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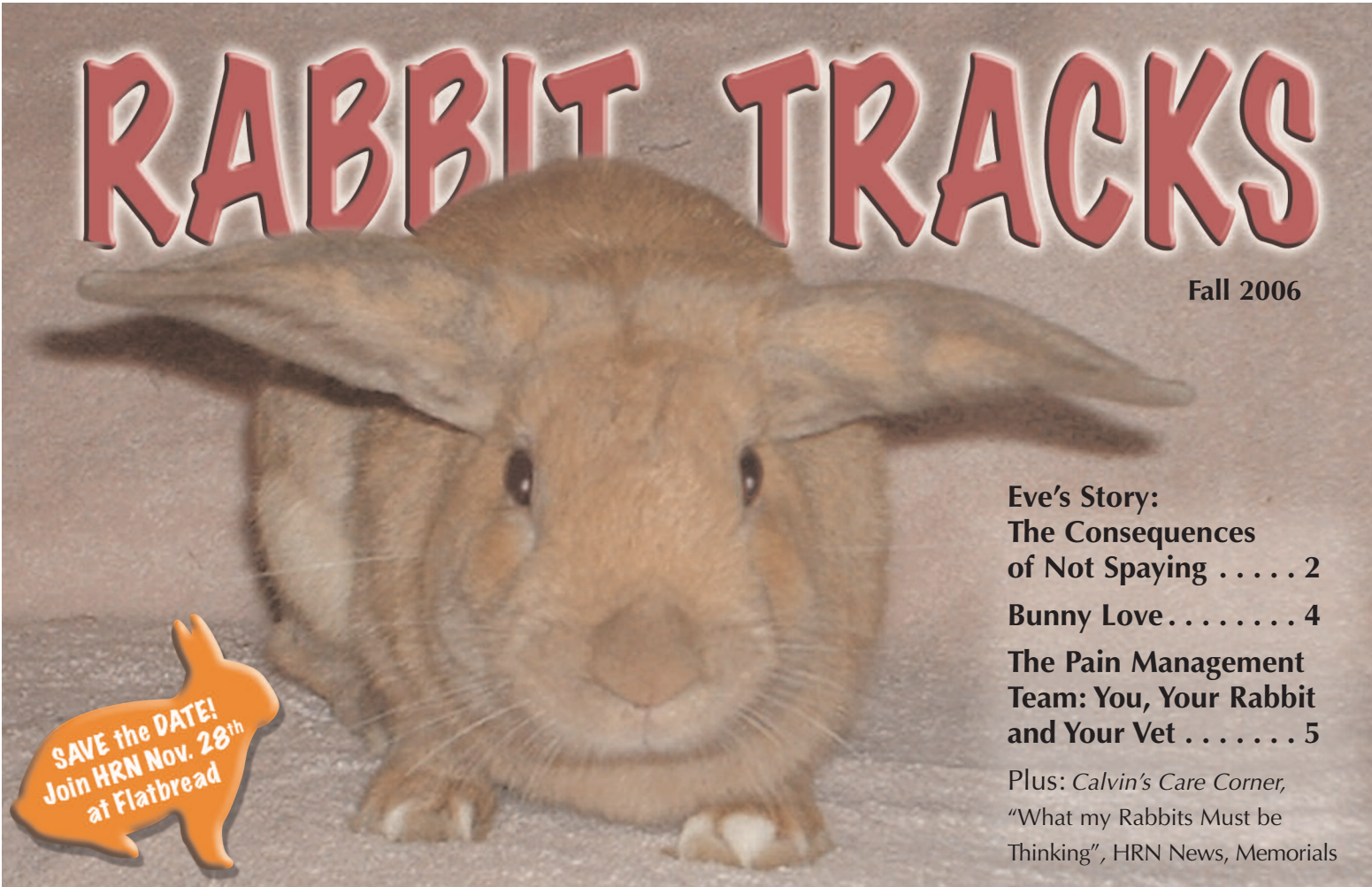
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# Eve's Story: The Consequences of Not Spaying

by Rachel Cama-Lekx

On a typical evening last November, I returned home quite late from a rehearsal and sat down on the couch to unwind. I looked over at my Dutch mix rabbit, Eve, who was sitting in her two-level condo, having not yet been given her nightly run in our living room. "Evvie! Want to go out?" I said. Strangely, instead of perking her ears up and fanatically running around her condo, she just sat there. I feared that something wasn't right. I decided maybe she might like a treat. Skipping to her condo I yelled, "Treats, Eve, treats!" but she didn't move. I opened the cage and placed the treat in front of her nose and she turned her head away and closed her eyes. Eve was never picky when it came to treats. Finally, I did something I knew she would hate. I picked her up. She didn't fuss; she didn't even seem to care. Her body felt like jelly and her usual athletic muscles were now soft. I noticed her breathing was heavy. "Peter, something is wrong with Eve," I said. After a quick call to Angell Memorial, which I knew had after-hours emergency care, we put Eve in her carrier and got in the car.

It was 1:30AM when Eve was finally examined by an emergency vet who knew little about rabbits. He said that we would need to leave Eve overnight, as her refusal to eat was an emergency situation. I was very upset at this point, but I agreed to leave her. Eve had never been sick,

so I didn't know what to do. As we were about to leave the exam room I said to the vet, "We do know her exact age...she is four and a half years old. Also, in case it matters, she is not spayed."

That's right. Eve was four and a half and had not been spayed. And no, she was not a recent adoption; in fact, I adopted her at the age of ten weeks from a farm in Central Pennsylvania. Eve had been my best friend for nearly five years, which was longer than the time I had known my husband! She was definitely a spoiled bunny. I knew from my experiences with my family's rabbit, Portia, that rabbits did not belong in hutches outdoors (this was according to my mother, who made sure we treated all of our childhood pets properly). Eve was fed an excellent diet, given ample time out of her two-level condo and showered with affection from my husband and me. But she was never spayed.

I had first heard of the concept of spaying or neutering rabbits when Eve hit her "teens" in 2001. At the time, I lived alone in a studio apartment with Eve. Each morning around 5AM, Eve knew it was time to wake me up...so, she chewed on her cage bars, rattled her dishes, bounced around, and dug litter out of her litter box. The only thing

that stopped this behavior was for me to get out of bed and play with her for a good long time. Being that I was college student, 5AM was not my idea of morning...it was very much still night! I tried everything to change this behavior including more toys for Eve and earplugs for me. It was suggested on the House Rabbit Society website that spaying could curb this behavior. Although spaying such a small animal did not sound safe to me, Eve and I were off to the vet so I could ask about this procedure.

The rural Central Pennsylvania vet's response to my inquiry was that yes, I could get her spayed and it might improve her behavior, but why do that? She is perfectly



*Eve is one lucky bun and much healthier now that she is spayed*

healthy, seems happy and the vet was sure her behavior would improve as she got older. She was

an affectionate, wonderful rabbit and why do an invasive operation that was not necessary? I had read stories about unspayed female rabbits getting uterine cancer. The vet assured me that the incidence of uterine cancer was really quite low and compared with the risk of surgery on rabbits, I shouldn't be thinking about any sort of surgery. I decided I shouldn't get Eve spayed.

Eve's behavior did improve and we started to live together more harmoniously. I was still encountering websites that spoke of the importance of spaying, so, when Eve was almost two years old, I sought a second opinion: the trusted vet that my family had used throughout my childhood. This vet said something very similar to the first...why would I want to get Eve spayed?

I know what you are thinking at this point. Perhaps these vets were not exotics specialists? They were, in fact! According to both of these veterinarians spaying rabbits was just not safe. Also, my family's rabbit Portia was, at this time, a healthy, unspayed eight-year-old. This assured me that I had made the right choice for Eve.

Now, fast-forward to last November, two years after my move to Massachusetts. After an anxious night with no rest, an exotics specialist from Angell Memorial called with an update on Eve's condition. Apparently, Eve had started eating again after some intensive care. The vet told me that Eve's uterus was enlarged and asked if I was sure she was not pregnant. Yes, I was sure. She is a

single rabbit living alone. The vet then told me that Eve's symptoms almost certainly equaled uterine cancer. She had stopped eating due to pain. In fact, it was likely that the cancer had metastasized and spread to Eve's other organs. If this was the case, nothing could be done for her.

I was devastated. For most of Eve's life, I had a sneaking suspicion that spaying might actually be important, but I had always put it out of my mind with the evidence of a happy, healthy rabbit. However, the vet, who put the blame for this mistake solely on me, said Eve might die.

But, Eve was very lucky. After extensive testing, blood work, radiographs and exams, it was determined that Eve was actually a good candidate for a normal spay surgery. Her cancer had not spread and was confined to her uterus. I was allowed to take her home and make sure she was eating and gaining strength. Her surgery was scheduled two weeks later.

Getting any rabbit spayed is nerve-racking, but this was extremely difficult for me. At no time through this entire ordeal was I assured I would have a happy, healthy rabbit when it was over. The vet told me that most rabbits make it through surgery safely but Eve's tissue was already cancerous and there were great risks. However, again, we were quite blessed. Eve did well in surgery and I picked her up the next day. She sulked in her cage for two days, often only eating greens that I personally handed to her, but she was soon "bouncing off the walls" as usual. She handled

the entire event like a strong, mature and composed "woman".

If this story is not enough scare you into spaying your rabbit, maybe the following information will. Just so you know exactly what we were dealing with here, I ordered Eve's tissue to be examined at a lab. Eve had two types of aggressive cancer throughout her entire uterus. The lab noted that the cancers had not invaded other tissues and that they appear to have been entirely removed, but that periodic monitoring is needed (Eve has not had any problems).

Are you on a tight budget? The financial strain of getting a rabbit spayed later in life is also not something I would wish on anyone. Additional testing, appointments and precautions were quite expensive ...and I can't even express how many sacrifices my husband and I had to make to get Eve well.

All in all, I cannot stress this enough; get your rabbit spayed, as soon as you can! You don't want to go through the emotional turmoil of waiting like I did. There are so many advantages to having a spayed rabbit. In fact, after Eve was spayed, her litter box skills went from very good (she used the litter box for urine 100% of the time and droppings about 80% of the time) to excellent...she is now perfectly litter-trained. She also stopped displaying the typical false pregnancy symptoms of pulling her fur out. So, yes, behavior can change at a later age. Probably the best thing that has happened to Eve since her spay is the adoption of her friend Dorian. Rabbits must

be spayed or neutered if they are to have a partner, so we had never considered another rabbit. In March, we adopted Dorian from HRN; a small white dwarf rabbit with some aggression problems. Eve and Dorian bonded very quickly. Eve had always wanted a boyfriend, we suspected, and we were now able to help out by adopting a bunny who was having a hard time finding the right home. They are inseparable and Dorian's constant energy keeps Eve happy and young.

The fact that two exotics veterinarians in rural Pennsylvania didn't know accurate and current information about spaying is definitely a problem. These vets and their clients, the rabbit owners, do not mean any harm, they were simply uneducated about the importance of spaying. Thankfully, I believe that the idea of spaying and neutering rabbits is not as foreign now as it was in 2001. It is important that we not judge people who have not had their rabbits spayed

or neutered. Like me, many of them love their rabbits very much...so much that they don't want to put their best friend through surgery that they believe is too risky. Let's be sure to tell them that their rabbit will be fine and will be much happier after this routine surgery. After all, my proof is that I have a healthy, energetic five-year-old rabbit doing binkies in my living room.



## Bunny Love

by Lisa Arrigo

About a year ago, my six year old son began begging for a pet bunny.

Although we have several pets - ranging from dogs to guinea pigs to turtles - I had never considered adding a companion rabbit to our household. I thought bunnies were cute of course, but my knowledge of them was limited. For example, I did not know they could live indoors - I thought they needed to be outside in hutches.

While volunteering in my son's Kindergarten class last November, I was included in "circle time". Each child around the circle had to reveal his or her "holiday"

wish. When it was my son's turn, before he could even speak his entire class said in unison "Brad



*Dorian a.k.a. "The Ladies Man".*

wants a bunny!" My heart melted: I was so moved that all his classmates knew how much he wanted a bunny. I decided it was research

time. I discovered the House Rabbit Network online and started reading their literature, as well as the profiles of bunnies available for adoption. There was an adorable bonded pair I decided we would adopt. When I eventually spoke with HRN, I answered their questions as honestly as I could and was looking forward to meeting the bunnies.

On the way to my bunny introduction, I was a little nervous. I realized that I had no idea what to expect. The minute "foster mom" Lorna opened the door my fears subsided. In fact, I wished I was one of her foster bunnies! Caring and loving, her home had an incredibly positive feeling about it. She explained

that she wanted me to spend a little time with each bunny because sometimes people become set on a rabbit on the website whose personality may not be a good match. So I went in with an open mind. The two I came to see were running around playing and they were so cute and fluffy that I decided they were definitely coming home with me. Then I looked up, and my heart stopped. There he was, looking at me shyly from his cage, all black and white and adorable. Huge eyes pleaded: "Hi, I am shy, but please try holding me". Lorna let me know that this was Dorian and let me hold him. I was a goner - I knew he was the one the second he tucked his little head under my arm, all shy. Two years before I had lost my beloved German Shepherd, Reba, and although we have many pets - all of whom I love dearly - I had kept my heart somewhat to myself. I just was too sad. At that moment holding Dorian, however, my heart opened up and I knew we were destined to be together.

Dorian came home with me the week before Christmas and quickly

earned the nickname "The Ladies Man". We look forward to our special time together after the kids have gone to bed and the house is quiet. He watches TV with me and I read while he lies on my lap. Kisses are his specialty. If I am busy and delay coming to get him, he starts thumping very loudly to let me know this is his time. He lets me read only if I continue to pet - otherwise the book gets flung by his teeth on the floor.

In April we adopted another beautiful bunny under Lorna's wonderful foster care. "Dottie" arrived home with us on Easter Weekend. She wasn't an Easter present, the timing just worked out that way. My daughter and Dottie have become the best of friends. The "ladies" enjoy spending time together reading or just playing ball. As for my son, he

loves that we have two bunnies, and even has a "bunny" club going with his friends. I am not sure what they do besides eat, but they are having fun.

My experience with HRN has been an extremely pleasant one. These little bunnies have brought such positive changes in our lives. It feels so good to share my heart again. My advice is that if you have been holding on to a piece of your heart, please consider opening it up to bunny in need of a home - you won't be sorry.



*Dottie has now found a forever, loving family.*

## The Pain Management Team: You, Your Rabbit, and Your Vet

by Astrid Kruse, DVM

Rabbits, despite their strong personalities and definite opinions, are sensitive and delicate creatures. Any painful problem can cause a cascade of stress and lack of appetite that, if not addressed, will lead to more severe illness. Identifying and

treating any discomfort is an important obligation of any rabbit caretaker. With any illness or injury, such as GI stasis, trauma, bladder/kidney stones, or dental disease, or with any surgical procedure, you and your veterinarian will need to discuss pain management.

Bunnies generally do not flaunt their pain by crying or fussing like humans or dogs and cats. Their prey personality encourages them to hide pain, and not attract the attention of a potential predator; even living in our homes as our friends, rabbits will not lose that prey mentality that is the core of

their being. Instead of calling attention to themselves, most suffering rabbits will sit quietly and not move much. Often they are hunched. Some grind their teeth. Although they need comfort and help, they are hard-wired not to seek them out. You are your rabbit's advocate - if your rabbit seems in pain, find a knowledgeable rabbit vet and start problem solving.

The types of pain are visceral (gut) pain and somatic (local) pain. Visceral pain in rabbits is often secondary to gastrointestinal distension - a vague bloating pain is caused by excess gas or food that is not moving through the guts at a normal pace, causing the intestines and stomach to dilate. Remember that rabbits cannot vomit to relieve this type of pain, and if you've ever eaten too much or had a stomach bug you can imagine how terrible they feel. Somatic pain, like from a surgical incision or musculoskeletal injury, is local and stabbing. Sometimes there seems to be a mix of pain, like when a bladder stone causes uncomfortable bladder distension but also local pain from rubbing the lining of the bladder raw.

Two main classes of drugs are used to manage pain: opioids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Opioids, like morphine, are powerful at raising the threshold for pain. They can also be sedating, which is helpful before anesthesia or if moving around could worsen the injury. A common side effect in rabbits is slowing down of intestinal motility (GI stasis) - therefore, the risks and benefits of using opioid

medications need to be carefully assessed by your vet (even though opioids may slow the intestines, they are still used to control the pain of stasis). The most commonly used opioid is buprenorphine (Buprenex), which is an injectable drug and very useful for everything from surgical pain to visceral pain due to stasis. Butorphanol (Torbutrol) is injectable or sometimes used orally and is best for mild pain. Opioids are controlled substances, meaning that your vet needs a DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) license to have them, with strict rules on dispensing and record-keeping. NSAIDs, as per their name, decrease inflammation and the actual pain signals from injured tissue. Meloxicam (Metacam), caprofen (Rimadyl), and ketoprofen are all frequently used and very effective at controlling especially somatic (local) pain. These medications can be toxic to the kidneys at high doses and in the dehydrated patients, so caution needs to be used. The best pain management results from using a combination of opioids and NSAIDs, attacking and modifying the pain at both its source and how it is processed. Your vet needs to carefully assess risks, and treat the pain fully while not over-medicating and causing harmful side effects; this is often a delicate balancing act.

Along with drugs, more holistic therapies are also central to modifying the perception of pain and bringing comfort to the patient. Massage can help relieve pain, and there are cases of GI stasis in which the best medical treatment makes no difference until abdom-

inal massaging is started. Applying heat can help with abdominal pain, and both heat and cold can be therapeutic for injuries. Acupuncture is being used in rabbits to treat chronic pain conditions like arthritis and kidney stones. And never forget that comforting the sick bunny with petting, kissing and whispered words of encouragement is key - love is very strong medicine!

In the Dark Ages of veterinary medicine, pain medications were used mainly as a tool to keep the patient immobile long enough to perform the technical aspects of surgery. Now there is a clear understanding of the ethical obligation to identify and manage all types of pain. Assess your vet in part by how s/he addresses pain - pain management should be central to your rabbit's treatment plan. Your responsibilities are to recognize the pain in your rabbit, help your vet by bringing problems to his/her attention early and providing feedback on how you think your rabbit is responding, give medications as directed and provide the love and support your bunny needs to heal.



## 2006 HRN AWARDS

We present the HRN awards every year at the Bunny Bash. This year's winners were:

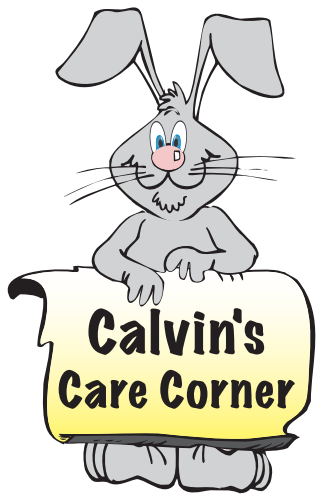
**Rookie of the Year: Liz Orenstein.**  
For all her work setting up the blog, helping with Ed Events and fostering.

**Educator of the Year: Tricia Hart.**  
For all the ed events she set up and maintaining the the displays at the stores.

**Volunteer of the Year: Erica Worthington.**  
For fostering all the buns, running the yard sale, catching stray buns and helping with the hotline.

Of course everyone of you deserve an award for helping with HRN. It is a united effort that is really paying off for the rabbits!

**Thank you for all your help.**



## Keeping Hay at Bay

Hello folks!

In this installment of Calvin's Corner, I address the messy issue of hay.

Every bunny slave knows the score: hay is essential for rabbit health. We need to provide our cotton-tailed friends with ample quantities to munch on throughout the day. As we do this, many struggle to stop the hay from spreading everywhere. Is there a way to offer our bunnies the hay they need while confining it to their area? The answer is yes. It's called the Hay Tower\*. Here is how you create one:

**STEP 1:** Get a cheap 8" flower pot. The ones that mums come in are the perfect size. Take the pot to Home Depot and find an

8" cement form tube that fits into the pot. Note that not all 8" tubes are the same so make sure to bring your pot and try it out.

**STEP 2:** Cut a circle out of cardboard to fit inside the flower pot. You want it to fit snugly so that hay does not fill the space below the barrier. This space will not be available to the buns so any hay there will get stale and go to waste.

**STEP 3:** Cut a hole near one end of the tube about an inch or two from the bottom. Don't make the hole too big or your buns will end up IN the tower.

**STEP 4:** Put the cardboard circle in the pot. If you don't have something on top of the hay tower to hold it in place (for example, it can fit snugly under a NIC cube shelf) then you can fill the space under the cardboard circle with litter to weight it. If you do this, you will need to cut a second smaller circle to go in the bottom of the pot to cover the small water holes.

**STEP 5:** Next, fit the cement form in the pot with the hole end nearest the pot.

**STEP 6:** Choose how high you want the tower to be and cut to length. You can use a razor blade to lightly score the sides. Just go round and round and round and eventually it cuts a nice line right through.

**STEP 7:** Cut a top out of cardboard and loosely tie-rape it to the open end of the form (you can use the razor blade to punch a hole just big enough for the tie rap). You need to have a top or your bunnies will end up inside the tower. It's a mystery but somehow they manage this feat!

**STEP 8:** Fill with hay. Pull a little hay out through the hole so the buns quickly learn where it is.

**Give to buns. Voila!  
End of hay woes!**

\*Special thanks to Vyvyan Loh for originally inspiring the Hay Tower and to Jessica Dufrene for providing the instructions!



*8" flower pot with cement form tube fit snugly in. Hole cut in bottom for hay to be pulled out from by rabbit.*



*Cement form tube filled with lots of timothy or other hay. Attached to top is a cardboard circle that will cover the opening of the tube.*



*A lucky house rabbit gets to sample the finished product...Voila!...Hay Tower!!!*

## HRN News

### HRN & Flatbread: Save the Date!

Please join HRN at a special benefit night at Flatbread! A unique restaurant, Flatbread supports community farms by using locally grown organic produce. It also hosts a weekly benefit night: HRN is thrilled to be its chosen charity on **Tuesday, November 28th**.

Flatbread's menu is varied, including delicious flatbread pizzas (with vegetarian and vegan options) and zesty salads. A donation of \$3.50 for every large flatbread purchased (and \$1.75 for a small one) will be made to HRN. So come between 4-9 pm and hang out with your rabbit-loving friends. Eat, chat, and buy some raffle tickets – with prizes any bunny-lover is sure to love.



Flatbread is located at 213 Burlington Road on the Bedford/Burlington line on the corner of Rte 62 and Network Drive. Check out their website at [www.flatbreadcompany.com](http://www.flatbreadcompany.com). Hope to see you there!

### Tufts Open House 2006

On Sept. 9th HRN set up an education table at Tufts Open House in Grafton. It was a huge success, as we passed out almost 100 Bunny Basics and lots of other great articles to help improve the lives of house rabbits (and hopefully some outdoor ones as well). The Education Board and Power Point presentation were big hits with visitors. A number of books, some pins and all of the Buns-in-a-

Box were sold. Thanks to Alan Moyer, Kathy King, Ahsan Enver, & Shannon & Amanda Cail for their help.

### Pet Rock 2006

Thanks to Diane Mayer, Cherryl Reinhardt, Ellie Hulse and Melinda Lawler for helping at Pet Rock. We handed out lots of info and met a lot of house rabbit people, including some potential adopters. HRN won a cash prize of \$131 in a raffle.

### Upcoming Education Events

We hold information booths at various petstores in Eastern Massachusetts and will list the dates and locations on this web site. Please stop by and visit. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have about rabbits and rabbit care. We will have information about adopting rabbits along with rabbits available for adoption. While we have listings of available rabbits, we do not adopt out on site.

- Oct. 21 - **Boston Vegetarian Festival**, Reggie Lewis Athletic Center, Boston, MA 10:00 am-6:00 pm
- Oct. 28 - **PetCo**, Topsfield MA, 12:00 -3:00 pm, Halloween Event

### Goodsearch.com is Good!

Surf the web and generate money for HRN at the same time? It may sound too easy but you can do exactly that by making [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) your internet search engine. Powered by Yahoo, [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) was set up with the mission of helping non-profits raise money. This is done by directing a portion of advertising revenue

### What my Rabbits Must be Thinking

by Karen DeGroat

"I am so cute." "I am so funny."  
 "I am smarter than you thought, eh?"  
 "I am mischievous when you are not looking!"  
 "Happy, happy, joy, joy!"  
 (when they do binkies.)  
 "I am content to rest right here."  
 "I feel like being a show-off."  
 "Here a hair, there a hair,  
 everywhere a hair, hair."  
 "Oh boy, time to clean myself."  
 "I am SO beautiful" "I will dig this!"  
 "I will chew what I want!"  
 "Quiet time now, thank you."  
 "I am so excited." "It's nap time"  
 "I will hide — just when you want  
 someone to see me."  
 "This is MY territory." "I want my food!"  
 "May I lick your hand (groom you)  
 please?"  
 "Where is my treat?" "I like that petting."  
 "I have had enough attention for one day,  
 thank you."  
 "This is mine!" "What's that noise?"  
 "You may give me a great toy, but  
 I really want to play with\_\_\_\_ (you fill  
 in with something inappropriate)."  
 "I will chew your clothes."  
 "I recognize your voice."  
 "I know that means play time."  
 "But, I want my litter box over here!"  
 "You had better not smell like another  
 rabbit or else!"  
 "Put me down right now!"  
 "Is it time for cuddles?"  
 "I want your attention now!"  
 "What is that smell on you?"  
 "No, not nail clipping time-boo hoo!"  
 "Have you been cheating on me?  
 You smell like it."  
 "Yeah, there is my treat!"  
 "If I grunt at you, watch out!"  
 "I want this to smell like me."



to the chosen charities. The process is simple: just log on to [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) and enter House Rabbit Network as your designated charity. From this point on, each time you search the web you will be helping the HRN bunnies. Spread the word!

## HRN partners with Especially for Pets

The House Rabbit Network has been chosen by [Especially For Pets](http://EspeciallyForPets.com) to partner in their new program, [Especially For Pets in the Community: The Adoption Initiative](http://EspeciallyForPets.com). The goal of the program is to promote pets available for adoption, as well as to raise awareness of the work being done by local rescue groups. The company's Medway store will work with HRN through the rest of the year, providing space to publicize our adoptable rabbits, as well as a large bin to collect product donations. A coupon for 10% off all purchases for one month, good at all six Especially For Pets locations, is given to anyone who adopts a



Especially for Pets

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rabbit from HRN for the duration of the program. If you're in the area, stop by the Medway store and show your support!

## 2007 HRN Calendars!



The 2007 HRN Calendars are now ready at Lulu.com. Order it here: <http://www.lulu.com/content/445717> Proceeds benefit all the bunnies in HRN foster care.

## Memorials

**Lucky 10/13/99 - 8/24/06**  
**Cinnamon 3/13/98 - 9/6/06**  
**Bailey 6/3/97 - 10/7/06**



*Quietly in the wind my babies,  
 you didn't make a sound,  
 The angels fluttered in and swept you  
 gently from the ground.  
 If my love could have saved you,  
 You'd still be here with me,  
 Instead I cry, for I wonder what could be.*

My dearest little ones, I know that you are fine, somewhere, some how, I truly believe... I can not imagine that our energies cease to continue on after this world...I open my heart and keep faith in the stories of the Bridge, and I know this is where you are... Lucky, you are reunited with your Honey, playing in the grass, grooming each other and eating all the banana chips you can now...your teeth no longer cause you pain... Cinni, you are now running around, raising "heck" like you did here on earth...your heart is no longer weak...Bailey my baby, your frail little body no longer hurts...it is whole again...it just could not take anymore, even though you still wanted to fight like the brave little bunny you were...for almost 4 long years you fought so hard...it was

unimaginable a little bunny could go through so much and yet still be so brave and live life with the strength and courage that you did... no more medicine, no more baths, no more pain, no more struggling ...for this is the place where pain and hurt does not exist. Be brave

my babies, in your journey to peace, I promise I will see you again someday.

*Love you always, Shannon & Lily*

## Cheyenne: Special Needs rabbit needs a special home!

Cheyenne is a gorgeous black mini-rex. She has soft velvety fur and loves to be petted! Unfortunately Cheyenne is completely blind in her right eye and only has limited vision in her left. We are hoping that she will keep her remaining vision, but we cannot guarantee that. We have been working with her teaching her voice commands so she can understand what is about to happen and not get defensive. Once she feels safe, she is a love! Cheyenne would do best in a home without children and with someone who can work with her limited eyesight. We would love to place her in a home while she still has vision. Could you provide the home for her? She loves to eat her pellets and can be incredibly sweet- taking pets until your hand gets tired!



# Join HRN...or...Please Renew Your Membership

House Rabbit Network is now in its 7th year—and we continue to grow. Through our network of dedicated volunteers and members, we are making amazing strides to improve the welfare of house rabbits everywhere.

Your support can only further our goals, so become a member and get involved.

*Visit our website to find out how to help: [www.rabbitnetwork.org](http://www.rabbitnetwork.org).*

*If you are not already a member, please join HRN!*

*Your membership dollars will go towards rescue and rehabilitation, community outreach and education, and veterinary expenses.*

*Help make a difference in a rabbits life. They're counting on you!*

Contact House Rabbit Network at [info@rabbitnetwork.org](mailto:info@rabbitnetwork.org) or (781) 431-1211.



## House Rabbit Network Membership and Ordering Form

Your membership donation is tax deductible and will be used for medical costs (spays/neuters, vet bills) and education expenses. All members will receive a copy of our newsletter, *Rabbit Tracks*, when it is published. Currently, we are publishing three issues per year.

Memberships run from April 1 to March 31 (donations received in Jan.–March will be credited for the following year). To join, fill out this page and mail it with your check (payable to the House Rabbit Network) to:

**House Rabbit Network  
P.O. Box 2602  
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Choose your membership level:

- Dwarf . . . . . \$ 15.00
- Mini Lop . . . . . \$ 25.00
- New Zealand . . . . . \$ 50.00
- Flemish Giant . . . . . \$ 100.00
- Mix (other) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choose your newsletter delivery preference:

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- Hard copy via U.S. Mail

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of *Rabbit Health in the 21st Century*

2nd Edition  
at \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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