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On a bright Saturday morning, a girl named Mia skipped through the park with her green canvas tote bag. She loved collecting leaves and watching bugs. Her yellow shirt had little leaves on it, and her blue overalls had a big front pocket. Mia had warm light-brown skin and wavy dark brown hair in a loose ponytail. Her big round brown eyes spotted something small near a bush.



Under the bush, a little rabbit huddled, trembling. He was palm-sized with soft grey-brown fur and a white chest. His long ears had pink inside, and one ear drooped slightly. His tiny pink nose twitched, and his big dark eyes looked scared. Mia knelt down slowly. 'It's okay, little one,' she whispered. 'I won't hurt you.'



Mia saw the rabbit needed help. He looked thin and tired. She gently scooped him up and placed him in her tote bag. 'I'll take you home,' she said softly. The rabbit's nose twitched, but he didn't run. Mia walked carefully, holding the bag close. She couldn't wait to show her mom.



At home, Mia's mom helped her make a cozy spot in a quiet corner. They lined a box with soft hay and a small blanket. Mia added a shallow bowl of fresh water and some lettuce leaves. The rabbit sniffed the hay and took a tiny nibble. 'He likes it!' Mia beamed. She named him Clover, because he was lucky to be found.



Mia watched Clover closely. She noticed he needed more than just food and water. He needed a place to hide and soft things to chew. So she added a small cardboard tunnel and a wooden chew toy. Clover hopped through the tunnel and wiggled his nose. Mia laughed. 'You like your new home, don't you?'



Each day, Mia gave Clover fresh hay and vegetables. She cleaned his water bowl and made sure his corner stayed calm and quiet. She learned that rabbits need lots of hay to keep their tummies happy. She also learned they need space to hop and play. Mia wrote notes in a little notebook, drawing pictures of Clover's favorite things.



One morning, Clover didn't want to eat. Mia worried. She remembered that rabbits need to chew to keep their teeth healthy. She offered him a fresh apple branch, and he nibbled it happily. 'You just needed something new,' she said. She learned that caring for a pet means paying attention to little changes.



Mia gave Clover a soft blue collar with a small round tag. He wore it proudly. She also made him a toy from a toilet paper roll stuffed with hay. Clover tossed it in the air and did a happy hop. Mia clapped. 'You're so playful!' She loved watching him grow stronger and more curious every day.



Clover's one droopy ear made him extra special. Mia gently checked it and made sure it was clean. She learned that rabbits need gentle handling and a quiet place to rest. She gave him a small wooden hideout where he could feel safe. Clover loved to snooze inside it after a good meal.



Mia's friend Ben came to visit. He wanted to pick Clover up, but Mia said, 'Let's be gentle. Rabbits don't like to be grabbed.' She showed Ben how to sit quietly and let Clover come to them. Soon, Clover hopped onto Ben's lap and sniffed his hand. Ben smiled. 'He's so soft!' Mia nodded. 'He trusts us now.'



Mia realized that caring for Clover meant understanding his needs. She read books about rabbits and asked the vet questions. She learned that rabbits need friends and toys to stay happy. She also learned that they need a safe home with plenty of hay, water, and love. 'I want to give you the best life, Clover,' she said.



One day, Clover didn't hop out of his hideout. Mia gently peeked in. His nose was warm, and he seemed tired. She called the vet, who said Clover just needed extra rest and fluids. Mia stayed with him, offering water from a small syringe. 'You'll feel better soon,' she whispered. Clover blinked slowly, as if he understood.



After a few days, Clover was back to his playful self. He zoomed around the room and did little jumps in the air. Mia laughed with joy. 'You're all better!' She learned that kindness means being there even when it's hard. And she learned that patience helps pets heal.



Mia and Clover became the best of friends. Clover followed her around the house and sat beside her while she read. He even learned to come when she called his name. Mia felt proud. She had rescued a little rabbit and given him a happy home. And Clover had taught her so much about care and kindness.



Mia shared what she learned with her class. She told them that rabbits need fresh food, water, and soft hay. They need toys and a quiet corner to feel calm. And they need love every single day. Her teacher smiled. 'You're a responsible pet owner, Mia.' Mia beamed. She knew that caring for a pet means understanding its needs.



Now, every morning, Mia greets Clover with a fresh handful of hay and a gentle pat. She watches him hop and play, his one ear flopping. She knows that her kindness made a difference. And she knows that caring for a pet is a promise to love and understand, every single day. Clover twitches his nose and snuggles close. Mia smiles. 'I'll always take care of you.'