

Baby bunnies require special care and feeding. When we get the really little ones (less than 5 or 6 weeks old that are still not weaned) in to the shelter they usually go out to Heather at Rabbit Haven as soon as they come in as the shelter is not equipped to give them the 24 hour care and feeding that they need.

The one's however, that are weaned (4 to 5 weeks old) from their mother can be cared for in the shelter fairly easily. They need 4 things:

1. Lots of attention so they will be social and friendly to humans. If they don't get lots of handling and attention in the early months they are much more difficult to socialize later and some never become a snuggle bunny who likes to be held. Unfortunately, most people want the snugglers and the more aloof rabbits are more difficult to place.
2. Unlimited Alfalfa pellets and alfalfa hay until they are 6 or 7 months old. They need the alfalfa hay and pellets as it is much higher calorie and helps them develop stronger bones and bodies. They need the higher nutrition that alfalfa delivers. If however they continue to receive this past the 6 or 7 months they will begin to become fat as they will be receiving too many calories.
3. Romaine lettuce and parsley. Until they are 4 or 5 or so months old they should not have the huge variety of greens that we usually have in the shelter. They can have problems digesting some of these and it can make them sick.
4. It is nice, but not necessary to give them a small enclosure (plastic or cardboard) where they can get in and snuggle up (hopefully with another bunny). Most baby bunnies like to be with another bunny if possible, especially when they are very young.

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