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Photo: Megan Hilands



Charlie has never been afraid to climb on our furniture.

Just Like a Brother With His Big Sisters

By Megan Hilands

While our bonded pair, Simba and Nala, are littermates and true genetic siblings, we like to joke that our single bun, Charlie, is their little brother. When we rescued Charlie, he was only around 6 months old and very small. Funny enough, after bringing him inside he soon filled out in size to about 6 pounds – roughly the same size as Simba and Nala – and grew a mane – also just like Simba and Nala! We say that our bonded girls let Charlie know to what size a bunny should grow and what kind of hairstyle a bunny should sport. In other words,

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Speak Up for Rabbits: Key Facts to Share This Easter

By Rabbit Rescue & Rehab

While we may all indulge in the excitement of bunny-themed knick-knacks and decorations lining store shelves this time of year, the truth is that rabbit rescuers dread the Easter season.

Each year, we face what feels like our “worst year yet” – a constant struggle to keep up, to rescue the unwanted and abandoned rabbits carelessly purchased on a whim for nothing more than an Easter photo op. No matter how hard we work, it never feels like enough. Most people reading this article likely have some awareness of this issue and understand the plight of rabbits bought around Easter. We urge you to be vocal during this time – speak up, share information in person and online with friends, family and acquaintances, and help shift the conversation away from impulsive, “cute” or “trendy” gift-giving and toward responsibility and education.

Below, we’ve compiled five key reasons not to purchase a rabbit for Easter. Please feel free to share these points in full or individually, whether in conversation or online. Join us in being an advocate for rabbits during this crucial season.

1. Rabbits Are a Long-Term Commitment

Rabbits live 10+ years, with some reaching their teens. A rabbit purchased on a whim for a child’s Easter gift may still require love and care long after that

child has grown up and left home. Rabbits are sensitive, intelligent beings who deserve a full lifetime commitment from their caretakers. Any family bringing a rabbit into their home must plan for all the years ahead. If you can’t imagine caring for that rabbit six, seven or eight years from now, then you are not prepared for the responsibility.

2. Rabbits Need a Large and Safe Indoor Space

A proper rabbit home starts with a spacious, indoor “home base.” Cages and hutches found in pet stores are far too small, yet they are still sold and marketed toward rabbits. This creates a false sense that rabbits are an “easy pet”

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I AM NOT AN EASTER TOY

My name is Brooks, and I was left alone in a park because someone didn't want me anymore. I was very lucky to have been found and rescued in time. After Easter every year, thousands of rabbits just like me are abandoned to overcrowded shelters or are left to die outside.

I am not a novelty. I live for 10+ years and deserve a lifetime commitment!

Rabbits are fragile animals and do not like to be picked up. They require a spacious indoor home, a special diet, and vet care from a rabbit-savvy vet, so are seldom suitable for children and absolutely never as a “starter pet.” Rabbits are NOT low-maintenance companions.

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Speak Up

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that can be humanely kept in a small space, which couldn't be further from the truth. In reality, a rabbit's space should include a roomy pen-style setup that accommodates a litter box, hidey-house, bowls, toys and comfort items – while still allowing the rabbit to stretch out and move freely. Beyond that, rabbits require daily time outside their enclosure in a rabbit-proofed area to explore and exercise safely.

3. Rabbits Are Fragile

If you're picturing a cute Easter photo with children, props and a real rabbit, think again. Rabbits are prey animals with very different natural behaviors than cats or dogs. They are easily stressed by loud noises, sudden movements and frequent handling. Their delicate bones can break from improper handling – especially by small children – and most rabbits dislike being picked up. They thrive in calm, predictable environments where their natural instincts are respected, not as the centerpiece of a chaotic holiday.

4. Rabbits Require Specialized Veterinary Care

Rabbits need specialized veterinary care that many clinics are not equipped to provide. They are considered exotic pets, requiring a rabbit-savvy vet trained in their unique health needs. Rabbits are prone to gastrointestinal issues and other conditions that require immediate attention, meaning they cannot be left alone for long periods – not overnight and certainly not for a weekend. Spaying and neutering are also essential for their well-being, but these procedures (along with general care) can be significantly more expensive than those for cats or dogs. Anyone considering a rabbit must factor in the financial responsibility of proper care throughout the rabbit's lifetime.

5. Rabbits Have Unique Dietary and Behavioral Needs

Caring for rabbits means adapting to their natural behaviors and instincts. Rabbits love to chew and dig, which is essential for their health but can be

Will you still love me when I'm grown up?



Baby rabbits grow into adult rabbits. The little baby brought home for Easter will soon become a full-sized rabbit requiring proper care and attention for many years to come.

This Easter, make compassionate choices and avoid impulse decisions. Rabbits are a lifetime commitment, **not a toy for Easter.**

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Paddington at seven months ----- Paddington at one month

destructive in an unprepared home. They are naturally crepuscular – meaning that they are most active around dawn and dusk – and they eat lots and lots of hay. Rabbits purchased impulsively for Easter often suffer when their new owners are unaware or unprepared to meet these essential needs.

A Final Word

While this is just an abridged glimpse into the world of rabbit-care needs, these five points summarize some of the biggest factors for why rabbits are abandoned or neglected after being

bought impulsively for Easter. We share these points frequently, encourage others to do the same, and also emphasize that a rabbit absolutely cannot be a child's responsibility. Rescue groups are overwhelmed by the sheer number of surrendered and abandoned rabbits – shelters are full, wait lists are long, and countless rabbits are dumped outside, left to fend for themselves in an environment where they cannot survive.

We thank you all for your help in getting out this message, and wish for all humans and animals to have a safe and peaceful Easter season.

Here's Todd, one of our page one masthead babies, relaxing in his foster home. He'll be the first baby to be neutered and available for adoption.

Photo: Karie Starr



Just Like a Brother

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in some ways Simba and Nala showed Charlie how to be a bunny.

As Charlie has matured, he's continued to follow Simba and Nala's lead, while they also sometimes follow his. While we decided not to try to fully bond them as a trio (given the risk that Simba and Nala might unbond during the process, which seemed unfair given that they have been together their whole lives), Charlie has settled in well as Simba and Nala's neighbor and adopted brother. Here are some of the endearing and comical ways they influence each other and follow each other's lead.

Chinning and visiting the same places as the other buns

We alternate the times that Charlie and Simba and Nala have access to the rest of our home. When it's the other buns' turn, the next time Simba and Nala or Charlie have exercise time, they immediately go exploring where the other has gone previously. They have to re-chin everything each time, seemingly saying, "Hey this is actually mine. Paws off!" to the other.

Climbing on couches

In a previous edition of Thump, I wrote about bunny considerations that went into our new furniture purchase. For months after we brought the furniture home, though, Simba and Nala made no attempt to climb on it. Simba actually seemed to give the couches a wide berth of a few feet when walking anywhere near them. Charlie, in contrast, climbed on the couches at his earliest opportunity.

In recent weeks Charlie developed the habit of sitting on the arms of the couch and peering over into Simba and Nala's pen. The girls, of course, saw him and presumably they became curious. Now Nala hops up on the couch, too, and even seems to pose for the camera there.

Crazy for kale and apples

Simba and Nala have gone wild for kale since they came into our home. Charlie,

though, was less enthusiastic when we first rescued him. (It's worth noting that Charlie initially was in a spare bedroom out of view of Simba and Nala.)

After his neuter surgery, we moved Charlie into our living room beside Simba and Nala so that he could have more space. After seeing Simba and Nala devour certain foods like kale, Charlie seems to have changed his mind. He

now goes just as wild when I open the fridge for fruits and vegetables – and at times has tried to steal the kale that I am eating right out of my hands. (I, of course, stop him because my salad greens are usually seasoned.)

Needless to say, my three buns provide nearly endless entertainment with their antics, and my husband and I would not have it any other way.

Photos: Megan Hillands



Charlie enjoys living next to Simba and Nala.



Nala was inspired by Charlie and now enjoys the couches (Simba is still holding out, though).

Cottontail Connections: Tidings From Cottontail Cottage and Rabbit Rescue & Rehab

Spring is Coming: Here's How to Help Wildlife (And When to Chill Out and Do Nothing)

Springtime is when everything wakes up, flowers bloom, birds sing and suddenly, baby animals are everywhere. It's also the time of year when my wildlife rehab, Cottontail Cottage, starts getting nonstop calls about orphaned babies who, more often than not, were never actually orphaned at all.

I get it. You see a tiny, helpless-looking creature all alone, and your instincts scream, **MUST SAVE BABY!** But here's the thing: Not every baby animal needs rescuing. And for the ones that do, that's where people like me and other local rehabbers come in. We're the ones up at all hours, syringe-feeding newborn squirrels, treating rabbit nest injuries, and trying to stay just caffeinated enough to function without vibrating into another dimension.

So, before you panic this spring, here's a quick guide on when to help, when to step back, and how you can actually support the folks (like me) who take in hundreds of wild babies every year.

Not Every Baby Is an Orphan; Wildlife Parenting Is Just Different

If you're a rabbit parent, you probably hover over your bunnies, making sure they're eating, pooping, and not chewing through your baseboards. Moms in the wild? Not so much.

Mother rabbits only visit their nests twice a day, at dawn and dusk, to avoid attracting predators. Baby squirrels? They spend time alone in the nest while mom is off finding food. Even fledgling birds, those awkward little fluff balls hopping around on the ground, aren't abandoned: They're learning how to be birds.

So before you assume a baby animal is in trouble, stop, watch and call a rehabber



Little Daisy rests in the hands of one of our rehabbers, a reminder of just how small and vulnerable these babies are when they come to us. With the right care, she got her second chance at life in the wild just like so many others we fight for every day.

if you're unsure. Trust me, we'd rather talk you through it than have you kidnap a perfectly healthy animal that was just minding its business.

Keep Your Pets From Becoming Accidental Villains

Every year, a huge number of the wildlife cases I take in are because of cats and dogs. A single swipe from a cat can be deadly to a baby rabbit or bird. And dogs? Well, let's just say they think baby rabbits are squeaky toys that move on their own.



A temporary barrier is put up for when dogs play outside and landscaping is done

Just remember to take the barrier down before dawn and dusk for mom to feed babies!

I know it's not realistic to keep every cat indoors and every dog leashed at all times, but during baby season, a little extra caution goes a long way. If your dog finds a rabbit nest, put up a temporary barrier. If you have an outdoor cat, consider keeping the cat inside during peak hours (dawn and dusk) or setting up an enclosed outdoor catio. The less access our pets have to baby wildlife, the fewer heartbreaks (and emergency calls) I have to deal with.



Remember to check your lawn before mowing!

Look for a patch of dried grass and fur like this

My mommy camouflaged my nest to blend into your lawn.

Before You Mow, Check for Surprise Tenants

Cottontail rabbits love to nest in the most inconvenient places, right in the middle of your yard, under a bush you were about to trim, in a patch of grass that really needs mowing. Their nests are just shallow holes lined with fur, practically invisible until you almost step on them.

Before you mow or do yard work, take a quick walk around and check for signs of wildlife. If you find a nest, mark the area and mow around it. Rabbit moms are fast. Within three weeks, those babies will be out on their own, and you'll have done your good deed for the season.

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DIY Wildlife Rehab Is Almost Always a Bad Idea

I know it's tempting. You find a tiny baby squirrel, or a rabbit with a small injury, and you think: How hard could it be to help out?

Hard. Very hard.

Wild animals have extremely specific dietary needs, and stress alone can kill them. I've had people bring me rabbits after trying to feed them cow's milk (which is basically poison to them) or baby squirrels that were given the wrong formula and ended up with severe metabolic bone disease. Every year, animals that could have been saved don't make it because someone tried to care for them at home.

If you find an injured or truly orphaned wild animal, the best thing you can do

is get it to a licensed rehabber. We have the right food, the right medical care, and the experience to actually give the animal a shot at survival.

Support Your Local Rehabbers; We Need It More Than You Know

Here's the truth: Wildlife rehabs like mine take in hundreds of animals every year, and we do it with zero government funding. No one pays us to care for all the injured and orphaned wildlife that people bring in. We rely entirely on donations, volunteers and a lot of stubborn determination.

Spring and summer are brutal. It's baby season, which means nonstop feedings, medical emergencies, and not nearly enough hours in the day. If you want to help wildlife but don't have time to volunteer, consider donating to your local rehab. Even a small donation helps

buy formula, medical supplies and enrichment for the animals in care.

Because at the end of the day, we're not doing this for ourselves. We're doing it for the baby rabbit whose nest got destroyed, the squirrel that fell from a tree during a storm, the opossum babies whose mother didn't make it across the road.

We do it so they get a second chance.

So this spring, if you find a baby animal, take a breath. Call a rehabber. And if you want to make a real impact, consider supporting the people who are out here making miracles happen one tiny life at a time.

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Digging Into the Br'er Rabbit Folktales

By Robert Kulka

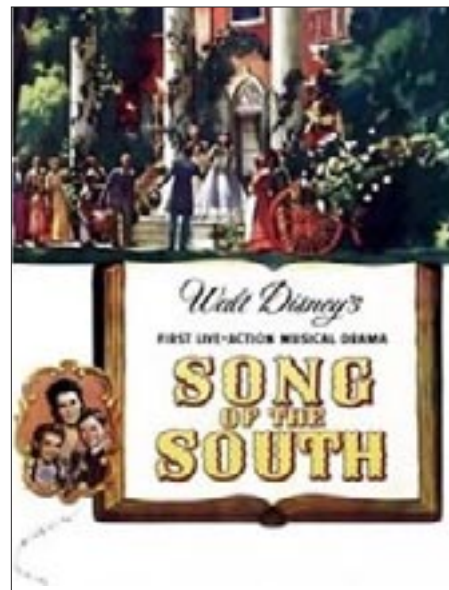
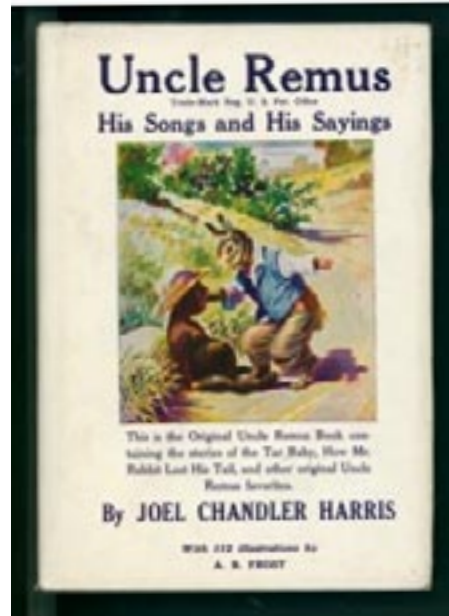
Rabbits hold a special place in our hearts as far back as ancient times. They have taken center stage in several myths that go back to antiquity and are found in various countries and civilizations, almost always providing a story with a moral for humankind.

Probably because of the history of the involvement of the rabbit helping the human, we continue to see the prevalence of the rabbit in our culture today. Observe the appearance of the rabbit in children's stories such as "The Velveteen Rabbit" or as seen in the commercial world today. Just think about how often the Cadbury Bunny appears this time of year with no other animal able to take its place. There are also well-known representations of the rabbit for Trix cereal, Blue Bunny Ice Cream and the ubiquitous appearance of the Energizer Bunny, to name a few. The Nesquik Bunny holds a special place in our consciousness from the last century. The versatility of rabbits makes them ideal characters in all these depictions. Whether hopping across fields in films and cartoons or delivering Easter eggs, the rabbit remains a beloved icon, charming folks with playful antics and a gentle nature.

It is interesting, therefore, that a variation of the rabbit personality emerges in Uncle Remus's tale of Br'er Rabbit and the "Tar Baby." Uncle Remus, a fictional character, represents all the former slaves that handed down stories over the years. Banned for decades as racist, the tale reflects a longstanding oral tradition in a variety of personifications. What then is the history and real story behind this controversial folktale?

Br'er Rabbit (BRAIR; an abbreviation of Brother Rabbit, also spelled Brer Rabbit) is a central figure in stories collected from African Americans of the Southern U.S., African descendants in the Caribbean and even the indigenous peoples of America. He is exemplified as

a trickster who succeeds by his wits rather than by brawn, often provoking authority figures and bending social mores as he sees fit. There were popular adaptations of the character, which had been originally recorded by Joel Chandler Harris in the 19th century. (Harris, an American journalist and folklorist



best known for his collection of Uncle Remus stories, was born in Eatonton, Ga., where he served as an apprentice on a plantation during his teenage years.) Walt Disney Productions' "Song of the South" in 1946 was based on these tales.

(As an aside, since its initial release the film has attracted controversy, with critics characterizing its portrayal of African Americans and plantation life as racist. As result of the film's controversial legacy, Disney has not released "Song of the South" on any video format in the U.S., nor has the film ever been available on its streaming platform.)

Digging into the history and journey of these tales is almost as difficult as pinning down Br'er Rabbit himself. It seems the stories we know were adapted for American readers by a white man (possibly Robert Roosevelt, an uncle of President Theodore Roosevelt). Upon hearing African American people telling the stories to one another, he wrote them down. He's given credit for writing these stories, although it seems they existed in writing long before he decided to claim them.



The story of the "Tar Baby" was never actually labeled racist. In fact, the term "tar baby" simply refers to a sticky situation that keeps getting worse. The story's intent became twisted later when it was referred to in political circles as a liberal message. The story was used to extol the virtues of staying one step ahead of trouble. It helped encourage those who heard it to hone their survival skills, and it inspired people to challenge a system that was meant to overpower them. Although Br'er Rabbit was seen as a bit of a villain, he is also lionized for his ability to beat the systems of oppression.

Consider one telling of a story of Br'er Fox capturing Br'er Rabbit for his dinner. Through his wit, Br'er Rabbit gives

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Br'er Rabbit

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the fox many ways to proceed with preparing him as dinner as long as it did not involve putting him into the briar patch. He keeps telling Br'er Fox that no matter what, the worst possible outcome for himself would be to be released into the briar patch. Br'er Fox, looking to unleash the worst punishment on Br'er Rabbit, decides to put the rabbit into the briar patch. Of course, that allows Br'er Rabbit to get away from the clutches of his enemy and escape into the patch, once again pulling one over on his opponent.



Br'er Rabbit statue in Eatonton, Ga., home of Joel Chandler Harris.

When you consider the stories of Br'er Rabbit, they appear to hold a certain significance in their message for the world today. It seems that the unassuming rabbit, for all its cuteness and gentleness, might secretly hold a warning while offering some hope for its audience. Maybe Br'er Rabbit looks to teach us that a small, weak, but ingenious force can overcome a larger, stronger, but dull-witted power. Just saying.



Animal Communicator Offers Sessions

Would you like to communicate with your current companion or one who has crossed the rainbow bridge? Warren, animal communicator, has generously offered his services, donating 100% of his fee to benefit the rabbits of Rabbit Rescue & Rehab.

He is offering 20-minute phone sessions to help you learn more about your rabbit or any other furry family member.

For all information, email: chiguygo@icloud.com.



When You Have a Small Bunny, Rabbit-Proofing Becomes Tricky

By Samantha Rowan

After a lifetime of living with bunnies, I thought I had rabbit-proofing down to a science. What I didn't bargain for is what happens when you bring home a bunny that is significantly smaller than any other rabbit who has shared your home and can go where no other rabbit has gone before.

Truman, who came home with us from Animal Care Centers of New York last summer, weighs in at a hair over five pounds. By comparison, the other bunnies who have lived in this apartment with us have ranged in weight from about 6.5 to 12 pounds.

While you might think there is little difference between five and 6.5 pounds, we have learned it is actually quite significant. For example, bunnies that weigh 6.5 pounds or more are unable to flatten themselves and go under credenzas or make themselves into wedges that fit between TV stands and bookcases. Rabbits that weigh around five pounds can.

There is an additional complicating factor that we didn't anticipate. In addition to being quite adept at getting into very small spaces, Truman has also

emerged as a jumper and climber, the likes of which we have never had in our home.

The first time Truman squished himself flat and squirmed under the credenza, I have to admit that I was silently cheering for the bunnies who came before him who repeatedly tried and failed to complete this feat.

But as I looked past his bright, triumphant eyes, I realized we were going to have to pull furniture out and make sure all of the wires our previous bunnies simply couldn't reach had coverings that were intact and strong. And as I shooed Truman down from the top of the TV stand and observed the tactical way in which he tested our defenses, I made a mental note to get more wire coverings.

There is one thing, however, we can't bunny proof and that is Truman's love for jumping. Bunnies who are happy often jump and pop; Truman seems to be exceptionally happy and spends a lot of time simply springing into the air.

While this is mostly controlled, there are times when I see him flying across the carpet two or three feet off the ground with an expression that we think means, "I DON'T UNDERSTAND

Photo: Samantha Rowan



Truman keeps us on our toes.

CONSEQUENCES" or "I DIDN'T REALLY THINK THIS THROUGH."

We're still working on a strategy to make this jumping safer, but it is also safe to say that our little lop is keeping us all on our toes.



You Can Help!

We desperately need help driving our rabbits to and from the veterinarian, between foster homes, etc. Having to worry about how the rabbits will get to the vet or back home is adding a huge amount of stress on top of our already difficult mission.

Most of our foster rabbits are quite far from their veterinarian. Unfortunately, many trips can be last-minute due to an emergency.

If you are based close to Westchester County, are a safe driver with a clean driver's license, and want to help the rabbits in a huge way, we'd love to hear from you! Thank you!

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Preston Is a Rock Star

By Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group

Preston, a brave little bunny, had an emergency leg amputation in late January.

He was rescued on a freezing cold evening in Suffolk County. At first, the woman who found him thought he had a stick stuck to his leg, but later realized it was actually bone protruding from his skin. As soon as we were aware of the gravity of his condition, a volunteer swooped in and offered to foster him.

Preston was brought to Dr. Perri Wiggin at Long Island Veterinary Specialists for a surgical consultation. Preston did, in

fact, have a compound fracture and needed an amputation.

The surgery went well and Preston has been a rock star in his recovery. He immediately began eating and is moving well on three legs. We are so very grateful to Dr. Wiggin, the staff at LIVS, and Preston's finder and foster families.

Preston's foster family reports that he is sweet and curious. He enjoys reading books with his human foster sisters. Thanks to the support of generous donors, his surgery expenses were fully covered.



Dr. Peri Wiggin operated on Preston.

The Legend of Ninja Miranda

By Lorrie Pisciotta

She was as black as coal, small and mighty. As stealthy as a Ninja superhero, she was a force to be admired.

Rescuing is hard. Rabbit rescue has its own brand of toughness. However, a special commitment – the desire to foster just ONE more life – can bring success. Such was the case of Ninja Miranda, a legend to a small group of believers who became part of her journey.

It began months earlier, before an official group chat was created to connect each of us as we set out to rescue this rabbit in the hamlet of Merrick on Long Island. Michelle and Dara were on board early last fall before additional troops joined in November. Each sighting and report from Long Island residents helped us update our map of movements and activity. We stayed connected at different times of the day or night, driving slowly around the rabbit's last reported location. I'm sure we all wondered how our unfamiliar vehicles might appear to the residents. Nevertheless, we focused on our mission. In fact, as word spread,

Photo: Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group



Ninja Miranda was the elusive rabbit in Merrick.

with the help of fliers created by another volunteer, Christine, and placed in mailboxes, we had a glimmer of hope that this rabbit was still out there waiting to be rescued.

As winter arrived, the weather was cold and daylight became shorter. Volunteers made random drives through the

Abandoned Rabbit Please Help!



This rabbit was abandoned
& is being sighted in the area.

Volunteers continue efforts
but are unable to locate him so
if you spot him, please immediately
call/text the location to Christine
& she'll come to the area within 10 mins
(no need to stay if you don't want to).

Christine 516-680-3975

Please help! It's getting cold out 🥶

Fliers were distributed in the neighborhood.

neighborhood, documenting their observations. Sometimes weeks went by with no sign of the Merrick rabbit and the unspoken words that nature, as is understood, may have intervened. But no one was giving up hope; no one was walking away. The rabbit was black,

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Ninja Miranda

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making it stand out during the day but helping it hide at night. A pattern of activity began to emerge. Sightings coincided with darkness as the rabbit used its camouflage for nighttime activities. Our team remained positive, and we persisted in our rescue efforts.

Photos: Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group



Michelle Gagnon and Christine Miller were members of the rescue team.

Sightings were reported near one home in particular. The resident was known to our team member Dara, which gave us all renewed hope that we might be closer to an actual rescue. We placed food in the area after getting permission from Dara's friend and others, and we set up some fencing. The late-night patrols and stakeouts continued at this location, which we dubbed the "party house." Dara, Michelle or I would send out alerts of nighttime sightings. The rabbit, which we referred to affectionately as a ninja, was quick to slip away under fences. Was she watching all of us as she outsmarted our group? Meanwhile, time and temperature were making our rescue operation challenging. Why was this rabbit so unwilling to be brought into safety? So many months had passed, and the odds were stacked against a black domestic rabbit's ability to survive.



Sightings of Ninja Miranda (seen here with a wild rabbit) continued for months.



The volunteers used food to help capture the rabbit.

But our team was determined to make life better for this little Ninja who just didn't realize it yet.

The time came eventually at the end of January when Dara, on a late-night drive to get ice-cream, decided to check out the area. To Dara's surprise, the elusive rabbit was inside the gated fencing. After enduring cold nights, rain and snow, Ninja Miranda was finally rescued. We estimated that she had been outside for five months. We all felt a sense of joy, relief and excitement. Everyone who been a part of the journey was anxious for details and an assessment of her condition.

Surely this rabbit must have been relieved to be inside, with plenty of food to eat. However, she showed signs of injury, perhaps from a predator attack, and she was very fearful. Discussion within the group led us to suspect that she may have been born in the wild after her pregnant domestic mother was dumped.



Ninja Miranda was rescued at the end of January.

It is unimaginable to think of how long and how much she suffered. The absence of her mother and likely littermates, and their inability to survive, left this little girl alone in the world. The vet also determined she wasn't young, leading us to suspect she may have been outside, alone and fearful, for perhaps two years. Fear was what kept her alive. While she was seen on occasion with wild rabbits who enjoyed the treats we left for her, she always was the more cautious and quickest to leave when spotted.

Serious socialization, to show her that love and trust came with her capture, was not to be a part of her outcome. We all wanted to give her all the love she had never experienced, but that was not to be a part of her journey. She had developed painful medical conditions that could not be treated, and we lost her soon after her rescue. Life was not fair for this little girl yet her endurance in the face of fear tested all of us to care for those that are in need but don't always ask for help. Perhaps her mission on this side of the rainbow was to get that message of hope out there: No matter how silent or small or even helpless an animal is, hope is caring in the face of adversity.

Ninja Rescue Was a Team Effort

After five months of rescue efforts, the elusive Ninja bun from Merrick was finally rescued.

The rescue team included Dara Pekor, Michelle Gagnon, Christine Miller and Lorrie Pisciotta. Their mission officially began on Sept. 14 when Michelle and Christine arrived at the sighting location in Merrick to meet finder Dara Pekor, and it successfully ended on Jan. 28.

When the group distributed a flier seeking information, a few calls were received but stealthy Ninja Miranda was always one step ahead and disappeared in a matter of minutes.

As the volunteers knew, efforts to capture an abandoned rabbit cannot begin until a foster home has been secured. The volunteers decided to foster Ninja as a team if they were able to catch her. They'd alternate with shorter durations and be available to assist whenever Ninja was in someone else's care.

Fencing was placed around a trap containing food, with sufficient room and a small opening in the front. The hope was to be able to approach the pen and close it before Ninja Miranda escaped.

Dara finally was able to capture Nina Miranda in January with the help of John Debacker, an independent rescuer.

Another Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group volunteer, Katie Scarr, took Ninja Miranda to the vet the next morning.

Unfortunately she had a large abscess on her face that ruptured in February, and she did not survive. The group was devastated, but we were glad that this rabbit could spend her final days surrounded by a loving team of volunteers.

Dara said, "I'm very proud of the work we did and the dedication we showed to this rabbit. While it did not have the ending we had hoped for, Miranda was well fed and warm in her final days. It's a reminder to all of us to never give up on the animals that need us."

Photo: Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group



Ninja Miranda on her first night in a warm and safe home.

Spokesbunny Noah Reports From Long Island (and Maryland)

By Noah the Bunny with assistance
from Shari Zagorski

Hello my human friends!

Although things were quiet for winter education events, life at home has been a literal fluff storm! As you may recall from my last report, I was traveling back and forth to Maryland. Every two weeks or so my bun-sibs and I would get packed up by mom, take a bumpy ride for several hours, and arrive at our happy place with lots of room to run and binky.

In later January I realized we had not gone on vacation in several weeks, but when our human dad told us one night that mom would return the next day, I naturally became somewhat concerned. Upon mom's return, she sat us all down and explained that we were going on a permanent vacation to Maryland soon but that the next few weeks would be very chaotic and familiar things might get moved around.

Since I trust mom completely, I know she always puts our needs first. No matter how busy packing or preparing the house to sell, she always kept us on a regular food and play schedule and maintained normalcy. Every morning my ear popped up and I did inventory on furniture, boxes, and objects in the adjacent living room. Even as the humans removed the old sectional sofa bed, my favorite for lounging, they still kept the comfy seat cushions for us. The day before our big move, mom set up our den playroom as our living quarters and told us that the movers would be coming so she put us out of their way.

After the movers loaded up and left, the humans packed us up for what felt like our usual vacation trek. When we arrived at our home in Maryland, it was familiar and pleasant, but the best part was the next day when the movers arrived and returned all of my familiar furniture!

Photo: Shari Zagorski



Snuggling with my humans on saved sofa cushions in New York.

I just had to chin everything, zoom all over, and binky with joy! Mom even made sure to move a few of those favorite sofa cushions – for serious flopping.

As an aside, due to my past life prior to my rescue, I am prone to separation anxiety and sense when things are off kilter. During our early visits to Maryland, I refused to eat my pellets. Mom only gives me a small amount to maintain my lean figure, but I resisted eating them when the routine varied. Since I still ate my hay normally and all output was perfect, the humans were not worried. After a few days, I would resume eating pellets. Mom referred to it as “pellet protest.” Well, I am happy (and I believe mom is even happier) to report that since I moved with my mom, dad, grandma, bun-sibs and familiar items, I am eating my pellets again with no issue.

Although I will miss doing educational events in Long Island, I am hoping to connect with one of the local rescue groups in Maryland and continue to be an ambassador and spokesbunny for all of my species, no matter where we are.

Until next time, this is Spokesbunny Noah signing off!



My favorite sofa cushions moved to Maryland.



Resting up (and blending in with the kitchen floor tiles) after the big move.



Hoping some salad will fall off the table.

Nobunny Knows Easter Better



By Robert Kulka

Since before medieval times, the rabbit and the egg have been a symbol of both spring and fertility.

The Easter bunny was first believed to be brought to America with the migration of the Germans in the 18th century. This group settled down in Pennsylvania and introduced the legend of the Osterhase (first mentioned in German writings in the 1500s), a mythical rabbit known for its egg laying. The children of these immigrants would make nests for the Osterhase to lay eggs in and leave him carrots for his troubles.

The chocolate bunny is also attributed to someone of German heritage. Chocolate molds from the 19th century have been discovered in Munich.

It was Robert L. Strohecker, a drugstore owner from Pennsylvania, who really started the chocolate bunny craze in the late 19th century to promote his shop. He put together a 5-foot-tall bunny made of milk chocolate, and since then the chocolate Easter bunny has become a springtime delight all around the world.

The Cadbury Creme Egg (originally Fry's Creme Egg) is a chocolate confection produced in the shape of an egg. It originated from the British chocolatier Fry's in 1963. In 1971 it was renamed Cadbury. The confectionery in the United Kingdom is produced by Cadbury, and the Hershey Company produces it in the U.S.

Running for nearly 40 years, the Cadbury Bunny commercial is one of the longest-



running ads on television. In the U.S., Creme Eggs are advertised on television with a white rabbit called the Cadbury Bunny (alluding to the Easter Bunny) that clucks like a chicken. Most rabbits used in the Cadbury commercials have been Flemish Giants. Other animals dressed in bunny ears have also been used in the television ads.

What you may not know is that in the past several years, Cadbury has run a contest to find the Cadbury Bunny. Better yet, all the animals featured in the Cadbury bunny contest are rescue pets. For 2024 the Hershey's Cadbury Bunny was no bunny at all. It was a Florida raccoon named Louie. As the grand prize winner, Louie will not only have a starring role in the 2025 Cadbury Bunny commercial but also takes home \$7,000 in prize money. Louie is a two-year-old raccoon from Miami who was rescued by his owner Jaime in 2021 after he had been deemed unfit to live in the wild.

The Cadbury Bunny tryouts for 2026 have not yet been announced. The tryouts involve posting a picture or video of your rescue pet @CadburyUSA on Instagram. There you explain why your pet should be the Cadbury Bunny. If you want to submit your rescue for the next contest, just keep your ears perked up. In the meantime, look for Louie in this year's commercial.

Rabbit Rescue & Rehab's Beautiful Foster Rabbits

For Information on Adopting Any of Our Rabbits, Contact nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com

Dove

Unfortunately, the summer of 2023 was a record year for outdoor rabbit abandonments. We were called to a neighborhood where several rabbits were seen trying to survive. During week two, little Dove appeared on the scene. She was very young and quite fearful; it took a few days to convince her that we were there to bring her to safety.

She is a beautifully elegant 7- to 8-month-old sable seal point, tipping the scales at 3.5 pounds.

Dove is a very sweet little girl. She is rather demure, with a cautious approach to the world. She is an active girl and loves to run and does fantastic binkies! Her binky game is no surprise because she has the legs of a supermodel! Dove is spayed and would thrive in a calm, adult home. If you are interested in adopting Dove, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.



Dove.

Pink

Pink is a sweet Himalayan boy with an affectionate demeanor. He does have a big energetic streak and likes to get in his exercise by running big laps and fluffing up his blankets before settling in for a nap on his IKEA doll bed. He's particularly fond of toys that can be tossed around, and loves all of his pellets, greens and hay. Pink is neutered and ready for adoption. If you are interested in adopting Pink, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

Skye

Skye is a 3.5-pound Himalayan rabbit. Skye was found alone, tragically dumped in Central Park in terrifyingly poor condition, clearly having been horribly mistreated for quite some time even before she was abandoned outside. A passerby thankfully saw Skye outside and, wanting to help this poor bunny, brought her back to his home. Once there, she surprised him with a litter of

babies. When we first saw Skye shortly after she had given birth, every bone in her small, frail body was visible and all movement was taxing for her in her emaciated state. Still, Skye was a wonderful mother to her babies and slowly but surely, she gained weight and became stronger. Today, Skye is completely healthy and enjoying some well-deserved free time now that her babies are grown up and off on their own adventures. Skye is looking for a quiet, calm human companion to match her sweet but reserved energy.



Pink.



Skye.

She is a gentle soul who will form a close bond with her family and enjoy receiving affection, provided she is given the opportunity to approach first. Skye has a particular affinity for her Oxbow woven grass toys and is content to stretch out and fall into a deep sleep for afternoon naps. If you are interested in adopting Skye, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

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RRR Rabbits in Foster Care

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Indigo

Indigo's puppy-like playfulness is as endearing as his ears are enormous! Indigo arrived at ACC showing signs of terrible neglect. When we pulled him from the shelter, the veterinary treatment he was receiving had already filled an 8-plus-page-long medical record in that short time. He was facing an abscess, severe sore hocks, skin conditions, parasites and more. Today, Indigo has settled in beautifully and gained a whole 3 pounds since he first arrived at the shelter (currently tipping the scales at a magnificent 9.5 pounds!). Now living on cushy, appropriate floor material, Indigo's once infected and painful hocks are growing in nice new fur to protect his wonderfully giant feet. Indigo has been neutered and is living in foster care. He hopes to soon meet his forever family who will enjoy playtime and cuddle time as much as he does! If you are interested in adopting Indigo, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

Lucy

Lucy was found outside in a dirt alleyway off a busy street where someone had cruelly abandoned her. Now adjusting to the safety of her foster home, Lucy's active and curious personality is shining through. She is a very young and playful rabbit who loves interacting with people and toys, and especially enjoys carrying her stacking cups to different spots around her pen and exercise space. If you are interested in adopting Lucy, please email nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

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-



Indigo.



Lucy.



Carmela.

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.

These Rabbits Are Available for Adoption From Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group

Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group has many rabbits available for adoption. Here are a few of the wonderful bunnies looking for homes. For more information about adoptions, please contact LIRRG at this email address: information@longislandrabbitrescue.org



Otis.

Otis

Otis was found abandoned and sick. Thankfully he made his way to an emergency hospital and received the care he needed. Since his rescue he has become a very sociable rabbit, approaching people and asking for pets or treats. Otis loves topple toys for pellets, anywhere to dig, and will eat any treat whether it's fruit or veggies. He also loves his playtime and will demonstrate that with lots of binkies! You may even catch him snuggling up to a cat. His fosterer says, "He is truly the greatest bunny I have ever met. He is so friendly, outgoing, and loves little hats!"



Arthur.

Arthur

You would never know that Arthur came from such tough circumstances. Despite being left in a nightstand inside an abandoned house, Arthur remains a social and sweet rabbit who loves to play and be petted. But along with his friendly nature, Arthur isn't shy about sharing his preferences and setting boundaries. He requires a respectful distance when eating and using his litter box. This adorable fellow will fit right in with a family that will appreciate his outgoing and charming personality.



Conrad.

Conrad

Conrad was found abandoned on the side of the road in a cage. He was skinny and had fur missing on one leg, but he's since filled out and is in great health! An adorable Dutch mix, Conrad is energetic, playful, and excited to find his forever family.

Forever Homes Found!

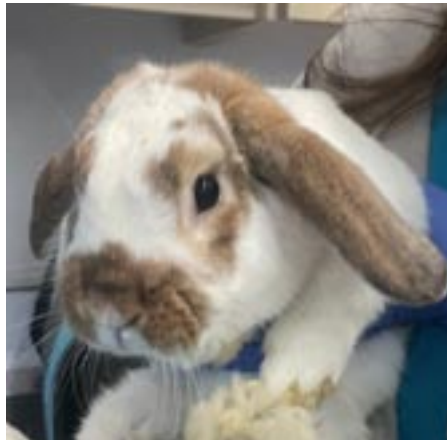
We are happy to report that Little Baby, Benito, April, Genevieve & Gideon, Willow, Flora, Knuckles, Gingko, Reeses, Heaven and Clara were adopted since the last newsletter. Congratulations!

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

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



Posh.



Charlie.



Bush.



Periwinkle.



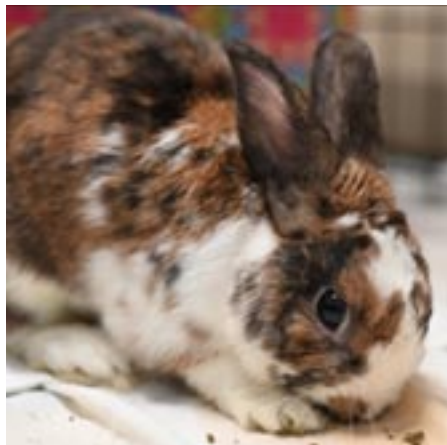
Scary.



Trix.



Baby.



Cookie.



Kevin.

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Rabbits at Queens (NYC ACC)

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Hemlock.



Ginger.



Joe.



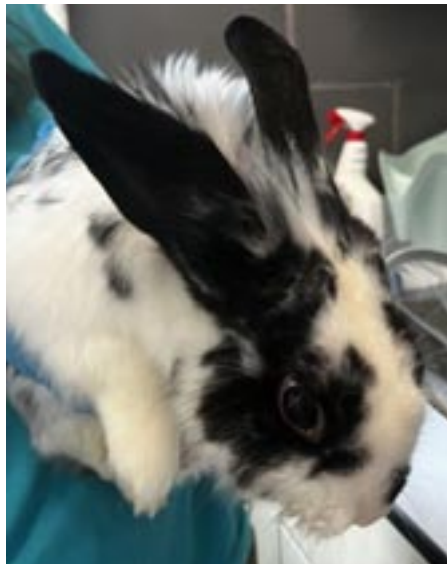
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Branch.



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Marbles.



Aurora.



Nick.



Sporty.

Bathing a Rabbit's Messy Bottom

By Dana Krempels, Ph.D.

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If your rabbit has a messy bottom due to either runny stool or urine leakage, the most important thing to do is to determine the source of the problem, starting with a full exam by your rabbit-experienced veterinarian (<http://rabbit.org/>). This should include a full dental examination (including molars), as well as blood chemistry and blood cell counts. This can reveal undetected health problems that are manifesting as gastrointestinal or urinary tract signs. Treating these will be the ultimate way to solve the messy bottom problem.

Consideration of your bunny's physical and emotional well-being during a bath are of utmost importance. Whenever you handle your bunny, it's important to be firm, gentle and *ready to release the bunny safely at ground level if she starts to struggle*. One unexpected kick can subluxate or even fracture the spine if the bunny is not being held correctly. Believe it or not, a bunny's stress at being restrained against her will can actually kill. Never force your bunny to submit to any procedure if she is unduly upset by it.

That said, a messy bottom is both uncomfortable and unsanitary, inviting worse problems such as skin scalding and even fly strike. Relieving this problem while your vet does the detective work to find out the root of the problem will keep your bunny comfortable. One way is with a careful, gentle "butt bath" to keep caustic bodily fluids away from the skin. There are two methods one can safely use to clean a messy bunny bum: Dry or Wet.

Dry Bath

If the mess on the bunny's bottom is dry, this method is preferable, as a wet bath can be stressful. You'll need a cornstarch-

based baby powder (see item #1 below), a secure countertop with a traction mat, a hand-held vacuum cleaner and a fine-toothed flea comb.

1. Purchase baby cornstarch powder (scented or unscented) from your local supermarket or drug store (baby supplies section).

DO NOT use powder that contains talc, which is a respiratory irritant and may even be carcinogenic.

DO NOT use commercial flea powders or other pesticides on your bunny. Use only baby-safe cornstarch powder for best, safest results.

2. Place bunny in a comfortable, belly-up position so that the soiled parts are easily visible and accessible. Be sure bunny's back is cushioned and that the back and neck are well supported to prevent any injury from a swift kick. Talk soothingly to let bunny know all is safe. If bunny struggles, never force him/her to stay in this position! Avoid stress or injury, above all. Let bunny get up, and then calmly and gently try again.

3. Apply cornstarch powder liberally to the soiled areas, and gently work the powder around dried poops, into the fur, and down to the skin. (If you have someone available to help, have that person use a hand-held vacuum to suck up the floating powder, so that neither you nor bunny inhales much of it. Even cornstarch can be a respiratory irritant, and the less inhaled, the better.

4. Work the powder around any stubborn clumps of debris gently. As the powder coats the mess, it should release from the fur and slide away easily.

5. If necessary, use a fine-toothed flea comb to *gently* tease dried poop or other debris out of the fur. Don't pull too hard, as a bunny's delicate skin can tear surprisingly easily.

6. Pat the powdered areas well to remove loose powder. Use that hand-held

Photo: Mary Ann Moier



This rabbit needed a wet butt bath.

vacuum to remove floating powder from the air around the bunny.

With this technique, bunny should be clean and dry in just a few minutes. Rabbits generally don't seem to mind a dry bath, and most will lie quietly as the soothing powder takes away the sting of urine burn.

Wet Bath

If your bunny's bum is very messy, wet and smelly, it may be necessary to administer a wet bath. You'll need a suitable shampoo (see item #1 below), a clean bathroom sink, a large, soft, absorbent towel (maybe two, if your bunny is very furry), a blow dryer (preferably one with a stand so you can point it where you wish, and then use both hands to dry the bunny), a secure countertop with traction for drying, and a suitable emollient ointment or cream (see item #12 below).

1. Use a hypoallergenic, nonmedicated shampoo. Most popular shampoos for humans – including baby shampoos – are not recommended for use on rabbits, as they can contain harsh ingredients that can dry out or irritate delicate rabbit skin. Pet shampoos containing pyrethrins and other "herbal" or "natural" insect-

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Messy Bottom

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killing ingredients are not recommended, either. Plants make toxic compounds to kill their herbivore pests, and just because something is “herbal” or “all natural” doesn’t mean it’s safe for a bunny! Organic, environmentally friendly (and cruelty-free) products with emollients to soothe the skin (but with as few unnecessary additives as possible) are ideal.

2. Fill a clean bathroom sink to about 2.5-inch depth with slightly warm water (about 90 degrees F).

3. Add about a tablespoon of shampoo to the bath water, and mix well.

4. Keep one arm wrapped around the bunny, under the bunny’s elbows, and bunny’s head and shoulders against your chest, with your other hand supporting the bunny’s rear end. As always, be firm and gentle so that bunny can’t jump and be injured. Bend over toward the sink and lower bunny’s back end into the warm bath. When bunny’s feet touch the bottom of the sink, you can release the hand holding her bum and use it for washing. (But always be ready for that unexpected jump!)

5. Gently lave the solution onto the soiled areas to remove the mess. There is no need to go beyond the soiled areas: it is not advisable to wet the bunny any higher up than the tail and lower tummy. If the bunny is very messy, you may have to change the water and repeat this procedure a few times until the water is clean when bunny is lifted out of the bath.

6. To rinse, fill the sink with slightly warm water again, but no shampoo. Lower bunny’s bum into the clear bath and rinse well, laving with your free hand. You may have to drain the water and repeat this several times until the rinse water is free of any bubbles or shampoo residue. ***Be sure to rinse all washed areas well so that no shampoo remains.***

7. Lift bunny out of the bath and very gently wring water out of the wet fur with your hands, supporting the rear end with your elbow. You can squeeze legs and feet very gently, as well, but be considerate of your bunny’s sensitive areas. If bunny objects, don’t insist. A towel will have to do the job.

8. Place bunny on a soft, cushioned surface with traction and towel-dry all wet areas carefully. Be sure not to rub too hard against irritated skin. Soft cotton or absorbent microfiber towels work well for this purpose.

9. Once bunny’s fur is towel-dry, finish with a blow dryer on ***warm***, not hot. If possible, use a dryer with a stand attachment so you’ll have both hands free for grooming.

10. Keep your hands close to the area where the dryer’s air is blowing, so you can monitor temperature. Adjust as necessary, making sure never to let hot air contact the skin. A fine-toothed flea comb can help separate the fur for quicker drying, but be careful not to pull too hard and tear delicate skin. Be sure to dry between skin folds, since moisture there can cause further irritation.

11. Once bunny is fluffy dry, you may wish to trim the fur away from areas where skin is irritated. Do this with blunt-tipped hair trimming scissors, and never trim where you can’t see. If you can’t see the skin, or are doubtful where skin ends and fur begins, then ***do not clip!*** Rabbit skin is extremely thin and elastic, and even a small wound can expand to alarming proportions! Don’t take chances. If you’re not confident you can do this without injuring your bunny, then skip this step.

12. Apply a very thin layer of soothing balm, such as calendula cream (from a natural-foods store) or triple antibiotic ointment (with no topical anesthetic added!) to areas where skin is red or irritated. A little goes a long way.

You can repeat the wet bath procedure as necessary (some bunnies need bathing twice a day, though this is unusual), but do not continue if the rabbit seems unduly stressed by the experience. Bunny’s safety is always paramount.

Remember: the “butt bath” is merely treating the symptom of what might be a more complicated disorder. It’s important to discover why your bunny has urinary incontinence or runny stool (usually cecal), and get to the root of the cause for a complete cure.

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Adoptable Rabbits

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

To adopt a rabbit in **New York City** or **Westchester**, contact nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com.

On **Long Island**, contact information@longislandrabbitrescue.org.

You can also visit Manhattan Animal Care Center at 326 East 110th St., between First and Second avenues, and the Queens Animal Care Center at 1906 Flushing Ave. in Ridgewood.

Rabbits for adoption in Manhattan and Queens can be found by going to: <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.

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Lulabelle takes a break from destroying her timothy tunnel.

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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) 643-0515. When you make an appointment with any of these vets, please tell them you were referred by us.

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