

Sanctuary Policy

HRN rabbits that are terminally ill, or if it is in their best interest to not be moved for medical reasons, may be considered for sanctuary status. Sanctuary rabbits are placed in a more permanent setting and are usually not listed for adoption. HRN will provide the vet care for the rabbit for the rest of their lives. The sanctuary home will provide the day to day care (food, housing, litter). Generally speaking rabbits with long term and chronic medical issues should still be considered available for adoption.

In order to be made a sanctuary rabbit, the rabbit needs to be examined by a veterinarian who makes the recommendation for sanctuary status at the request of the rabbit's foster parent or another volunteer. The physical exam findings and diagnosis, along with the foster's notes, will be presented to the entire medical committee for review and each medical committee member will have two weeks to provide comments on the case. After the review period, if two members of the medical committee believe the bun should be considered for sanctuary status, it will be presented to the board of directors. The board of directors must approve a rabbit for sanctuary status.

We will also have a "temporary sanctuary" status. This is for healthy, adoptable buns that are bonded to sanctuary rabbits. They will be allowed to stay with their sanctuary mates. When the sanctuary rabbit passes, their status will revert to adoptable.

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