



COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Rabbit Rescue Inc.

The health and safety of our fosters, adopters and volunteers, as well as the community, is a top priority for us. As of April 2020, we put in place safety protocols in conjunction with public health guidelines that we ask everyone to follow during the COVID-19 Pandemic, until otherwise notified.

To minimize risk, meet & greets for rabbits in a foster's home are currently suspended. We will still be processing adoption applications for applicants who are willing to adopt a rabbit without a meet & greet.

Once an adoption application is approved, and fosters and adopters are connected for pickup, the following safety protocols will need to be followed. Adopters will no longer be going directly into a foster's home. Instead, the adopter will bring a disinfected carrier and place it outside of the foster's front door. The adoption paperwork from the adopter will be left with the carrier as well. The adopter will step a minimum of 6 feet away from the door and call the foster. Masks are to be worn. The foster will take the carrier into their home, ensure the correct paperwork is received, place the rabbit inside the carrier, and take the bun and carrier out to the front door. Once the foster has shut the door, the adopter can take the bun home. Both parties will use proper hand washing techniques/hand sanitizer before and after the interaction. Adopting a new rabbit is an exciting time, but any physical touching including handshakes, hugs, etc. should be avoided. Any conversations regarding the rabbit – routines, diet etc. should be done via email and not in person to avoid any extra risk.

Please note that as of April 2, 2020, Toronto introduced a by-law to make being within two-metres of someone in a park or public square who is not a member of your household punishable with a fine of up to \$5,000, so please ensure you follow this rule at all times. Rabbit Rescue Inc. is not liable or responsible for any repercussions or fines incurred as a result of not following city by-laws.

If you feel unwell, or have been in contact with someone who is ill, or if you or a member of your household becomes ill, please let both Haviva and Brittany know immediately. We need all available information to make the most informed choices to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Thank you all in advance for your diligence in this time. If you have any questions about any of the new procedures, please reach out to Haviva or Brittany and we will be happy to discuss with you.