

Baby Bunny Rescue

Two nights ago, Mom got a call from the Wildlife Rescue Center. She volunteers there to help animals that are sick, hurt, or abandoned. The center said they had four baby bunnies that needed help. Their parents were missing and they were too small to live by themselves. Mom to the rescue!

We drove to the center and picked up the rabbits. The rescue worker told Mom all the directions for how to keep them safe and healthy. Then he gave us a big bag of supplies to take home.

Mom and the rescue worker packed the baby bunnies in a box. They nestled them into a soft washcloth so they'd be warm and cozy. It was my job to hold the box on the car ride home. I sang a quiet song to them to help them feel better.

The two days that the bunnies have been with us have been busy! The babies can't eat solid food yet. They are even too little to drink from a bottle. So every two hours, Mom feeds them with an eye-dropper. She has frozen goat's milk cubes that she melts to fill the dropper.

Before she feeds them, Mom weighs them on a kitchen scale. I help her by handing her each bunny. Then I record their weights on a spreadsheet on the computer. If any of the rabbits loses too much weight, Mom has to call the center. The center will decide if they need medicine to keep them healthy.



Mom says that eventually the bunnies will start to eat solid food. Once they are bigger and able to feed themselves, we will take them back to the center. Then they can be released back into the wild. Maybe one day, we'll see them hopping in our yard!



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Instructions for teachers:

These questions can be used to assess understanding of the reading passage.

The item in bold is the correct answer for each question.

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