



Harbor Humane Society
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The Truth about the Easter Bunny

(West Olive, MI)- Every Easter, many well-intentioned parents place a cute, fuzzy, live bunny in their child's Easter basket. A few months later, many of those same parents will bring those same bunnies to their local shelter or humane society after they realize that Easter bunnies grow up. Easter bunnies are a lifetime (8-10 years) commitment. They shed, chew on EVERYTHING, are very active, take considerable effort to tame, need veterinary care and need lots of love and attention. Please keep in mind that rabbits require a large commitment. Pellets and a water bottle are simply not enough.

Sadly, about 90 percent of those adorable baby Easter bunnies you see in a pet shop will never reach one year of age. Most die from poor diet, neglect, disease, or being turned loose outdoors where they die from predators or starvation. The same is true for baby Easter chicks which often find themselves in the same predicament as the unwanted rabbits.

Should you decide a rabbit is the pet for you, please wait until after the excitement of the holidays to bring your new family member home. Harbor Humane Society will not be placing rabbits for adoption April 2nd—April 7th. Please consider adopting your pet from your local humane society (Harbor Humane Society almost always has several homeless bunnies available for adoption) or rabbit rescue (HHS can provide you with numbers).

For more information about adopting a bunny, please contact: Harbor Humane Society at (616)-399-2119 ext. 10. or visit us at 14345 Bagley Street, West Olive, MI 49460 or visit our website at www.harborhumane.org. HHS is located between Grand Haven and Holland off US 31.

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