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Huey.

Rabbits, Volunteers Make Adoptapalooza a Success

By Marcie Frishberg

Rabbit Rescue & Rehab took part in the Spring Adoptapalooza run by Rock and Rawhide on Sunday, May 19.

It was a beautiful warm, sunny day after a brief downpour in the early morning.

There were 300 dogs, cats and rabbits, and for the first time this year, reptiles participated in the event in Union Square Park and on the lower level of the Union Square Petco.

We set up three pens downstairs for Madison (big white girl), Peach (little

brown girl), and Huey, 12 pounds of sweetness and love.

Many people came by to see the buns and talk with our volunteers. People were interested in learning about the process for adoption and how to care for the rabbits. We also spoke to a few potential fosterers and volunteers. We gave out lots of literature and business cards.

Outside in Union Square Park, tents were set up for all the rescue groups. We had a table filled with information about

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Ban the Sale of Fur In New York City: Support Intro 1476

On the heels of the excellent news that California's fur ban, AB-44, has passed the assembly and will soon be heading to the state senate, a bill has just been introduced in the New York City Council to prohibit the sale of fur in New York City. The city is the largest fur market in the U.S. and one of the largest in the world. A ban on selling fur in New York City would not only have a massive

Poster: Rabbit Rescue & Rehab



impact on fur sales and trade globally, but also would set a strong precedent for

other cities, fashion designers, retailers and other countries around the world. The fur industry is a dreadfully violent and cruel business with no place in a humane 21st-century world.

Each year, more than 100 million animals suffer horribly and are killed solely for their fur world-wide. A large portion of these animals are rabbits – the exact same domestic rabbits that we have the privilege of caring for in our own homes.

To our readers in New York City, please call City Council members and urge

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ADOPTIONS

Adoptapalooza

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rabbit care, rabbit-proofing items and a few rabbit-related tchotchkes for sale.

We also set up a pen with everything a bun would need for a good life in an adopter's home: a litter box filled with good-quality Timothy hay; bowls for water and food; toys, a hidey box and floor covering. But instead of live buns outside, there were stuffed bunnies in the pen and inside a carrier. The idea was to show people the minimum of what a rabbit needs while people are out of the house or sleeping. If a person can't commit to this for 10-plus years, stuffed bunnies are the way to go.

Our volunteers for the day included August Friscia, Austin Torres, Andrea Kutsenkow, Allison Smith, Annie Kravet, Alex McLe, Abi Quevedo, Rosemary (Didi) Jordan, Shea Wilson, Sylvie Jensen and Kiva Vernon. Larry Marion was the roadie for the day transporting buns to and from their respective foster homes and carrying equipment and supplies.

Thank you all for your dedication and time to our little (and big) charges. We really could not do this without you! It was a great way to come back after our long hiatus.



Abi Quevedo at table with literature and bunny items.



Marcie Frishberg in a bunny outfit.



Sylvie Jensen and Huey.



Peach.

Ban the Sale of Fur

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them to sign on to the bill if they have not already, and call to thank them for their support if they have. Find your Council member's name and contact information at this website: <https://council.nyc.gov/districts/>

Seven Council members are on the committee that will vote on whether the bill will move forward. At least four of them must vote "yes." The committee will gauge support for the bill based in

part on how many Council members have signed on to it, so be sure to urge your family and friends to voice their support to their council members as well.

The Council members on the committee are: Rafael L. Espinal Jr. (chair), Justin Brannan (sponsor), Margaret S. Chin, Keith Powers, Peter Koo, Karen Koslowitz and Brad Lander (sponsor).

Please especially take the time to contact these Council members.

Despite growing consumer awareness of the cruelty of fur industry and the steps

recently taken by major fashion designers to ban fur products (in the past 18 months, Chanel, Phillip Lim, Jean Paul Gaultier, Coach, Burberry, Gucci, Michael Kors and more have all banned fur. See www.furfreemyc.com), there is concern as the fur industry will be pushing hard against this bill. Everyone's voice is needed to speak out in support of Intro 1476 and advocate for the millions of animals unnecessarily tortured and killed each year.

How to Succeed at Hare Cuts!

By Katie Scarr

Many breeds of long-haired rabbits will need constant grooming to keep them comfortable and healthy. Some fur types may be manageable with brushing, but others may need a little more of your help. You can give them “hare cuts.”

The first time I cut a rabbit’s fur was when I adopted Rosie from NYC Animal Care Centers. She had matting around her bottom and crusty fur around her eyes. I cut a little bit off to start, then a little more, and a little more. It became therapeutic and satisfying for me and I could tell how much happier she was after I removed the fur around her eyes and she was able to see! I swear she turned into a whole different and extremely spunky rabbit.

After volunteering with Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group for a while, I began assisting Mary Ann Maier in trimming some of the long-haired foster rabbits. She taught me all of her tricks, and we like to say that when we give the really shaggy ones haircuts, we’re literally shaping them back into rabbits!

You may want to consider trimming rabbits’ fur if they are unable to see because of fur covering the eyes, they get debris stuck in their fur constantly, they cannot properly groom their own bottoms or reach their cecotropes, and/or their fur is prone to develop matting.

Tips for hair-cutting success:

- ✦ Get them comfortably set up on a table or kitchen counter with a towel underneath for traction. Don’t even try it on the floor. You will lose!
- ✦ Keep them calm by giving them plenty of kisses and pats. I like to keep a few Selective pellets nearby as a treat.
- ✦ Find the right tools that work for your buns’ fur. Your best friend will be a sharp pair of human hair-cutting scissors, but

Photos: Katie Scarr



Celine, before.



Celine, after.



Ronnie, before.



Ronnie, after.

some other grooming tools may also be helpful, such as the FurBuster and FURminator. My favorite clipper is the Wahl Animal MiniArco.

- ✦ Untangling mats can be difficult, especially when the mats are very close to the skin. Before trying to cut them out, break the mat up into sections with your fingers to loosen them, and sometimes they can then be gently pulled out. Otherwise, you’ll tear the rabbit’s delicate skin.
- ✦ Get to know your bun’s anatomy and all of the nooks and crannies. Because

rabbits’ skin is so thin and can tear easily, be careful and go slowly. Continually feel along their skin, noting the “geography” of their body parts. Be especially careful around the web of skin behind their knees, around their neck and dewlap, and of course, genitals.

- ✦ Make sure you don’t cut off their whiskers!
- ✦ If they’re being uncooperative, have a helper who can gently tap between their eyes to calm them. However, as I cut Rosie’s fur, I find I can let her be the boss

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Hare Cuts!

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and trim around her as she moves. She's never so active that I can't safely work.

✦ If you need to trim around their genitals, it's best to cradle them in your arms as you would if you were taking their temperature. Pro tip: Keep your fingers directly on their genitals and rectum so you don't cut there by accident. If they start to squirm, give them a break.

Most importantly, don't get all worked up about making the first try perfect. It's probably going to look terrible! When I first started trimming Rosie's fur, it took me three sessions to get her looking decent. Remember that it's just fur and it'll grow back!

Photos: Katie Scarr



Rosie, after.



Tools, from left: flea comb, comb, FurBuster, pin brush, Wahl clipper, thinning shears, human hair-cutting shears, FURminator.



Marie Bundo, as portrayed by Cher Bear Venable.

The Life-Changing Magic of Bunny-ing Up Your House

By Colleen AF Venable

Hello there! My name is Marie Bundo and I'm here to teach all of you bunnies how to simplify your home and focus on the important things. Us.

A lot of people ask me the proper way to fold fabrics and I tell them, there is no proper way to fold anything, only proper ways to UNFOLD things. Take your front paws and bunch up those towels, bed sheets, and human clothing items. Now grab part of it in your teeth and lift up. Lovely! This will help your core strength and add beautiful lacework hole patterns to all your human's fabric belongings.

Have too much clutter in your house? Have you tried tearing apart everything bit by bit?* Not only will you explore a world of new teeth textures but you'll help your human's cardiovascular system get stronger every time he or she runs to stop you! You can check your progress by the number of gray hairs on your human's head. The more there are, the better you are doing your job! Hey look, an Amazon box just arrived! Go get it!

Don't love the color of the couch or bed your human family has chosen? Simply pee on it and they'll change it in no time! Want your human to get rid of some books? Chew the spines until they fall apart and soon those bookshelves will have some breathing room!

When your human gives you food, go through it piece by piece. Does it spark binky joy? Of course it does! It's food! I like to dump mine on the floor. Have you tried standing in it? That's fun, too! Kicking it around is another great method! Why eat your hay in the box when you

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Photos: Colleen AF Venable



Unfolding: Work that core.



Dump out your food.



Stand on your food. Does it spark binky joy?

Bunny-ing Up

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Photos: Colleen AF Venable



Spread out your hay.



A few strategic poops can really add to a room.



Chin everything.



The proper way to unfold a towel.



Yes, it sparks binky joy.



Go through all your human's belongings



Create your own yoga mat designs by tearing them apart.

can eat it all around the room? When you're all finished make sure to thump to tell your human, "You're doing an okay job, but seriously, no treats?"

Feel like a room is missing that special something? Scatter a few strategic poops to add excitement and pizzazz to any space! Your human will take notice!

Take the time to walk through your home taking note of all of the items. Have you chinned your toys lately? What about your human's shoes? Furniture? Door frames? Chin it! Once you are done, start over and chin it all again, because we all know who owns it, right?

So in closing, just remember there is no such thing as owning too many treats, toys and hidey houses. If it sparks binky joy, your human will let you keep it!

They might just have to get rid of all their own belongings to make room.

*Note: Classy bunnies don't chew string, shoelaces, rug fringe, yoga mats, or any synthetic materials because, as much fun as it might seem, gastrointestinal stasis is extremely not-fun. Make sure your humans keep dangerous materials away from you.

Forever Homes Found!

Rabbits adopted since the last newsletter include: Sofia, Coco, Snowball, Midnight, Bruna, Ms. Bunny, Babie, Pierre, Autumn, Charlie, Nutter Butter, Lola, Casper, Mila, Lucas and Sawyer.

Rabbit Droppings

WITH THEA AND NADINE

Dear Rabbit Droppings,

I've heard you foster rabbits. I would like to foster, but I don't think I can bear losing a rabbit and would keep all of them. How do you manage the inevitable heartbreak of giving up a rabbit you love? You must be a saint.

— Guilty & Alone in Gravesend

Dear Guilty & Alone,

A confession: I hate it when people ask me this question. Whenever I answer honestly and directly, things get awkward. I don't think people believe me when I tell them that my heart doesn't break

when my foster rabbits leave to go to their forever homes. Far from it. I'm happy for them and their new family. I feel a sense of accomplishment and pride. I miss the (former) foster for a few days, but that feeling is quickly replaced by my excitement about the new bunny I get to welcome into my home.

The next question people usually ask is, "But don't you love them?" Of course I love my foster rabbits! But my love for them is not about ownership, nor is it a finite resource. My love for my fosters is a different kind of love than I feel for

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Photos: Thea Harding



Thea's current foster bun, Alfred.



Max, fka Nesquik, on Easter morning.



Monte, fka Prince, relaxing in his foster home.

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Photos: Thea Harding



Benjamin Franklin, fka Benny, with Thea.

my “forever rabbits.” Foster love is special because it is shared among other people – both the larger rescue community and the rabbit’s adoptive family. It is love that you get to give to someone else, and when I hand my foster over to

an adoptive family, I know that they already love the rabbit even more than I do. I do not grieve when my foster leaves, as I don’t see the event as a loss or death. In fact, saying goodbye is the goal of fostering.

Fostering means bringing a homeless rabbit into your home temporarily with the aim of nurturing the rabbit until he or she can be adopted into a permanent home or “forever family.” Rescue organizations vary in their fostering agreements, so if you are interested in learning more about fostering, it is best to check with them to learn more about how they do things.

But fostering has a serious marketing problem, as your question reflects. For rescue groups that rely on foster homes to do their work, the narrative of fostering as a heart-wrenching experience presents an obstacle to finding more foster homes. Who would sign up for such a painful and selfless role? It sounds like the type of work better suited for saints and martyrs than regular people who love animals and are willing to lend a hand.

I suggest a new narrative that stresses the joy and levity of fostering and rescue work. After all, isn’t fostering about saving lives and finding homes? Isn’t fostering about loving rabbits, not losing them? And foster parents aren’t saints... we’re rock stars! Think of yourself as a crossing guard, ushering rabbits to a better life. Take the love you feel for rabbits and make it actionable. Believe you have what it takes and put it into action!

ABOUT RABBIT DROPPINGS:

We are not veterinarians or veterinary technicians, and claim no expertise in rhetoric, political maneuvering, comedy, or math. We are, however, curious, dedicated, long-time rabbit owners, fosterers, shelter volunteers, rescue advocates, and litter-box cleaners. As volunteers in a busy shelter like Animal Care Centers of NYC, we see, hear and chat a lot about rabbits – and we are excited to share all those little droppings. Please email us at askrabbitdroppings@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments. Sometimes we embellish and combine questions we hear frequently in order to present common themes in an entertaining way.

We look forward to hearing from you ... until then, *Cheers, Buns!*



Monkey, fka Latrice Royale, asleep on adoption day.



Monkey enjoying dandelion greens.

After I Got My First Rabbit, I Wanted to Help Others

By Erica Lanzarone

My husband and I had always talked about getting a rabbit. Back in February there was a Facebook post of a rabbit who needed to be rehomed. The rabbit was free as long as a person agreed to give him lots of love. So we thought, what better time than the present? Off we went on our 45-minute drive to pick up our first love, Bugsy. I immediately started researching the care and needs of rabbits. I searched Facebook for groups to join and found Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group. After a mere week with my Bugsy, I said that I wanted to help all the bunnies in the world. It was an unrealistic goal, of course, but I figured I would try to help as much as I could. I filled out the form to be a LIRRG volunteer and was contacted by the rescue. I joined the group and waited to hear back about how I could help.

Fast forward to March, and there was a finder in Coram, N.Y., who needed help clipping the nails of a little chocolate lop who had been abandoned in a park. I



Photo: Erica Lanzarone

Bugsy.



Loki.

jumped right in to help. The bunny's finder was also not going to be able to foster the little guy, so a new foster home was needed. We said we would take him in until a more permanent foster home could be found. That was the day I picked up Loki and succeeded in my first "foster fail." This little guy stole my heart like nothing else.

My husband and I now have two of the most amazing bunnies, Bugsy and Loki, and it makes me want to help the rescue even more. We love all our animals – and wouldn't give any up or trade them for the world. But the rabbits have won a very special place in our lives.

Paddington Educates the Public

By Nicole Albani

I had the pleasure of meeting Paddington at our Pet Supplies Plus education event on April 20 in Deer Park, N.Y.

Members of Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group spent the afternoon collecting donations, talking with customers about rabbit care, sharing our own rabbit stories, and taking lots of pictures.

The event was a wonderful way to bring people together while spreading knowledge about rabbits. I think the most wonderful part of the day was

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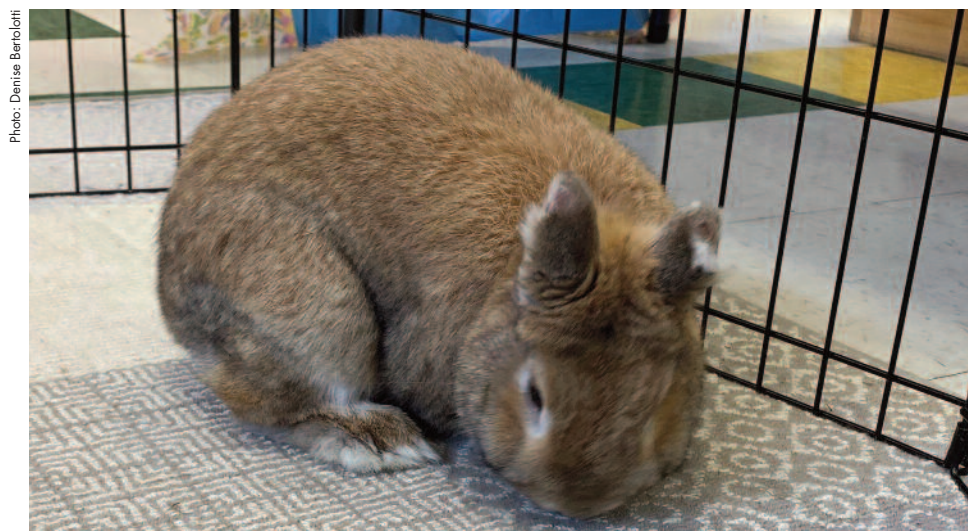


Photo: Denise Beroloffi

Paddington.

Mother's Day Rabbit Fundraiser

By Jennifer Reyes-Bueno

Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group members took part in a Mother's Day-themed fundraising event at Pet Supplies Plus in Oceanside, N.Y., on May 4. The store's staff, including Raeanne and Joanna, were fantastic. They set us up at the main entrance and allowed our bunnies, Rosita and Oliver, to take center stage. Customers swooned at the adorable bonded buns while we discussed rabbit care and commitment and our work with LIRRG.

The Oceanside community, meanwhile, was thrilled to have the opportunity to take photos of their own animals with a spring scenery background, make animal paw-print Mother's Day cards and enter a raffle for the chance to win a pet-themed gift bag of their choice for a cat, dog or small animal.

All proceeds went to LIRRG, and donations of hay, treats and chew toys were also made by several customers.



Among those at the event were Joanna from Pet Supplies Plus, volunteers Jolén Bueno, Jennifer Reyes-Bueno and Stefanie Norris, Raeanne (Pet Supplies Plus) and volunteer Carolina Zumba.

Thank you to the team at Pet Supplies Plus in Oceanside for hosting an amazing event and the Oceanside community for their generous support!

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watching Paddington, a rabbit who had clearly been mistreated and hurt by humans, run around his pen asking for pats and even flopping over for snuggles. His former family was supposed to love him but instead they hurt him.

Paddington was found outside in Bethpage. We don't know where he came from, but he was visibly abused. His ears had been cut off, presumably with scissors, some time ago. He only has tiny stubs of his ears left.

Paddington does not hold grudges toward humans and is living his best life now. He is being fostered by Lauren and Justin Eddings. He is well taken care of and loved by the entire family.



Paddington.

The resiliency of animals like Paddington has always inspired me. Spending time with this incredible bun surrounded by caring people and our amazing LIRRG squad was wonderful. Hopefully, events like this will help us spread the word about how amazing rabbits are and prevent any more stories like Paddington's.



From left, Denise Bertolotti, Katie Scarr and Nicole Albani. They were joined by a big white rabbit (a Pet Supplies Plus employee).

We Are Looking for Loving Homes: These Rabbits Are in Foster Care

Angelina

Angelina is a strikingly beautiful medium-sized Hotot who has been waiting for a forever home for over two years now. She was cruelly abandoned outside in a cardboard box but despite her prior mistreatment, she loves nothing more than to be petted by gentle humans. When you start petting her, she presses her head down, starts tooth purring and closes her eyes in complete contentment. Angelina needs a peaceful and rabbit-experienced home with no young children where she can feel completely safe. She is a typical young, healthy rabbit with lots of energy for running, binkying and shredding cardboard! She does spectacular jumps and binkies! She is spayed, litter-box trained and is living in foster care. If interested in adopting Angelina, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.



Angelina.



Carmela.

Carmela

Carmela is a young medium-sized Rex rabbit. Her beautiful coat is mostly white with tan and black spots. She is a sweet rabbit who loves to have her soft nose petted. She also likes to explore her house, but her favorite thing is to relax with a nice soft blanket. Carmela is shy and would likely do best in an adult-only home. She would also likely make a good partner for another rabbit. She has been spayed and is in foster care. For more information and/or to arrange a meeting with Carmela, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.



Ernie.

Ernie

Ernie is a handsome, medium-sized young bunny who was in bad shape upon being rescued, apparently because he was left outdoors. We got him the vet care and TLC he needed, and now he is looking for a forever home. Ernie has a great appetite for pellets and greens, but still will not eat any hay, so about every

three months he must have his molar spurs filed down by a rabbit-savvy vet. This is a relatively quick procedure, and he has always started eating immediately afterward. Ernie is an active and curious rabbit, but still very shy and not much interested in humans (other than when you offer food, of course!), so we think he would be best off as a partner rabbit. He has been neutered and has very good

litter-box skills. If interested in fostering or adopting this resilient, hunky bunny, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

Huey

This big beautiful boy is one of the friendliest buns you'll ever meet. Huey is playful, interactive and looking for his best friend. He is white with gray sprinkled throughout his fur and has beautiful greenish eyes. It's surprising how much Huey loves being around people, considering that he was dumped outside to fend for himself. He was literally rescued in the nick of time. Weak and emaciated, he was brought to a local shelter where he won the hearts of everyone who met him. The staff had the most wonderful things to say about him and were awfully sad to see him go. Huey is a very happy and healthy rabbit, and he loves all of the attention that you

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Huey.

Rabbits in Foster Care

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Pineapple and Sugarplum.

can give him. He adjusts quickly to his surroundings and isn't shy about meeting new people. He has been neutered and is living in foster care. If you are interested in sharing your life with a puppy in a 12-pound rabbit suit, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

Pineapple and Sugarplum

Pineapple and Sugarplum are a beautiful pair of large Lionhead sisters who were born in the shelter as part of a litter of five babies, before we took the whole young family into our rescue. Their mother, two sisters and brother have all been adopted and now it's their turn. Pineapple is black and white, while Sugarplum is all black – and both have amazing manes of hair! These girls are shy at first but have tons of energy and are a joy to watch as they exercise – running and binkying with reckless abandon! They have been spayed and are living in foster care. If you are interested in adopting Pineapple and Sugarplum, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

Wally and Daisy

Wally and Daisy are a beautiful, medium-sized bonded pair of golden lops. Sadly, their previous family has given them up because they no longer consider them a priority. They are very well behaved bunnies who love each other's company



Wally and Daisy.

and have spent most of their lives together. They love to chill and relax – lounging around like big fuzzballs. Wally is a social bunny who will approach you for cheek rubs, while Daisy appreciates gentle affection once she feels comfortable. For fun, they will shred cardboard and paper-towel rolls. This sweet couple is patiently seeking their forever home and are sure to bring warmth, smiles and bundles of joy to their new owner's family. Wally and Daisy have been spayed and neutered and are living in foster care. For more information about Daisy and Wally please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

These Rabbits Are Available At Manhattan Animal Care Center (NYC ACC)

Check Petfinder for Updated Listings; Some Rabbits Have Found Homes!

By Kirsten Ott

Rocco

Rocco is a gorgeous medium-large Harlequin and the cuddliest bunny ever! This guy is the ultimate love sponge. He's super chill and adores having his thick, plush coat petted. His name is kind of gangster-ish, which suits his somewhat stocky look – but his temperament is that of an angel. Because he's such a doll, he'd make a good choice for a first-time bunny owner and would probably also make an excellent partner for another rabbit. Rocco is one of the most startlingly beautiful Harlequins this volunteer has



Rocco.

ever seen. His amazing coat is a mix of charcoal, tan and white. The colors bisect his face perfectly, and one side of his body is tan while the other is a multicolored patchwork. He has no idea what a beauty he is!

Alex

Alex is a juvenile dark brown boy with an adorable bunny baby face. This itty bitty bunny is rather shy – you can tell



Alex.

the world is still very new and strange to him. He'll approach you for a sniff, then pull away; after a few rounds of that dance, he'll let you stroke his forehead in a safe corner of his cage – and much to his surprise, he'll find he likes it! Alex has reddish-brown streaks on his ears

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and fun semi-helicopter ears that often stick straight out to the sides like wings. He will likely grow some more, but won't be a large rabbit.



River.



Logan.



Yoshi.

River

River is a medium-sized reddish-brown female who came to the shelter with a number of her relatives. She may well be the mother of some younger rabbits who look quite a bit like her. Perhaps because of her recent back story, River is definitely uneasy at the shelter. She's curious about people but is quite cage protective and easily startled, and she may grunt a bit if you try too hard to make friends. She has a funny way of sitting in an erect, imperious-looking pose as though she's trying to enlarge herself to scare you. Needless to say, River will do best in an experienced bunny home without small children.

Logan

Logan is a small- to medium-sized male who arrived at the shelter with a group of his relatives. He's on the young side still, and may grow a bit more before he's fully mature. Though he's a bit shy, Logan has a very sweet disposition. He's very happy to be petted as much as you're willing, and he relaxes more and more as you hang out with him. Like other of his relatives, his reddish-streaked ears often stick straight out to the sides helicopter-style – super cute! He also has some white strands of fur mixed in with the brown, as though someone took a salt shaker to him (or since he's so sweet, perhaps dusted him with confectioner's sugar!). Logan would probably do well as a partner for another bunny.

Yoshi

Yoshi is a large black and white male who is totally ready for an affectionate forever home. You can sense that this guy is desperate for affection. When you first meet him, he's kind of tense, but after you've petted him a while in his safe space (litter box) he seems like a totally different rabbit – open, looser, relaxed. He especially loves to have the nape of his neck rubbed, and you can feel his neck muscles give way as you're administering the spa treatment. This lovely guy will add warmth and sweetness to any home. Also, he has a fun bit of black fur on his otherwise white tummy – it looks like his version of a belly button!

Pluto

Pluto is a large brown male with enough energy to launch himself into orbit! This young guy is ready for anything when it comes to play time, but at the same time he's happy for a long petting session while lounging in his litter box. Pluto is going to need a lot of space in his home so he can exercise his big, strong body and expend some of that youthful energy.

Taylor

Taylor is an adorable medium-sized brown lop. This guy is on the young side, and it shows in his high energy level, curiosity, and playfulness. After a short time, you realize that what he wants more than anything is for you to play with him. His favorite games at the moment are Move The Litterbox, Hide And Seek, and Rumble The Towel – but who knows what he might come up with in a forever home with many more interesting diversions! Taylor has a well-developed sense of mischief – he's very entertaining and you definitely couldn't ask for a better playmate!



Pluto.



Taylor.

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**These Rabbits Are Available At Brooklyn
Animal Care Center (NYC ACC)**



Casper.

Photos: Ilona Kahl



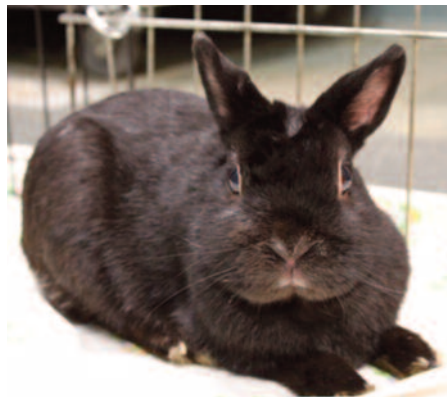
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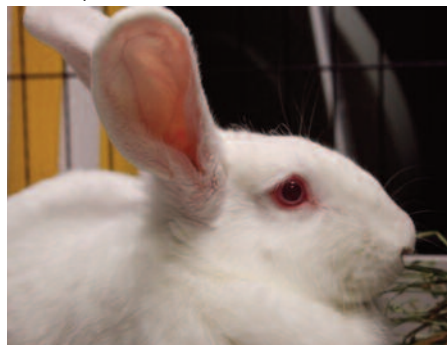
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Cocoa Puff.



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Nutter Butter.



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Claudia Sencion holding Coco.

Letters From Adopters

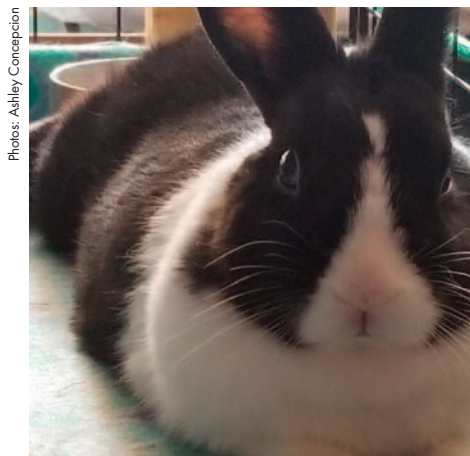
Miss Mink

Ashley Concepcion adopted Miss Mink, formerly known as Brown Foot, in early March as a partner for her boy bunny, Kashmir. Ashley recently sent us this great update.

Kashmir looked floppy and unhappy after I got a new and more demanding job. Following a vet visit where his good health was confirmed, I thought that maybe he would benefit from a bunny friend. So we went dating at the Animal Care Centers facility in Brooklyn. Kashmir was a perfect gentleman with all of the bachelorettes during his speed-date sessions, but he and Mink took a liking to each other right away. She even groomed him during their date.

In the two months since bringing Mink home I have gotten to know her better, and let me tell you, Miss Mink is quite the lady! She is graceful, dainty, calm, a VERY GOOD eater, shy and good-natured.

Mink, when left to her own devices for more than five minutes, can be found kicking out her feet and sprawling out. Despite being shy, Mink is quite friendly. Within two days of coming home with me, she cultivated a lovely relationship with my dog. They like to nap side-by-

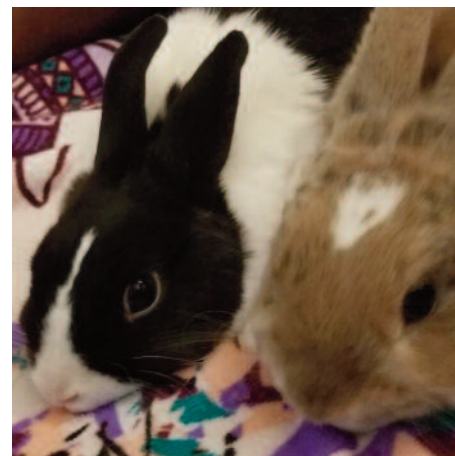


Miss Mink.

side, and I think if it weren't for the pen between them, they'd be cuddle buddies.

We are learning more about each other every day. I learned that Mink doesn't like dried pineapple, or the way I arrange her cage, but will do just about anything for a Craisin, and prefers oat hay. I found out that she likes her back and sides stroked but not her head, and that tunnels are her favorite toys during play time. Cardboard boxes and phone books don't even compare. Mink also is patient and gracious, letting me clip her nails and brush her without so much as a head toss.

She's not too keen on binkies (but neither is Kashmir), and she much prefers to



Miss Mink with with partner bunny, Kashmir.

flop over and huff a deep breath to show her satisfaction. I think she feels that it's undignified to let a human catch her doing something so adorable.

I hope that once I start bonding Mink and Kashmir in earnest, they will become an inseparable duo. Right now they're just switching cages at night, spending days in separate pens beside each other, and having side-by-side petting sessions.

If anyone had ever told me that there was a little lady as perfectly suited to our family as Mink, I wouldn't have believed it.

Ashley Concepcion

Louis

Gabriela Barahona adopted Louis at the end of March. He is enjoying his new home.

I have been busy both with Louis and a new apartment!

I am glad to know there is a newsletter on rabbits. I look forward to reading news and tips on how to become a better owner for Louis.

Louis is doing well and is such a great and loving companion! I am enjoying my time with him!

Best!
Gavi



Louis.

Heidi

Heidi, who was previously known as Mami, was adopted in April by Danielle and Andrea. They sent this loving letter to us.

Dear Thump Readers,

At the beginning of April we adopted the most beautiful bunny. We've named her Heidi, (or as we like to call her, "mighty Heidi, the wonder bun"), and our hearts could not be happier!

She loves her cheeks scratched and has been doing binky jumps all over our living room. We were a little worried

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that it would take a lot of time for her to warm up to us, given her previous home situation. But after just a few short days, she's gleefully jumping all over us! I even got a few gentle licks this morning. She's very smart, too, and is picking up on potty training like a champ.

So for those wanting to add a rabbit to your family, please adopt!

All the best,
Danielle Rimland and Andrea Smithson

Photo: Danielle Rimland



Heidi.

Tobias the Wise

I love getting copies of Thump. Thank you!

My first rabbit was a huge meat rabbit rescue, Tobias az Orias, 1995-2009. He was cared for by Dr. Becky Campbell.

His name means Tobias the giant, but I often called him Tobias the wise.

Richard Ogust

Tobias.

Photo: Richard Ogust





Chanel.



Butter.



Victoria and Milo.



Moose.



Peanut.



Peter.



Puddin flopping.



Einstein pondering his Theory of Rabbitivity.



Dashie and Pippi.

Rabbit-Savvy Veterinarians

Here's our recommended vet list for the New York metropolitan area. Please note that many clinics have multiple veterinarians, and our recommendations are for specific veterinarians in those clinics. If you can't get an appointment with a recommended vet at one clinic, don't assume (no matter what you are told by the clinic) that other vets in the same clinic can help your rabbit. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the vets on this list, please contact Mary Cotter at (914) 337-6146. When you make an appointment with any of these vets, please tell them you were referred by us.

Manhattan:

Deborah Levison, DVM
Symphony Veterinary Center
170 West 96th Street, New York, NY 10025
(212) 866-8000

Katherine Quesenberry, DVM
The Animal Medical Center
510 East 62nd St., New York, NY 10065
(212) 838-7053, (212) 329-8622

Alexandra Wilson, DVM
The Center for Avian and Exotic Medicine
568 Columbus Ave., New York, NY 10024
(212) 501-8750

Westchester County:

Gil Stanzione, DVM
Dakota Veterinary Center
381 Dobbs Ferry Road, White Plains,
NY 10607 (914) 421-0020

Laurie Hess, DVM
Veterinary Center for Birds and Exotics
709 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, NY 10507
(914) 864-1414

Adoptable Rabbits

There are lots of adoptable rabbits available in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Westchester and Long Island.

To adopt a rabbit in **New York City** or **Westchester**, contact nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com. On **Long Island**, contact Nancy Schreiber at nschreibmd@gmail.com or at 516-510-3637 (www.longislandrabbitrescue.org).

If interested in volunteering or fostering for Rabbit Rescue & Rehab, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

Adoptable Rabbit Rescue & Rehab rabbits are at Petco's Union Square location. Rabbit volunteers are present at these stores on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to answer questions.

You can also visit Manhattan Animal Care Center at 326 East 110th St., between First and Second avenues, and the Brooklyn Animal Care Center at 2336 Linden Boulevard.

Rabbits for adoption in Manhattan and Brooklyn can be found by going to:

Long Island:

Jennifer Saver, DVM
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Catnip & Carrots Veterinary Hospital
2056 Jericho Turnpike
New Hyde Park, NY 11040
(516) 877-7080

Heidi Hofer, DVM
Island Exotic Vet Care
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Shachar Malka, DVM
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Veterinary Clinic
333 Great Neck Road
Great Neck, NY 11021
(516) 482-1101

<http://www.nycacc.org/> and doing an adoption search (for ACC inquiries about adoption/bunny dates, email adopt@nycacc.org). Volunteers are there every weekday evening and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, but it is best to arrange an appointment first.

Bunny speed dates can be arranged by appointment only on weekend afternoons at Union Square. Please contact nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Many of our rabbits are living in foster homes and you can meet them as well. You also can arrange to foster a rabbit until he or she finds a permanent home. Contact nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com

For basic information about rabbits as pets, go to www.rabbitcare.org, www.longislandrabbitrescue.org and the House Rabbit Society main site, www.rabbit.org.

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