

Find Harry a Home

Materials: Harry's adoption profile, activity printouts, "adopter" applications, colouring supplies, and paper

Directions: Harry the rabbit is looking for a home and family to call his own. Can you help him? Complete one, several, or all of the following activities to help him find the very best home!



Activity 1: Create an Adoption Poster

Have a good look at Harry's adoption profile and the rabbit care guide (in additional resources). Pick out all of the information you think potential adopters should know about him. Create a colourful, eye-catching adoption poster!



Activity 2: Design a BUNbelievable home!

Draw (or build) the best bunny home so your adopters know what to provide for Harry! Use the rabbit care guide and bunbelievable home checklist to make sure you include everything Harry will need.



Activity 3: Choose a Family for Harry

Applications have come in! Use the rabbit care guide and Harry's adoption profile to choose the best home for him. Why did you choose that one over the others?



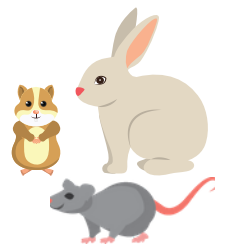
Activity 4: Lets Hear from Harry!

Put yourself in Harry's paws. How is he feeling with his new family? What does he like about his new home? What is he excited about? Choose between writing a journal entry, making a comic strip, or writing a skit to help Harry express his feelings.



Parent Tip:

Please provide the animal care guide in the resource package for activities 1, 2, and 3. It's best to give your child activity 3 when they finish activities 1 and 2.



Meet Harry

Directions: Create an adoption poster to advertise that we have Harry available for adoption. Use parts of his story to complete the poster on the next page.



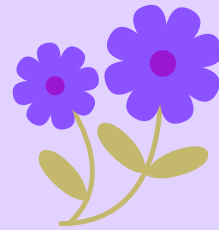
Harry's Story

Harry was purchased from a pet store as an Easter gift last year. Unfortunately, his guardians were not prepared for the cost and time required to care for a rabbit. When they became bored of him, they planned to set him free in a local park!

Thankfully a responsible neighbour heard about their plans to set him free and brought Harry to the BC SPCA instead. Now he is being cared for in the shelter, hoping to hop into a forever home soon!

Adoption Profile:

- 1 year old Holland Lop
- Neutered male
- Lifespan 10-15 years
- Good with adults and children 12 or older
- Does not like to be held or picked up
- Needs space to hop and explore for most of the day
- Scared of loud noises and larger animals
- Has had a few eye infections and will need regular visits to the vet



Billions and Billions of Bunnies....



Lucky for Harry, he is neutered, which means he went to the vet and had an operation to prevent him from making babies. Otherwise, pet rabbits set free in the wild can reproduce rapidly. They are able to have up to 10 litters a year, with up to 10 kits (babies) in each litter. How many bunnies would there be after one year? Two? This adds up quickly!



Adopt Me!

I'm waiting for a new home at the BC SPCA

My name is _____ . I am a _____.

I am _____ years old. Let me tell you a bit about myself:

Help the BC SPCA find a forever homes for animals!

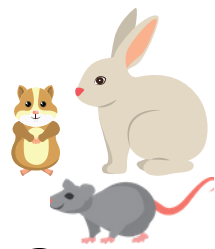
Extension Activity:

Make an adoption poster for a real animal available for adoption at one of our shelters!

Look at some [adoptable animals](#) at the BC SPCA, learn about them, and create a poster.

Send your completed adoption poster to that animal's shelter and/or post it online to spread the word!



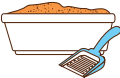



*Tip: Choose animals that have been in a shelter the longest
- they need extra help to find their perfect home!*



A BU**N**believable Home

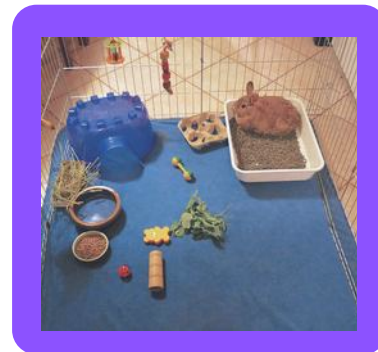
Directions: While Harry waits for his forever family, create the perfect home for him to live in. When designing the home, use the BC SPCA [Rabbit care guide](#), but also think about things from Harry's perspective. What items would you make you "Hoppy"?

Bunny Bedroom Basics:

- Places to hide 
- Bedding material 
- Litter box 
- Plenty of timothy hay 
- A HEAVY food dish 
- Water bottle and bowl (for choice) 
- Toys or enrichment activities

Steps:

- 1** Read the animal care guide to make sure Harry's home meets the minimum enclosure size.
- 2** Pick the essential items for your enclosure.
- 3** Put everything together! Draw Harry's home on a piece of paper or Bristol board, or make a 3-D version with craft supplies available to you!



Is a pet store cage big enough?

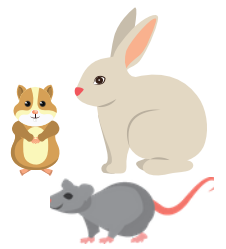
Most are actually **too small** to properly house a bunny!
A typical pet store cage is only about 1.5 feet by 3.5 feet. A ___ foot by ___ foot dog exercise pen would be a better size as it allows for about ___ square feet of room for a bunny to enjoy!

Hint: Use the the BC SPCA [Rabbit Care Guide](#) to fill this in!

Thinking Question:



Is a proper cage enough or does a bunny need more? Just like you, daily exercise for your rabbit outside of a pen is important for healthy bones and muscles. What about boredom? Play and bonding time is also important to stay healthy and happy. You can make your own toys out of toilet paper tubes, cardboard and hay for your rabbit!



Adoption Match

Directions: Good News! Your adoption posters have attracted potential homes for Harry. All of these people have applied to adopt Harry, but he can only have one forever family! Choose the perfect home for Harry by referring to his adoption profile and the [BC SPCA Rabbit Care guide](#) to find Harry's perfect match.

Applicant 1: Diana Day

Diana would be a first time rabbit guardian. She has a 10 week old Great Dane puppy at home. She has no kids. She does not have a veterinarian. She works full-time.

Where will you keep Harry? A multi-level wire cage with some cedar shavings.

What will you do with Harry if you move? Release him out back, there are a few other rabbits in the neighbourhood he could join.

Approved? Yes No Why _____



Applicant 2: Rebecca Dawn

Rebecca has been a rabbit guardian before. She has an 8 month old kitten at home. She has two children aged 7 and 10. She has a veterinarian. She works at home.

Where will you keep Harry? In a DIY storage cube cage in my living room.

What will you do with Harry if you move? Take him with us, or find an experienced friend to adopt him.

Approved? Yes No Why _____



Applicant 3: George Stevens

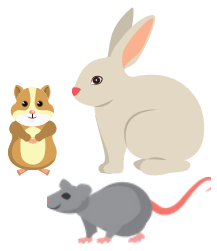
George has been a rabbit guardian before. He has no other pets and no children. He does not have a veterinarian. He goes to school and works at home part-time.

Where will you keep Harry? In an x-pen, but he would be allowed to roam around the house while I am home.

What will you do with Harry if you move? I would only move if I could take him with me.

Approved? Yes No Why _____





Let's Hear from Harry!

Directions: Now that Harry has a forever family, let's hear what he thinks. Choose one (or more!) of the activities to complete from Harry's perspective about his first days in his new home. Don't forget to include:

- How did Harry feel meeting his family for the first time?
- What does Harry like best about his new "bunbelievable" home?
- Is there anything Harry is wondering about?
- What is Harry excited to do with his new family?

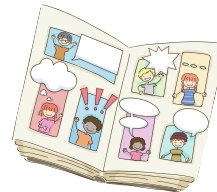
Bunnies Make Bad Gifts... but they love to receive them!

Every year, just like Harry, rabbits are given as Easter gifts. And every year the BC SPCA gets rabbits surrendered to our shelters - or worse - we see them abandoned in the wild. Let's change that this year and make gifts FOR bunnies instead of bunnies as gifts. Look in the additional resources for a yummy pumpkin and banana cookie recipe!

Don't have a bunny?
No problem!
Make yummy treats for
your family. Chocolate
bunnies are a favourite
treat for humans!

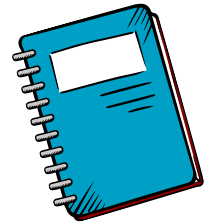


Activity Choices!



Create a comic strip to show how Harry felt!

Write a journal entry from Harry to his new family.



Create and act out a skit from Harry's point of view!



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