medical expenses are covered by the SPCA, provided that they are approved by the SPCA staff in advance; food and hay are provided if donations are available, but these are often provided by the foster home as a tax-deductible donation; treats, toys, and fresh greens are provided by the foster home.

How much space do I need? Rabbit foster homes must have a minimum of 8 sq. ft. of cage/condo space, and 24 sq. ft. of play/exercise space within the heated/cooled square footage of your home. What happens when I foster? You love and care for the rabbit(s), and take them to and from their vet appointments. They stay with you until a space opens up at the SPCA Adoption Center. Then you bring your foster rabbit to the Adoption Center, where they will remain until they are adopted into a home. All potential adopters are screened by the SPCA A typical foster commitment is 1-4 weeks.

<u>How to get started:</u> Apply by filling out the Foster Interest Form. A member of the foster care team will contact you by email or phone for a brief interview and orientation.

Wake County Animal Center

<u>About:</u> The Wake County Animal Center has foster homes for rabbits and other small animals that come into the shelter. Foster care is needed for rabbits when 1) the shelter is over-crowded, or 2) a rabbit comes to the shelter with a special need.

Who covers what: Medical issues are seen by the WCAC veterinarian at the Animal Center; food and hay are provided upon request, but may also be provided by the foster home as a tax-deductible donation; toys, treats, and fresh greens are provided by the foster home.

What happens when I foster? WCAC will feature the rabbit(s) on their website and social media pages (upon request), and all inquiries will be forwarded to you. Foster homes screen potential adopters and notify WCAC when someone is approved. A typical foster commitment is 1-3 months.

<u>How to get started:</u> Complete the Foster Home Training at the WCAC. This includes an in-person orientation at the shelter and a follow-up interview, and requires photos of the foster set-up in your home. Learn more at http://www.wakegov.com/pets/foster/Pages/default.aspx.

Triangle Rabbits

Special opportunities are also available through Triangle Rabbits. Triangle Rabbits only takes in rabbits who cannot be accommodated by either the SPCA WCAC, or another rescue group. If you are interested in fostering for us email adopt@trianglerabbits.org for an application.