

# RABBIT FOSTER NEWS

## New Beginnings Animal Rescue

### Important Reminders:

- \* Remember to provide a sufficient amount of hay at night and in the morning. Buns should not run out of hay!
- \* Notify us a week in advance of running out of supplies so we can coordinate delivery.
- \* Continue to brush your rabbit daily. Any fur you brush off is less fur in their digestive tract.
- \* Daily pellets and greens should be divided into a morning and evening feeding allowing two opportunities to observe the rabbit for changes in appetite or mannerisms.
- \* Buns should be getting 2 cups a day of fresh greens, divided into two feedings.
- \* Take apart and thoroughly clean all water bowls every time you refill the water to eliminate pink/invisible mold.
- \* Sprinkle a light layer of fresh litter over the wet and dirty areas of the litter pan every day to be better able to ensure your bun is pooping regularly. Observation is KEY!



### The winter holidays will be here soon! Here are some things to remember to keep your bunny safe

#### Holiday Travel

If you will be traveling for the holidays, we ask you to secure a responsible sitter for your rabbit. The sitter will need to be instructed on proper care of the rabbit. Make sure your sitter checks in with you twice a day to let you know how the bunny is doing and whether the rabbit is eating and pooping normally. Bunnies can suffer stress from their family being gone, and it is important for your sitter to recognize the signs. Give your sitter the contact information of your coordinator so we can be ready to provide help to your rabbit if needed. Start looking early for a sitter, as the holidays are busy times for them.

#### Plants & Christmas Trees

Poinsettia plants can cause intestinal discomfort if ingested. Holly, mistletoe and certain types of ivy, can be toxic. Please keep ALL plants and fresh green decorations up and out of your bunny's reach. Put them in a room where your bunny isn't usually in or place them high enough to be out of reach. Pinecones can be problematic, and we don't recommend them for rabbits, especially ones picked up in the yard.

If it has not been treated with fire retardant, pesticides, flocking, or paint, a real Christmas tree is generally safe if chewed,. Ingesting anything new can cause digestive issues, so do try to keep your rabbit from chewing on the tree. If ingested it may cause the bunny's urine to turn more orange than usual, but this is not a health concern. If placing ornaments and lights on low hanging limbs, use safe plastic or wooden ornaments that are safe to nibble, tug, or steal should your bunny mistake them for toys. Always supervise closely when bunny is loose around the tree.

#### Lights, Cords, Decorations, and Scents

Christmas trees usually need extra electrical cords and lights, which bunnies can and will chew. If you can't put your Christmas tree in a room where your bunny doesn't play, you can make your tree "off limits" by placing a puppy pen around it or use the pen to section off part of the room where the tree is.

Securing plastic wire protectors or tubing over electrical cords will help deter rabbits from chewing them. Hiding cords behind furniture or securing them out of reach with removable hooks is recommended..

Synthetic tinsel and garland, if ingested, can cause tummy trouble or impactions. Be conscious of potpourri since some rabbits may nibble on it and there's no telling what chemicals or preservatives might have been used.

## October's Numbers

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### 3 ADOPTIONS!

BAXTER

ALVIN

PIGLET

### 4 INTAKES

### 3 NEW FOSTERS!

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Keep the fireplace enclosed so your bunny can't investigate too closely. Cold ashes can be harmful and very caustic if combined with water (including saliva!).

Watch placement of bowls and trays containing candy, salty snacks, and gingerbread homes. These are dangerous for your buns and salt can be fatal if too much is eaten. Rabbits can hop onto coffee tables and end tables where snacks are often placed..

Rabbits are very sensitive to smells from a candle and other scents. Do not use candles, wall plug air fresheners, or room sprays in the same room with the rabbit. Ribbon and tape may be seen as toys to your bunny, but they are not good for them to ingest. They can have white tissue paper and you'll enjoy watching them play!

#### Company and the Hubbub of the Holidays

Having friends and family members for short or long visits will inevitably interrupt your rabbit's routine and atmosphere. Take the time to prepare your company and rabbit for what to expect. This could be a great time to educate friends and family about rabbits and rabbit behavior.

Try to maintain your bunny's routine. Give plenty of attention and reassurance. If your bunny is sensitive to noise and activity, you may want to move them to a quieter room while company is visiting.

Don't be shy about providing rules for your company regarding your bunny, especially children. **Never leave your rabbit unsupervised with a child.** They may be tempted to chase, pick up, or accidentally mishandle your bunny. One second is all it takes for a potentially crippling or fatal accident to occur. Don't allow guests to handle the bunny without instructing them about safe handling. Don't allow visitors to give treats or feed your bunny. Let them know that a rabbit's digestive system is very delicate.

Please keep these reminders in mind during the holidays and we wish you and your bunnies a fun-filled, joyous holiday season!

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EACH FOSTER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A COORDINATOR TO BE THEIR FIRST POINT OF CONTACT AND REPLENISH SUPPLIES. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND WEEKLY UPDATES WITH PICTURES AND VIDEOS. SOME OF THESE WILL BE USED ON OUR SOCIALS TO HELP PROMOTE THE BUNS BY SHOWING THEIR AWESOME PERSONALITIES.