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Photo: Rabbit Rescue & Rehab



Jolie.

Please Help Jolie

Dear Friends,

We need your help with a situation that is truly urgent. One of our long-term sanctuary rabbits, Jolie, is fighting through yet another medical crisis, and we desperately need your help to cover the cost of her emergency care and surgery.

Jolie has been in our care for over four years, ever since she arrived with congenital glaucoma – a painful, degenerative condition that causes pressure to build in her right eye. She was lucky; we have been able to manage her condition with

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Keeping My Bunnies Healthy And Active as They Age

By Megan Hilands

My bonded pair of sisters, Simba and Nala, are a few months shy of their 11th birthday. At their annual vet visit recently they exhibited their first signs of aging (although the vet also said they are still very healthy!). Both lost a bit of weight because of decreased muscle tone and had a small amount of wax buildup in their ears, which the vet explained occurs as bunnies lose mobility and aren't as capable of removing it themselves. I love

my bunnies very much and always knew they would start to age. I am committed to keeping them healthy and happy as long as possible. Here are some of the things my husband and I are modifying for Simba and Nala as they get a little older.

Encourage movement

As humans we are told that as we age we need to work harder to maintain our muscle mass through strength training.

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Photo: Megan Hilands



Simba and Nala help each other move, even if they do take more cuddle breaks than they used to.

Jolie

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daily medications, sparing her from losing her eye, but she has never known a life free from medical need. Despite everything, Jolie has remained affectionate, trusting and so full of life.

Then in early May, Jolie suddenly became overwhelmed with extreme pain and stopped eating – an emergency for any rabbit. We rushed her to the Animal Medical Center, where she was stabilized overnight, and blood work and X-rays were run immediately. The results were alarming: her liver values were dangerously high and X-rays showed abnormalities that raised suspicions of liver lobe torsion.

Liver lobe torsion is a rare and life-threatening emergency in rabbits. It happens when a lobe of the liver twists on itself, cutting off its blood supply. The affected lobe begins to die, toxins build up and internal bleeding can occur. A rabbit can be in critical condition in a matter of hours. Without emergency surgery, it is almost always fatal.

AMC confirmed the diagnosis with an ultrasound, and Jolie was transferred to Catnip & Carrots Veterinary Hospital for emergency surgery to remove the affected lobe. An adhesion caused excess bleeding during the procedure and added a further level of complication, but she made it through surgery and is now recovering back in foster care after

Photo: Rabbit Rescue & Rehab



Jolie's congenital glaucoma has caused permanent blindness in her right eye. Thankfully, medication has stabilized her condition so far, and she regularly sees an ophthalmologist for continued care.

several additional days of hospitalization. She's eating, alert and finally out of pain.

But the cost to save her life was financially steep: over \$6,000 for veterinary care, and Jolie's ongoing medications and monitoring will continue to add up.

We are committed to seeing her through this, but we also urgently need to rebuild a robust medical fund – not only to cover Jolie's care, but to ensure that our dozens of other rescued rabbits have access to emergency care when they need it, too.

Jolie has already been through so much. From being born with a painful eye condition to experiencing an incredibly

painful emergency that claims the lives of so many rabbits who are affected by it, she deserves this care and a peaceful life ahead.

Please, if you can donate anything to help us cover the cost of Jolie's care, we need you now more than ever.

Your support quite literally allows us to save her life and provide comfort, stability and the peace she so deeply deserves. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for any help you can provide to our wonderful, sweet Jolie.

With deepest gratitude,
Rabbit Rescue & Rehab



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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Healthy and Active

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Now bunnies aren't likely going to be pumping iron, but the more I can get them to play with toys and run and hop around, the better. Since we noticed Simba and Nala's weight loss we have been encouraging them to play at their preferred times (around 7 a.m. after breakfast and 8 p.m. after dinner). We have done this by offering new toys, moving things round to encourage novelty and curiosity, and keeping their favorite things available all the time. Simba and Nala really love palm bowls, seagrass mats and small boxes. They always have a few of these in the X-pen to encourage activity.

Keeping big moves to a minimum

Simba and Nala do not have cataracts yet but they could develop at some point. Their vet explained that both have some slight cloudiness in their eyes compared to when they were younger.

Cataracts can develop in just a few days in rabbits, and when they do, bunnies will need to rely on other senses and memory for where things are located. So, while we'll move around small things like toys, larger items like couches and tables stay put. We will also be much more selective about whether we travel with the bunnies for holidays or trips to see family, knowing that it may be more difficult for Simba and Nala to move around than in the past.

Make daily habits easier

Nala, in particular, still seems plenty mobile and can hop on our couch relatively easily. Nevertheless, I want her and Simba to be able to move around as easily as possible. To this end, we make sure to have connective runners between all areas of the house they like to travel. This is good for buns of all ages, but I figure as Simba and Nala age they might eventually be less willing to make big jumps between carpets.

Simba and Nala have also transitioned to a lower litter box. While they did not

have difficulty getting into the previous one, we didn't want to wait until it became a problem for them.

Love them a little extra

While Simba and Nala are still fairly active for their age, all things considered, I have noticed they take more rest breaks and naps throughout the day. I have made a point to talk to them a little more as I go about my routine so they are entertained and (I think) understand they are loved. Both buns genuinely seem to enjoy when I talk to them. They tilt an ear in my direction and sometimes grind their teeth. I know they love my husband and me, and we do our best to ensure they feel happy and cared for as much as we possibly can.

Have you modified anything for your bunnies as they got older? I'm always curious to hear what has worked for others! Here's to continued health and happiness for Simba and Nala, and for all house rabbits.

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.



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

By Brigitte Dix

Director, Cottontail Cottage Wildlife Rehab

How to Be a Hero for Wildlife This Spring (No Cape Required)

Spring marks the start of baby season for wildlife. This is when nests, dens and burrows quietly fill with new life. All around us, baby bunnies are tucked into shallow nests in gardens. Opossums are riding around on their moms like furry little backpacks. Squirrels are flinging themselves from tree branches with questionable confidence. It's cute. It's chaotic. And for us as wildlife rehabbers, it's the busiest season of the year.

But here's the truth: Most wild babies don't actually need to be rescued. What they do need is for people to take a deep breath, pause, and know what to look for. So if you've ever found a tiny creature and thought, "What do I do?" this one's for you.

Here are some simple, meaningful ways to help wildlife this season:

Don't assume a baby is abandoned.

Most of the calls we get are about healthy, uninjured animals that are right where they're supposed to be. For example:

- Baby bunnies? Mom only feeds them twice a day and stays away so she doesn't attract predators.
- Baby birds on the ground? They're probably fledglings learning to fly.
- Tiny opossums alone? If they're under 7 inches long (not counting the tail), they probably fell off mom and do need help, but bigger ones are just starting life solo.

When in doubt, send us a photo (photos are critical whether for a wild OR domestic animal) or call a rehabber. The "Animal Help Now" app is a great resource for finding local wildlife rehabbers. Don't scoop and hope.

Check before you mow, trim or rake.

Look for shallow depressions in the grass. These are often bunny nests. If you find one, you can gently place a string in an "X" over the top to see if mom comes back overnight. If it's disturbed but the babies are uninjured, that means mom came back to feed them. The best thing you can do is to protect the nest. We can walk you through how to do that.

Put out a shallow bowl of fresh water.

Seriously, it's one of the kindest and easiest things you can do. A low dish (like a pie plate) with clean water can help birds, squirrels, opossums and others during dry or hot days. Change it daily (or more often) to avoid mosquitoes.

Skip the pesticides and rodenticides.

Poisons travel up the food chain. Owls, foxes and hawks eat poisoned rodents and die slow, awful deaths. If you've got a pest problem, we promise there are safer alternatives. Need ideas? Message us.

Drive like there is someone's mama crossing the road, because there probably is.

Turtles, foxes, deer and even opossums are on the move more this time of year. Slow down, especially at dawn and dusk. And if you see turtles in the road, help them across in the direction they're headed. Never turn them around.

Keep pets supervised when possible.

We love pets, too. But even the sweetest dog or cat can seriously injure a wild animal just by playing too rough. During baby season, keeping pets leashed or

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If You Hear Something, Thump

By Samantha Rowan

The return of temperate weather and open windows has led to a new behavior in Truman, our rescue bunny. We are calling it, “If you hear something, thump.” It’s a variation of the “If you see something, say something” guidance we get in the subway, taken to an apartment level.

Three times in the past month, all in the wee hours of warm nights where people have been enjoying beverages in the courtyard outside of our living-room window, Truman has started thumping. The first thump is always the loudest, a cage-shaking crash that jolts me from sleep, followed by a series of smaller follow-up thumps.

The follow-up thumps go until I switch on the light, sit down next to him and pat him on the head. I think my arrival and the pat must signal that the threat has been articulated because Truman then darts under the couch and thumps a couple more times and I go back to sleep.

Photo: Samantha Rowan



The guardian of the apartment.

I have thought about leaning out of the window and saying, “Excuse me, you’re upsetting my rabbit, could you please keep it down?” Admittedly, that probably wouldn’t be the most bizarre statement that has ever been made from the window

of a New York apartment building, but it would also probably disturb our other neighbors even further.

What is most impressive to me about this whole thing is the amount of noise one small bunny can make and the strategic choices he makes in alerting the family to potential danger.

Truman is a nearly 100% free-range bunny, really only in his cage when we’re sweeping and mopping the floor, but he has figured out the one corner of his enclosure that rattles the room if he thumps there. Alert thumps happen there; annoyance thumps are much quieter and can happen anywhere.

I appreciate Truman’s efforts to keep his family safe. I really do. I just wish that he’d understand that he’s safe and that it is very unlikely the revelers in the courtyard will hurt him or us. But I do love that he feels like he is doing his part to keep his family safe – even if it happens at 2 in the morning!

Cottontail Connections

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inside during dawn/dusk hours can save many lives.

Support your local wildlife rehabbers.

We are volunteers. We do this work with full hearts and very empty wallets. If you want to help, here’s how:

– Donate if you can (even \$5 goes far).

– Share our posts. It helps educate others.

– Shop our wish list or drop off paper towels, laundry detergent or fresh greens. We always need those.

Spring is beautiful, unpredictable and full of second chances. Thank you for being someone who cares enough to read this, ask questions, and do what you can. You don’t need to be perfect. Just paying attention makes a difference.

From all of us at Cottontail Cottage (and the many noses, paws and tails we care

for): Thank you. You’re part of the reason these wild babies get to go home again.

Brigitte Dix is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and the director of Cottontail Cottage Wildlife Rehab, a haven for injured and orphaned wildlife. She’s passionate about protecting New York’s incredible animals.

Forever Homes Found!

We are happy to report that Rebecca, Aurora, Trix, Marbles, Hemlock, Brair, Dewey, Preston, Otis, Gavin, Maxwell, Delaney, Humphrey, Dwight and Hera were adopted since the last newsletter. Congratulations!

PUPPY PADS ARE DANGEROUS FOR RABBITS



PUPPY PEE PADS CONTAIN HARMFUL CHEMICALS, PLASTICS, AND ABSORBENT MATERIALS THAT CAN CAUSE LIFE-THREATENING BLOCKAGES, RESPIRATORY ISSUES, AND TOXICITY IN RABBITS. INSTEAD, USE NEWSPAPER, RABBIT-SAFE LITTER, AND HAY FOR A HEALTHY, SAFE LITTER BOX. AVOID PLASTIC LINERS AND CLEAN WITH VINEGAR TO MAINTAIN A RABBIT-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

PLASTIC INGESTION RISKS



PUPPY PADS ARE MADE OF PLASTIC. INGESTING PLASTIC CAN CAUSE A LIFE-THREATENING INTESTINAL BLOCKAGE

PLEASE AVOID USING PUPPY PEE PADS

By Rabbit Rescue & Rehab

We're deeply concerned to see so many rabbit guardians still using disposable puppy pee pads. Social media is filled with images and videos showing these pads in rabbit habitats, and we continue to receive photos from individuals seeking advice that feature them as well.

Last year, we published an article in Thump (January 2024, page 4) outlining the serious risks these pads pose to rabbits. It's important to repeat this message: The dangers exist regardless of whether your bunny comes into direct contact with the pad.

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Please take this warning seriously and avoid using puppy pee pads for rabbits or any other small animals. We rely on the compassionate rabbit community to help spread awareness and protect the health and well-being of these delicate, beloved companions.

CHEWING HAZARD



JUST BECAUSE YOUR RABBIT HASN'T CHEWED A PUPPY PAD YET, DOESN'T MEAN HE WON'T.

RABBITS WON'T BOTHER WITH A PARTICULAR THING FOR YEARS UNTIL THE TIME COMES THAT THEY DECIDE TO.

YOUR RABBIT IS GOING TO CHEW ON A PUPPY PAD.

SODIUM POLYACRYLATE DANGERS



INSIDE THE PAD IS SODIUM POLYACRYLATE. THIS IS A SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER, CAPABLE OF ABSORBING HUNDREDS OF TIMES ITS OWN MASS IN WATER. IF INGESTED, IT WOULD DRY THE CONTENTS OF YOUR RABBIT'S DIGESTIVE TRACT SO QUICKLY THAT IT WOULD BE LETHAL. IF INHALED, THEY CAN CAUSE AN AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION.

NEUROTOXICITY OF HYDROGEL PRODUCTS



THE HYDROGEL PRODUCTS IN PUPPY PADS CAN INDUCE ACUTE NEUROTOXICITY IN ANIMALS

TOXICITY TO HUMANS AND ENVIRONMENT



SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS CONTAIN CHEMICALS THAT MAY BE TOXIC TO HUMANS, SUCH AS FORMALDEHYDE, A KNOWN CARCINOGEN, AND OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

CHEMICAL INHALATION EFFECTS



PUPPY PADS CONTAIN CHEMICAL ATTRACTANTS DESIGNED TO SIMULATE THE SMELL OF GRASS, AMMONIA, AND PHEROMONES.

INHALING THESE CHEMICALS CAN DAMAGE YOUR RABBIT'S SENSITIVE RESPIRATORY TRACT & LIVER.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF SYNTHETIC POLYMERS



SYNTHETIC POLYMERS CAN CAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE PRODUCTION PROCESS IN ADDITION TO THEIR OBVIOUS OCEAN CONTAMINATION. THEY ARE NONBIODEGRADABLE AND REMAIN IN NATURAL WATERWAYS.

A Tale of Two Rabbits

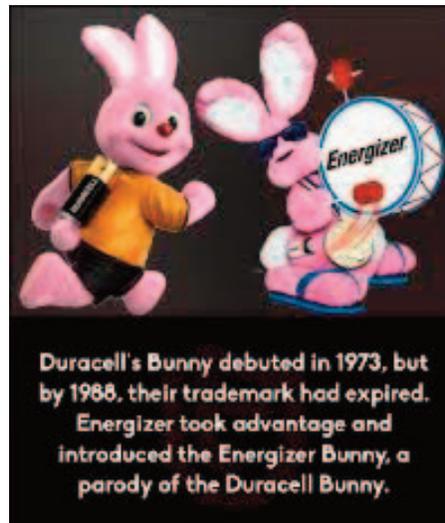


By Robert Kulka

Those of us who have had the privilege of being part of the kingdom of rabbits know these soft, cute, lovable animals as being quirky and fun. These angels are gentle souls that are misunderstood, often becoming the prey of almost everyone else in the world. Maybe that is why there is a special kind of connection that a rabbit person has with a bunny that may not be understood by the dog or cat person and the world at large.

We also know that despite outside appearances, rabbits can be cunning and sly survivalists. They have had to develop instincts and behaviors that often make them territorial, competitive, protective and downright obstinate when it comes to their space. Many of us have found this out quickly when reaching into the space of a cage-protective rabbit – or when anything in the rabbit's world has been changed. Try moving a water bowl or hay box to a different location and you will find overturned bowls or hay boxes nudged all over the place. It is a reason why bonding can sometimes be very difficult, if even possible. At the very least you will probably get a look of disapproval.

The world of product brands is rife with competition. Now take the personality traits of rabbits and translate them into the world of product marketing and you may start an all-out war. Something like that happened when, years ago, two different product mascots in the world of batteries clashed. Today we identify one brand of batteries with a rabbit. In the need to differentiate and build brand loyalty, a unique approach is necessary. That is why it was not possible to have two different battery companies use a bunny as their product face and identity.



The battery brand wars trace their origins back to the late 20th century. Two companies built their marketing message around a rabbit. One was the Duracell Bunny introduced in 1973. The other, the Energizer Bunny, debuted in 1988 as a parody of the Duracell Bunny. There are several differences in appearance between the two. The Duracell Bunny is an anthropomorphic pink rabbit powered by a Duracell battery. Duracell represented durability and dependability. The Energizer Bunny, on the other hand, wears sunglasses, has larger ears and is a different shade of pink with a different body shape and is represented



as a single rabbit. The Energizer bunny is relentless and energetic. The use of the two rabbits led to a clash that resulted in legal battles over rights. Eventually there was an out-of-court undisclosed settlement that also resulted in Energizer having the trademark for the U.S., Canada and Turkey. Duracell had exclusive use in other parts of the world. Interestingly, Energizer sales dipped initially as people apparently associated a rabbit mascot with Duracell that had been around a decade before the Energizer Bunny appeared on the scene. Ultimately the Energizer Bunny became a recognizable and enduring symbol in pop culture representing persistence and energy. It has become so much a part of the vernacular that everyone knows what you mean when you say that someone is like the Energizer Bunny.

In the end, the battle of the two bunnies reflected something of rabbit behavior. Each rabbit wanted to claim a territory for its own and most certainly would never have been able to be bonded to one another.

Farewell to Our Brave Pierce

By Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group

Our hearts have been heavy since early April, when we said goodbye to a true legend of the Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group, our dear sanctuary bun, Pierce. He hopped his way into our lives in May 2015, a testament to his resilience and the enduring power of love. His story, intertwined with his first love, Ruth, is etched in LIRRG lore. It is a tale of survival against the odds in Heckscher Park in Huntington, where they bravely fought for nearly a month before finding their way into our care.



Pierce.

Pierce and Ruth's rescue wasn't just another save. It was a symbol of hope and the unwavering dedication of those who work tirelessly for these vulnerable creatures. Together, the two rabbits spent their lives in the loving embrace of foster care, becoming cherished members of our LIRRG family. They touched the hearts of countless volunteers and friends, and their quiet companionship was a constant source of joy and comfort.

The loss of his beloved Ruth in 2021 left a void, but Pierce, with his gentle spirit, found new companionship with co-sanctuary bun Penelope, then Wilma, and most recently, Benson and Fritz.

For the last chapter of his life, Pierce was under the devoted care of our incredible founder, Mary Ann Maier. This speaks



Ruth and Pierce.



Pierce with Penelope.

volumes about the special place he held in our hearts and the commitment to ensuring his final years were filled with comfort, love and the best possible care.

Pierce, you were more than just a rabbit. You were a survivor, a lover, and a gentle soul who never complained, and

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Brave Pierce

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you left an indelible mark on all who knew you. Your story reminds us of the importance of compassion, the strength of the bonds we share, and the profound impact these small creatures can have on our lives.

Though your earthly hops have ended, the legend of Pierce, the brave survivor of Heckscher Park, will continue to inspire us. We are grateful for the years you shared with us, for the love you gave, and for the enduring legacy you leave behind.



Fritz, Benson and Pierce.



Pierce and Benson.



Pierce.



Benson with Pierce.

Spokesbunny Noah Reports From Maryland

By Noah the Bunny with assistance from Shari Zagorski

Hello my human friends!

As you may know, my humans and bun-sibs have relocated to Ellicott City in Maryland and we are now all settled in. My mom likes to tell people this is a bunny house but she and dad and grandma are allowed to live here. Perhaps there is some truth to that!

The humans planned many things before the move. We needed a veterinarian who works with exotics, a good source of hay (mom likes to support local farms and buy hay by the bale since we eat so much of it), and of course a friendly rabbit rescue group with which to volunteer. Three weeks after we moved, off we went for our annual checkups and RHDV vaccine boosters at a vet only 10 minutes from home.

In early April, my humans took a 30-minute ride to a hay farm in Maryland. They described it as a pastoral scene out of a movie with rolling green hills, hay rolls, and barns full of yumminess! When they arrived home they kept unloading large bags from the car. It seems that the second-cut Timothy hay bales from this farm were super huge and filled three contractor bags. Needless to say, it tastes delicious and the lagomorphs in this house are all eating very well.

Although I have not yet visited the local rescue group (Friends of Rabbits) headquarters, my humans said it is only 10 minutes away and filled with bunnies, bunny swag, bunny supplies, and loads of toys. I am hoping to go with my family in the near future.

After we moved in, our play area had loads of empty space to run and binky, but it was missing something. One day two men we didn't know arrived with some giant boxes and unloaded things, and later that day I was able to explore my new sectional sofa. It was similar to

Photo: Shari Zagorski



My favorite new ottoman.



Enjoying my special bunny tunnel on the back of the sectional.

the one left behind as it had lots of human and bunny seating, but this taller one has some special features I really love. High up behind the cushions there is a special bunny tunnel where I can hide but not get into too much trouble, and there is a special seat for me called an ottoman where I can stretch out completely. When we had human company, I discovered that even when all five seat cushions are occupied, I can hop over everyone but still have my ottoman to myself.

Since my bun-bro Puff is a bit more petite, mom put some of our old sofa cushions next to the new sectional so he would have an easier time hopping onto the higher surface. Puff prefers the old familiar cushions for flopping, but I am just too fascinated with my ottoman to bother with the older pieces.

Puff and I share the housing and play space in the rooms at the rear of the



Puff still loves the old sofa cushions.



New places to explore in the house.

house since those areas are bunny proofed with no spicy hay (aka wires), tight spaces to hide, or tasty wood furniture. The human rooms are secured with movable gates so that we cannot accidentally wander in them – most of the time. One early morning before mom's caffeine infusion, she forgot to close the gate to the hallway and I was curious to see what was beyond it. I explored and found a bunch of shoes and a bench and then a staircase going up but...mom noticed my disappearance and quickly scooped me up before I could hop up the steps. Ah, maybe one day...

Even though I am loving life here in Maryland, my humans and I still enjoy seeing our Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group friends when they are on periodic zoom meetings.

Until next time, this is Spokesbunny Noah signing off!

Fun at the Farmingville Egg Hunt

Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group took part in the Farmingville Easter Egg Hunt in April. It was a very busy afternoon with lots of families. Huge thanks to Michelle Montalbano, Gabrielle, Amy Moffett and Amanda Shapiro for everything.

Michelle's bunnies Lafayette and Elvira were superstar spokesbunnies. They were wonderful with the children and handled the crowd like pros. The volunteers gave out coloring sheets to the children and told the parents about the adoption program. Amanda sold some more of her adorable crochet bunnies to raise money for the rescue. A great day!



Celebrating Easter in Farmingville.

ADOPTIONS

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

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

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RRR Rabbits in Foster Care

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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

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.

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.

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 Indigo 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.

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Indigo.

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



Rebecca.

Rebecca

Rebecca is a calm and quiet bunny who enjoys the simple pleasures in life. Though she may start off a little shy and reserved, with patience she'll warm up to you and show her true, loving side. She loves being petted once she feels comfortable and trusts you. Her favorite treats include sticks, banana and the occasional Timothy hay lollipop – but really, she's a fan of food in general. When she's not enjoying a tasty snack, you'll find Rebecca lounging under the bed, couch or in her cozy bunny hut. She's an independent spirit who loves to roam around the house, but she feels safest when everything is calm and quiet. Rebecca is easily startled by sudden noises or movements, so she thrives in a peaceful environment. She'll often relax and lie down when the house is at rest, taking in her surroundings. If you're looking for a gentle, sweet companion who enjoys a quiet life and some extra love once she's comfortable, Rebecca just might be the perfect match.



Arthur.

Arthur

You'd never guess Arthur's rough start. Found abandoned in a nightstand, this resilient bunny is incredibly social and sweet, adoring playtime and gentle pets. Arthur has a charmingly assertive side, though. He appreciates his space during meals and litter-box time, so a respectful approach is key. This delightful fellow will thrive in a home with an experienced rabbit owner who will cherish his outgoing and unique personality.



Freya.

Freya

Adventurous and brimming with curiosity, Freya has a zest for life and a desire to explore every nook and cranny! This spirited bun came to us as part of an unexpected litter and has been a cherished member of our family ever since. While Freya has experienced some tummy troubles in the past (haven't we all?), she's now thriving and ready for her next great adventure. Freya is independent and playful. She's looking for a human companion who understands the joys and nuances of living with rabbits. While she's happy to be around children, she'd do best with kids aged 6 and up. Born on April 8, 2020, Freya is a very active and playful girl with an independent spirit. She's also known to get along well with both dogs and cats. If you have previous rabbit experience and are ready to welcome a bold and adventurous bunny into your life, Freya might just be the perfect girl for you.

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

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



Bush.



Francisco.

RRR Rabbits in Foster Care

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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



Lucy.



Carmela.

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.

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



Baby.



Honey Bun.



Kevin.



Rascal.



Honey.



Sporty.



Posh.

Why Spay or Neuter My Rabbit? Some Scary Numbers...

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If you are contemplating getting a bunny, it's imperative to spay or neuter your companion for his or her health and longevity. But aside from the individual rabbit's well-being, another factor to consider is just how quickly these prey animals can reproduce, if left to their own devices. More than one rescuer in the U.S. has been faced with the daunting task of trying to find homes for a backyard breeding operation that has gotten horribly out of control.

Most of us are familiar with the estimate that one cat and her offspring have the potential to bear more than 40,000 cats in seven years. But this impressive number pales in comparison to what a rabbit can produce! Here are those numbers, for sharing and scaring.

A single female rabbit can have 1 to 14 babies per litter, but let's be conservative and say that the average litter size is six. We'll also make the assumption (remember, this is all hypothetical) that only half of those are females, and we will calculate the potential fecundity of our bunny population only from these hypothetical three females per litter, since females are the limiting factor in a population when it comes to making babies. We're also assuming no mortality, since we're talking about potential reproduction with no set environmental carrying capacity. (Since a rabbit can easily live seven years and beyond, this isn't unreasonable.)

Rabbit gestation lasts 28-31 days, and because they are induced ovulators, mother rabbits can be impregnated again within minutes of giving birth. This means that mama could, hypothetically, have one litter per month if she is constantly with a male rabbit. (Poor mama!)

If our "starter bunny" begins reproducing at six months of age (again, not an unreasonable estimate), and has babies for seven years, then by the end of the first year:

One mother rabbit x 3 female babies x 12 months = 36 female babies (plus your original mama makes 37) Let's add the new babies to the reproductive population at the beginning of the following year. At that point, their average age would be six months – the time of their first litter. (This works if you consider this to be averaging the new females' reproductive output.) If – starting at the beginning of Year Two – each of the Year One female rabbits produces an average of 3 female offspring per month, then by the

End of Year Two:

37 mother rabbits x 3 female babies x 12 months = 1,332 female babies (plus your original 37 will equal 1,369 total)

End of Year Three:

1,369 mother rabbits x 3 female babies x 12 months = 49,284 female babies (49,284 + last year's 1,369 = 50,653 total)

End of Year Four:

50,653 x 3 x 12 months = 1,823,508 female babies (1,823,508 + last year's 49,284 = 1,872,792 total)

End of Year Five:

1,823,508 x 3 x 12 months = 67,420,512 female babies (67,420,512 + last year's 1,872,792 = 69,293,304 total)

End of Year Six:

69,293,304 x 3 x 12 months = 2,494,558,944 female babies (2,494,558,944 + last year's 69,293,304 = 2,563,852,248 total)

Year Seven:

2,563,852,248 x 3 x 12 = 92,298,716,930 female babies (92,298,716,930 + last year's 2,563,852,248 = 94,862,569,180!)



Photo: Ben Zucker

River and Dale (see *Thump*, February 2017) are the parents of these eight kits. The parents and kits have all found forever homes.



Photo: Emma Zucker

The pileup of baby bunnies is the litter of River and Dale at around five or six weeks.

That's nearly 95 billion female rabbits in seven years!

Remember that we haven't even included the males. On average, there should be as many males born in each litter as females. We didn't include them in the multiplication, since "it takes two to tango." But each year, as many males as females are born. So that adds up to another...

Year Two: 1332

Year Three: 49,284

Year Five: 67,420,512

Year Six: 2,494,558,944

Year Seven: 92,298,716,930

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Why Spay or Neuter?

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Add that to the females, and it means that first mama and her female descendants will have produced 184,597,433,860 rabbits in seven years...

...all of whom will need a home!

You can see why people use the phrase “reproducing like rabbits.” This amazing capacity for reproduction is the main defense *Oryctolagus cuniculus* has against extinction, since they have so many predators in the wild.

Photo: Laura George



Best Friends' "Great Bunny Rescue" of 2006.

Since unspayed rabbits generally have a shorter lifespan than unspayed cats, it might be unrealistic to expect a female to live a full seven years if she's reproducing at that rate. Even so, the descendants of that initial female, reproduction left unchecked, are quite capable of bringing that number into the millions in only a few years. (Darwin was right.)

Do the bunnies of the world a favor: Have your companion rabbit spayed or neutered.



Rabbits have an amazing capacity for reproduction. This is their main defense against extinction.

Photo: Nadine Heidinger



Salt&Pepper (mom) and her babies Chevron, Stitch, Chequer and Batik.

Help! My bunny's sick and I can't reach my vet!

by Mary E. Cotter, Ed. D., in consultation with Gil Stanzione, D.V.M.



I. Broken or bleeding toenails

If your bunny has broken a nail, or if you have cut too close to the blood vessel, apply pressure with a clean towel for a couple of minutes, til the bleeding stops. If you like, you can use styptic powder (available in drug stores), plain flour, or even a bar of soap rubbed on the end of the nail to help stop the bleeding. If the nail breaks off right at the base, clean the area thoroughly with Nolvasan (you can get it through your vet), and apply a thin coat of regular triple antibiotic ointment, such as Neosporin (not Neosporin Plus, or any other product that contains cortisone!!!) Try to keep your bunny in as clean an environment as possible til you can see your vet -- to prevent dirt from contaminating the injury site. Be sure to see your vet for followup care to this second kind of break, since bacterial infection can travel to the bone and cause serious problems.

II. Broken bones

Take your bunny to any emergency clinic, so that the bone can be stabilized til you can see your regular rabbit vet. If the emergency clinic needs to anesthetize your bunny to do xrays or to stabilize the leg, isoflurane is the preferred anesthesia for rabbits. If you cannot get to an emergency clinic, do your best to severely restrict your bunny's movement til you can get to your vet. This will help to prevent further injury. Make sure your bunny has easy access to food and water so that he does not have to move around to get to it.

III. Runny eyes

Runny eyes do not usually constitute an emergency, but if your rabbit sustains trauma to the eye, resulting in a serious corneal scratch or ulcer, you should get veterinary treatment as soon as possible. If you can get to a veterinary emergency clinic, the eye can be stained to assess the damage, and the emergency vet can administer antibiotic drops (usually tribiotic ophthalmic drops) or ointment, to tide you over til you can see you own vet. Do not put any medication into your bunny's eye unless it is given to you by a qualified vet for that purpose. Many people attempt to treat their rabbits' eyes with leftover dog/cat/human drugs, often with disastrous consequences. If your bunny's eye is oozing or sticky (often appearing "glued shut"), you can use warm compresses to loosen the gunk and clean the external area around the eye. Bunnies are usually very appreciative of this effort, and will often tilt their heads to "cooperate" with you.

IV. Anorexia

The most common causes of anorexia are: 1) teeth problems, 2) gas pain, 3) gastrointestinal problems. When you cannot reach your vet, you can attempt to differentiate the cause of your bunny's anorexia by carefully watching his behavior.

a. Teeth problems

Your bunny approaches food -- maybe even picks it up and starts to eat it -- but then backs off or drops the food without finishing it. He seems hungry, but unable or unwilling to eat -- even treats. His activity level is more or less normal. When you rub his cheeks, you might see a pain response from spurs on his upper molars. If the problem is not accurately diagnosed and corrected soon, your bunny may start to exhibit symptoms of gas pain or gastrointestinal problems (see below) -- simply from not eating normally.

What you can do until you get to your vet:

You can force-feed him (canned pumpkin, baby-food veggies, mixed, if possible, with ground pellets or "pellet dust") by using a feeding syringe. You can give him subcutaneous fluids. If he develops gas from not eating properly, follow the suggestions below.

b. Gas pain

Your bunny is sitting hunched and still. In some instances, he may stretch out fully, giving the appearance that he is trying to press his belly to the floor. You offer him treats, and he is totally uninterested. Sometimes (though not always) you can hear very loud "gurgling" sounds coming from his belly -- even from across the room. In fact, his gut sounds, heard through a stethoscope, can be deafening. You may hear loud tooth grinding -- a sure sign of pain (this sounds quite different from the soft grinding that indicates pleasure; it can sometimes be heard clear across a room). His stomach may (or may not) feel overly-stretched and taut. A bunny with gas pain often has a low body temperature (e.g. 97; normal is 101-103).

What you can do until you get to your vet:

Take his temperature!! If his temp is lower than normal, warm him up! You can do this by offering him a wrapped hot-water bottle or a heating pad, set on low -- as long as the wire is well-protected so he cannot chew it, and as long as he can easily move off the heating pad if he gets too warm. (WARNING: Heating pads can cause severe burns and injury when misused. Some vets, who see these injuries frequently, discourage the use of heating pads altogether for this reason. Do not use any setting other than "low" for your rabbit. The pad may not feel warm to you, but it will to your rabbit!!) You can also warm him with your own body heat: hold him in your arms, close to your body, for extended periods of time (an hour, or even longer). Give him Phazyme (pediatric simethicone) -- two or three 1-cc doses, one hour apart. Give him frequent and long (10 - 15 mins., or as long as he will tolerate) tummy massages, at least part of which can be with his hindquarters raised. Take his temperature periodically to monitor the effects of your efforts to warm him. Whatever else you do, fuss over him. There is ample anecdotal evidence (from many HRS fosterers and others) to suggest that bunnies who are "fussed over" do better than those who are not. You can also give subcutaneous fluids, as instructed by your vet -- around 30 cc for a two pound rabbit, 50cc for a four pound rabbit -- two or three times a day -- til you can get to your vet. Sub-Q fluids will help to keep him well-hydrated. You can warm the sub-Q fluids by putting the bag into a pan of water, bringing the water to a boil, and "cooking" the fluid bag for several minutes. Test the temperature on your wrist before administering the fluids. Lukewarm is best.

c. Gastrointestinal problems

Very similar in presentation to gas pain: your bunny sits in a "bread-loaf" position, unwilling to eat and often unwilling to move. His fecal production will change: his stool will become much smaller in size or he will stop producing stool altogether. His body temperature will usually drop. There may be either loud gut sounds, or an almost total absence of gut sounds through a stethoscope.

What you can do until you get to your vet:

Follow suggestions for addressing gas pain (above): warmth, belly massage, gas-relief if necessary, subcutaneous fluids. For further information, please read the document on GI stasis available at:
<http://fig.cox.miami.edu/Faculty/Dana/ileus.html>

WARNING: If there is any chance your bunny has a GI blockage, do not attempt to force-feed him! This will only make the problem worse. Your most important job is to monitor his body temperature, and to keep him as comfortable and as well-hydrated as you can til you can see your regular bunny vet.

V. Head tilt

Your bunny loses his balance, and his head starts twisting toward the ceiling; he looks like something out of "The Exorcist." He is dizzy, unable to regain coordination. If he tries to walk or hop, he falls over and starts rolling around. In some cases, his eyes dart back and forth very rapidly, and the iris appears to be almost "vibrating."

What you can do until you get to your vet:

PAD YOUR BUNNY'S ENVIRONMENT!!! Your main job til you can get to your vet is to prevent your bunny from hurting himself while he's seriously uncoordinated and/or rolling. Prepare a box (or other carefully restricted environment) for him, thickly padded with towels or fake sheepskin. The idea is to provide him with a totally cushioned and absorptive environment that will restrict his rolling and uncontrolled movements til he can get full treatment. A head-tilt presentation can be very frightening for owners. Many dog-and-cat vets will tell you that a head-tilt bunny should simply be euthanized. The experience of many excellent rabbit vets, however, has shown that, with a dedicated owner (treatment may extend over a period of months) and a bunny who is a "fighter," head tilt can be treated very satisfactorily, and many (if not most) bunnies can make a full, or close-to-full, recovery. NB: Head-tilt bunnies often continue to have lusty appetites, but their lack of coordination makes it very difficult for them to eat or drink. Help your bunny to eat or drink in any way you can: hold the water bottle near his mouth, or carefully syringe water into him through the side of his mouth (watching to make sure he is not aspirating it!), hold his food (vegetables, hay) for him, and offer it piece by piece, etc.

VI. Severe diarrhea

"Diarrhea" is not the same thing as soft, mushy stool, that sticks to a bunny's butt (this is usually excess cecal production). It is brown, watery discharge, which is often profuse. The bunny may be limp and very weak. Because it causes such rapid dehydration, diarrhea can be life threatening. If you can get to a veterinary emergency clinic, your bunny can receive subcutaneous fluids. If there is no such clinic near you, please ask your vet now -- before an emergency arises -- to teach you how to administer fluids at home. This kind of diarrhea is generally the result of parasites (coccidia) or inappropriate antibiotics administered by well-meaning (but not well-informed) vets. See your own rabbit-savvy vet as soon as possible for proper diagnosis and followup treatment.

VII. Bites

Bunnies often inflict serious bites on one another, if they are not properly "bonded." Bacteria introduced into the bite wound can travel through the bloodstream and "seed" other body areas, eventually producing abscesses. For this reason, you should definitely ask you vet to check any but the most superficial bites. **WHAT YOU CAN DO TIL YOU GET TO YOUR VET:** If there is serious bleeding, apply pressure til a clot forms. Gently wash the area around the bite wound with Nolvasan (chlorhexidine) solution. Apply a very thin layer of regular Neosporin (triple antibiotic ointment); do not use Neosporin Plus! If the bites are extensive, try to get to an emergency veterinary service. The emergency vet can clean and dress the wounds. Most bunny bite wounds can be treated by shaving the hair and applying topical ointment and dressing until you can see your regular vet. If the emergency vet feels systemic antibiotics should be administered because of the extent of the bites, make sure that oral penicillins and derivatives (such as amoxicillin) are not used. Micotil and cephalosporins should also be avoided. Some bunny-friendly antibiotics: Baytril (and other fluoroquinolones, such as Ormax, Dicural, Ciprofloxacin, Maxaquin), Trimethoprim Sulfa (aka: Sulfatrim, Bactrim, Tribriksen, TMP-SMZ), chloramphenicol (take extreme care not to touch it when administering it; it can cause aplastic anemia in some people), Gentocin (and other aminoglycosides -- though these need to be used carefully to prevent ear and kidney damage). Although penicillin is not ordinarily a drug of first choice for most bunny ailments, injectable Pen-G Procaine can be very useful for specific kinds of problems.

VII. Sudden fever

If your bunny spikes a sudden, very high fever (we have seen fevers as high as 106 or 107 -- literally off most thermometers), cool him down by swabbing his ears with alcohol or wet-towel-wrapped ice cubes. You can also dip your fingers into ice water, and gently stroke his ears for several minutes at a time. Try to get his temperature down to around 104 (normal is 101-103), i.e., a fever that is useful to his body, rather than harmful. Extra cooling can be achieved by taking chilled cans or frozen vegetable boxes from your refrigerator, wrapping them in towels, and packing them around your bunny. Administer subcutaneous fluids as soon as possible, as instructed by your vet. See your vet, ASAP, for a thorough examination, diagnosis, and followup.

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.

Bunny speed dates can be arranged by appointment only. 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 rabbitrescueandrehab.org, www.longislandrabbitrescue.org and the House Rabbit Society main site, www.rabbit.org.

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

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Pippi and Dashie.

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

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