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**RABBIT
&
GUINEA
PIG**

There is a \$5.00 Application Fee charged at the time of application submission.

*This fee supports our Spay/Neuter Fund, allows us to contact necessary references and hold the application for you for 6 months.
Thank you.*

Dear Friend,

Thank you for considering the adoption option at The Coastal Humane Society! We know that you could choose to obtain your new best friend from many sources. But by choosing to adopt at CHS, you are not only offering a better life to your new companion animal, you are also helping us improve the lives of the many animals that come under our care each year.

We want you to know that the Coastal Humane Society CARES

- 7 days a week 365 days a year for 2000 +/- stray, abandoned, abused, and owner-surrendered animals each year
- evaluates, tests, worms, vaccinates, treats for fleas and ticks, grooms, bathes, socializes, and trains all its animals
- does not euthanize for lack of space or minor illness or injury
- spays or neuters all animals of sufficient age prior to adoption
- found responsible, loving homes for over 403 dogs, 718 cats, and 71 “others” (rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, birds, etc.) in 2004

OFFERS

- humane education and outreach programs to area schools and community organizations
- pet therapy visits to local hospitals and nursing homes
- safe housing and crisis care for animals whose owners are dealing with hospitalization, homelessness, or domestic violence
- a community service venue for individuals referred by courts and schools
- low-cost rabies, animal care, and behavior clinics
- assistance addressing animal abuse

RECEIVES

- no federal, state, or local funds (except from fee-for-service animal control contracts with 12 area towns). CHS spends on average over \$300 on each animal cared for and our suggested adoption donations do not begin to cover these expenses. We and all our animals rely on your support to continue doing what we’re doing! Please be as generous as you can when making your adoption donation. *Thank you!*

Each rabbit, prior to adoption has been spayed or neutered, ears have been cleaned and toenails clipped. **The minimum suggested adoption donation for a rabbit is \$45.00.** The cost of a rabbit spay/neuter is about the same as that of a cat. We feel it is necessary to spay or neuter rabbits because they are the third most popular house pet and are turned into shelters on a daily basis all around the country and rabbits breed instantly and continually if unaltered. Thousands are euthanized each year due to overpopulation, lack of space and adopters. Each guinea pig, prior to adoption has had their nails clipped. **The minimum suggested donation for a guinea pig is \$15.00.** Please contribute as much as you can over that amount. Rabbits and guinea pigs both come with informational materials prepared by CHS staff members to help you take the best possible care of your new friend. *Thank you!*



CHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization licensed & inspected by the State of Maine

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RABBIT & GUINEA PIG ADOPTION APPLICATION
Please Be Clear And Thorough. Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered.

Date _____

Name (printed) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Driver's License # _____ Other Type of ID _____

Names and ages of others in household who will have responsibility for your new pet:

Driver's License # _____ Other Type of ID _____

Children? Yes No Ages _____

Do you own your home? Yes No Do you rent? Yes No

If own or rent, check one: House Apartment Duplex Mobile Home Condo

If you rent, landlord's name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Do you give Coastal Humane Society permission to contact your landlord? Yes No

Your occupation _____ Employer _____

Employer Address _____ Phone _____

Supervisor _____

If Military, Duty Station _____

Please list 2 personal references: 1. name _____ 2. name _____
address _____ address _____
phone # _____ phone # _____

Does anyone in your household have allergies or asthma Yes No If Yes, please explain _____

Does anyone in your household have special needs? Yes No Yes, please explain. _____

Will your rabbit/guinea pig need to be left alone during the day? _____ If Yes, for how long? _____

Where will your rabbit/guinea pig spend the day? _____

Where will your rabbit/guinea pig spend the night? _____

Where will the rabbit/guinea pig be kept when no one is home (inside, outside, cage, loose, etc.)? _____

What will you provide for entertainment and to avoid boredom? _____

If your new rabbit/guinea pig begins chewing or biting furniture or woodwork how do you plan to correct the behavior?

Are you aware of the danger with small animals chewing electrical cords and being electrocuted? Yes No

How do you plan to prevent this? _____

With rabbits, are you aware of Gastro Intestinal Stasis? Yes No

With guinea pigs, are you aware of their need for Vitamin C? Yes No

Are you aware of the importance of unlimited amounts of timothy hay for rabbits & guinea pigs? Yes No

With rabbits, are you aware of the benefits of litter box training? Yes No

If the rabbit/guinea pig messes in the house, what will you do? _____

If you have other pets in the home, how do you plan to handle the introduction with the new rabbit/guinea pig?

How will your rabbit/guinea pig be exercised? _____

When do you anticipate moving next? _____

What will you do with your rabbit/guinea pig if you move? _____

What will you do with your rabbit/guinea pig when you go on vacation? _____

List any rabbit/guinea pig habits that you won't tolerate in your home: _____

Have you ever had a problem with your neighbors and pets? Yes No If yes, Describe _____

Have you ever surrendered an animal to CHS? Yes No If you answered Yes, When? _____ Why? _____

Have you ever surrendered an animal to another shelter? Yes No If you answered Yes, which one? _____
When? _____ Why? _____

Have you ever adopted an animal from CHS or any other shelter? Yes No If Yes, when? _____
What shelter? _____ What animal? _____

Where is the animal now? _____

Have you had or do you now have an animal with an infectious disease, or one who has come in contact with another infected animal within the last six months? Yes No Please explain _____

After you have adopted a rabbit/guinea pig from Coastal Humane Society, would you allow a CHS representative to visit your home and inspect the animal and its facilities? Yes No

If you cannot keep the rabbit/guinea pig, do you agree to return it to CHS? Yes No

Are you expecting or do you currently have a new baby? Yes No

If so, what plans do you have to integrate the rabbit/guinea pig into your new schedule and lifestyle?

Have you discussed your plans to adopt a rabbit/guinea pig with your obstetrician? Yes No

Please tell us about your present pets:

Name	Species	Age	Sex, Spayed/Neutered?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

How long have you owned your animal(s)? _____

Are your animals up to date on vaccinations? Yes No

Tell us about your past pet(s)

What type of pet(s) are you looking for now and why? Be specific.

I/we understand that the Coastal Humane Society is a private, non-profit organization which reserves the right to refuse any adoption, which it determines, will not be in the best interest of the animal. *Initial* _____

I/we understand that any adopted rabbit/guinea pig will need much patience, understanding, time and training to make it the friend I want it to be. The period of adjustment will be different for every animal, but I/we are committed to making it work. *Initial* _____

I/we know that a rabbit/guinea pig may live for 10 years and that responsible pet owner sees that their rabbit/guinea pig will get appropriate veterinary attention when needed. *Initial* _____

I/we know that any rabbit/guinea pig needs more than food and water. A bunny/piggy friend needs to be considered part of the family unit. Leaving a rabbit/guinea pig outside in a hutch for its entire life does not provide the animal with the love and attention it needs. I will provide the love and attention this rabbit/guinea pig deserves for its lifetime. *Initial* _____

I/we am prepared in the case of a baby rabbit/guinea pig, to accept responsibility for caring for and training a young animal. *Initial* _____

I/we know that cute and cuddly baby rabbits/guinea pigs require a great deal of work and grow quickly into adult rabbits/guinea pigs with characteristics that are sometimes unpredictable. I will provide a good home regardless. *Initial* _____

I/we know that many shelter animals have unknown histories and behaviors and am prepared to spend the necessary time to train or retrain my new pet. *Initial* _____

I/we understand that the Coastal Humane Society does not have a veterinarian on staff and while any known health concern has been divulged, CHS cannot guarantee the health or temperament of any animal. *Initial* _____

I/we are 21 years of age or over. *Initial* _____

Are you currently a Coastal Humane Society member or supporter? Yes No

The purpose of our adoption policy & procedures is to find responsible, loving, and lifelong homes for animals that will be suitable companions for those wishing to adopt them. It is of no benefit to the animals or the community to place them with owners who will allow them to roam, violate animal control laws, be deprived of quality training or medical care, or to reproduce, jeopardizing their own safety and adding to the community burden of unwanted animals.

Many of our animals have not had the best of care, good homes or good nutrition and we strive to ensure quality placement for them. All applications are therefore subject to a 24-hour hold to allow for thorough review and completion of necessary veterinarian reference and landlord checks and to assure our staff that you fully understand the responsibilities involved in adding an animal to your household. We appreciate your patience in this matter.

I/we have applied to adopt _____. I/we understand that the animal will be put on hold for 24 hours. I will call by 4:00 pm on, _____. I understand that if I do not do so the animal will be taken off hold and be put back up for adoption. *Initial* _____

I understand that any false statements on this application or the adoption contract constitute grounds for confiscation and surrender of the animal to the Coastal Humane Society. I further understand and agree that CHS may demand return of the animal for any violation of the terms of the adoption contract that I will sign prior to actual adoption.

Signed _____ Date _____

Who is/was your veterinarian?

Name(s) _____

Clinic(s) _____

Town(s) _____

Do you give Coastal Humane Society permission to contact your vet(s) regarding your animal(s)?

Yes No **Please initial** _____

If no, why not? _____

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Vet Check

Name	Comments
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Landlord Yes No **Comments** _____

References _____

Approved Denied Staff Initial _____

If denied, why?

