

House Rabbit Network
Volunteers Meeting
HRN Shelter, Billerica, MA
May 5, 2013 1 pm.

Adoptions

60 adoptions so far this year

Fundraisers

Amazon: We have a link to shop at Amazon which will give a percentage of the sales to HRN.

Goodsearch: We receive a penny for each search done on their site

Affiliates page: A list of companies which give a percentage of sales to HRN

PetSmart Charities: We received a grant for \$5000 to go towards medical bills and supplies.

Flatbread: Dinner benefit night set for Sept 24. Donation requests and solicitation letters will start going out in June.

Fundraising Ideas:

Bowling Fundraiser, Chunky's, Yard Sale/Flea Market, Bunny Love (Easter), Ultimate Competition (Frisbee/DodgeBall), Mini Golf or Indoor Golf.

Education Events

Diane is always looking for help with education events. We get more requests than we can fill. Lots of calls from PetCo and PetSmart stores.

HRN Hotline

Sarah is in good shape with volunteers. Jenny and Michelle are interested in starting with the Hotline which will help with vacations and people traveling etc. All in all is well with the Hotline. Sarah T. sent out a message recently about bunny descriptions and info needing to be updated which was great.

Just to echo her email, it's really tough for the hotline volunteers to match potential adopters if the information is incorrect. Sometimes a bun sounds perfect for what an adopter is looking for and then we find out from the foster home that the information is outdated or inaccurate. So a reminder in that area would be great.

Bunny Sitting

This is a large fundraiser for us, often bringing in a few thousand dollars each year.

Easy for volunteers to do, we ask for \$10/day for a single bun and \$13 for a bonded pair. Jenny is always looking for more volunteers for that.

HRN Foster Committee

Sarah T. and the committee have been busy lately. We have recruited 8 new foster homes since the beginning of this year, bringing the foster home total to 35. Two foster homes are closing this month but I just set up a new one today and there are 2 more potential homes that we are talking with. So far we have had 57 adoptions and 60 intakes. We have several litters of baby bunnies that will need to be split up over the next 6-8 weeks so we will need foster homes willing to take some young bunnies. Also if foster homes can please remember to update pictures and write ups of their bunnies every few months that will help these bunnies get adopted.

We also have several updated documents that are useful to foster homes including new procedures for intakes and adoptions. I have emailed them to everyone via the HRN Foster Group and they are available on the members site as well. In addition we are now requiring all potential foster homes to fill out an online application and have a phone interview before they are given a foster rabbit. If anyone has room to take another foster or has any questions for the foster committee please have them email us at foster@rabbitnetwork.org.

Bunny Hop

The Bunny Hop upcoming in August.

Newsletter

Alana, Sadie and Kasey are working on it.

Shelter

Address: do not publicize but the address is listed on Google and the phone number is in the yellow pages.

We want to prevent dumps and would have security concerns. Visits and bunny meet/greets are still by appointment only.

We have around 50 volunteers but help is always needed for shifts and adoption appointments etc. We have adopted out 22 bunnies from the shelter so far.