

# **RABBIT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**

## **Volunteer Safety:**

- Children are welcome but only to observe and from a distance
- The terrain we cover is uneven, holes, roots along the surface, holes in asphalt, loose rock or concrete, etc so it is important to be careful - we don't want sprains, broken bones or damaged possessions
- Sturdy footwear is recommended
- Observe quiet as much as possible so as not to frighten the rabbits and to be able to listen to directions
- Be cautious and observant with vehicular traffic

## **Courtesy:**

- We will be on private property some of the time, so it is important to be respectful and seek permission wherever possible
- Wherever possible park vehicles on public spaces and roadways - we do not want to offend local businesses - we want their cooperation
- Capturing rabbits is not easy and can be frustrating - please treat other volunteers in a courteous manner
- Let TRACS board members or team leaders deal with the public or the media - TRACS reputation as a knowledgeable, compassionate and thoughtful organization is important

## **The Rabbits:**

- Female rabbits that are lactating will be released back to the location where they are picked up - there are probably small babies looking for their mother
- Female rabbits can reproduce every 26 days so all females will be held for that time period to determine if they are pregnant
- Small rabbits need to be at least two months old (over one pound or five inches long, have a full coat of fur ) before they can be captured - they need their mother

- Treat all captured rabbits gently and carefully when holding, putting into cages etc

### **Capturing Procedures:**

- Listen to the team leader - we all want to help but the most effective and efficient way is to be part of a team
- Pick a job that is appropriate to your knowledge and fitness level and become a team member
- Minimize charging and chasing the rabbits
- Minimize net use
- Generally, be mindful of frightening, loud noises and causing harm to the rabbits, a less threatening approach is our objective

### **Contacts:**

- Sinikka Crosland, TRACS President, 768-4803
- Alpine Pet Hospital, 2 - 1725 Baron Road, 763-7385
  - Hours: Weekends and holidays -- 9am to 4 pm
  - Weekdays -- 8 am to 6 pm
  - After April 1: Weekdays -- 8 am to 7 pm

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SUCCESSFUL AND HUMANE RABBIT RESCUE**