Is your child a good fit for a bunny?

IS YOUR CHILD:

- Calm and patient or do they tend to be loud and boisterous? Rabbits are high strung prey animals and can literally die of fright
- A good listener and will follow rules diligently?
- Very young? Younger children often don't understand why they can't cuddle and carry around their cute bunny
- Available to spend time with the bunny? If your child or your family is very busy the bunny may be neglected

DO YOU:

- Have time to supervise the child/bunny relationship?
- Have the patience to learn about your particular bunny's personality and to gain their trust?

THE RESPONSIBILITY LESSON BEGINS WITH YOU

Many parents get their child a pet in order to teach them about responsibility. What often happens, however, is the rabbit is soon forgotten, and shortly after a new home is sought. The only lesson a child will learn from this is that animals are disposable. A better approach is to research the needs of a rabbit, or any pet, with your child, discuss why a bunny is or isn't suitable for your home and decide together if you have the time and patience to put into adopting a rabbit.

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Did you know?   Rabbits feel most comfortable on the ground and do not enjoy being picked up.

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I may be cute, but I'm a LOT of work.

Rabbits are cute, cuddly, and docile, low maintenance and teach children how to be responsible, right? WRONG. Here's why:

Many families get a rabbit only to be confused and disappointed by the bunny's behaviour. Most rabbits don't enjoy being carried around, and can be very territorial. In addition, they require the same level of care, mental stimulation, and veterinary attention as a dog or cat.

Is a bunny a good choice?

DID YOU KNOW BUNNNIES NEED:

· Care and attention every day?

· To be housed indoors?

· Daily exercise? Three to four hours per day of out-of-cage time is the minimum.

· Housing larger than what most pet stores sell?

· A special diet?

· Health care?

DID YOU KNOW BUNNIES CAN:

· Scratch or nip if they feel threatened or irritated by too much attention?

· Be very territorial?

When getting a pet for your family, do your research!

SMALL CHILD = BIG BUNNY!

This is a good rule of thumb. Larger rabbit breeds tend to be more laid back, and their size discourages young children from trying to pick them up.

The bunny's home should be:

· Kept in common areas (not a child's room) if you want the rabbit to be happy and socialized. Neglected bunnies show an increase in aggressive and destructive behaviours, mostly out of boredom, fear or distrust

· Their "special spot". Teach your child that the bunny's home base area is his or her "special spot". If your bunny hops away into their house, it means that they need some space to escape for a break or to feel safe in

WE DO NOT ADOPT RABBITS TO CHILDREN.

If you are adopting a rabbit to be a family pet, you need to realize that the responsibility for the care and health of the rabbit falls to you, the parent. Threatening to "take the rabbit back to the shelter" isn't an acceptable way to deal with problems. You need to communicate to the children that a pet is a living thing, and a part of the family, and needs love and care from everyone.

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