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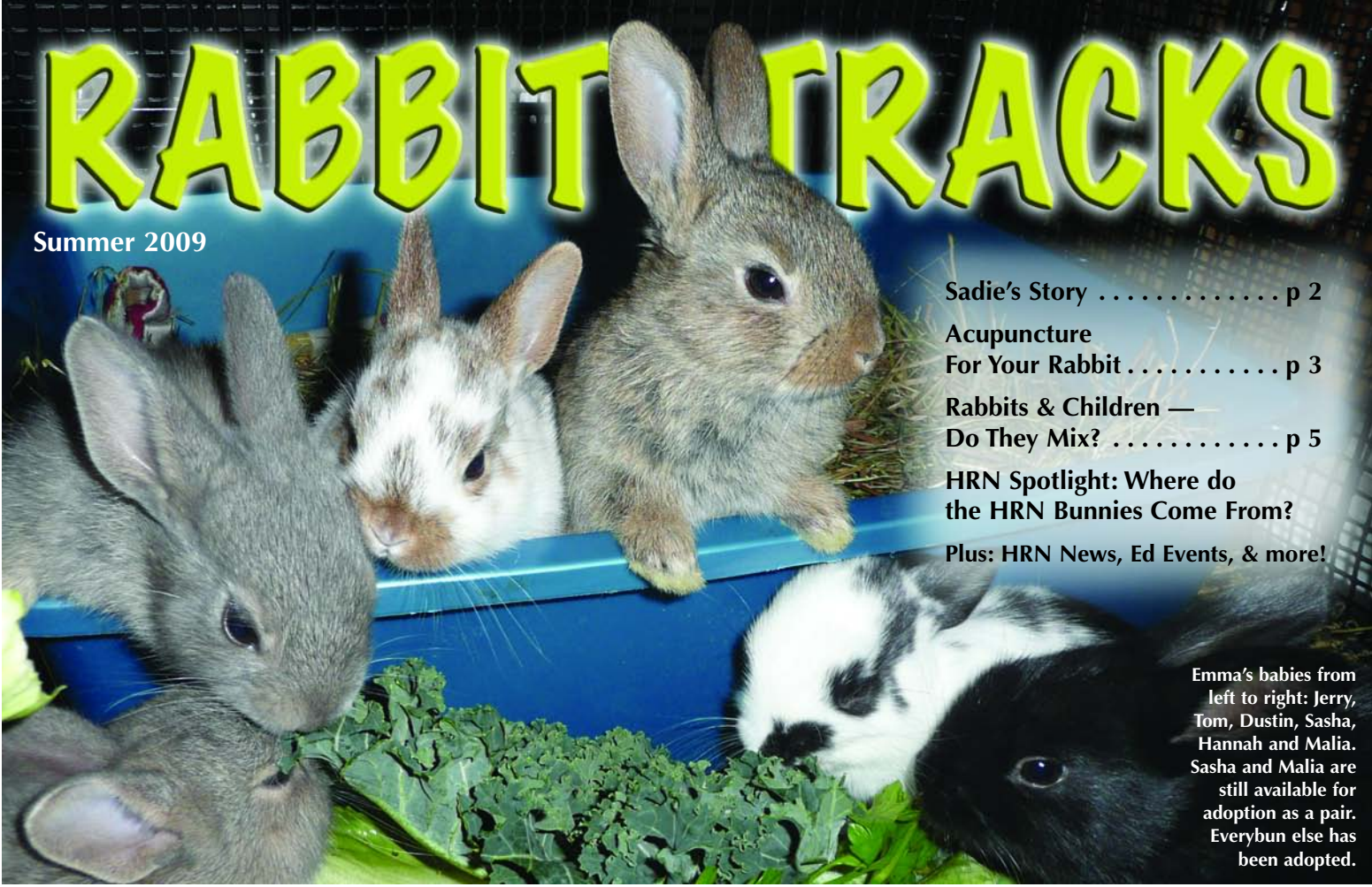
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Emma's babies from left to right: Jerry, Tom, Dustin, Sasha, Hannah and Malia. Sasha and Malia are still available for adoption as a pair. Everybun else has been adopted.

# Sadie's Story

by *Mary Kate Costello*

In November 2008, I adopted Mercedes, "Sadie," from the House Rabbit Network. She bonded very well with my Lionlop, Decklin, and found her niche in no time.

About six months after I adopted her, I noticed her head tilting to the right side and she was unable to move. I was so worried. She and Decklin are two of the most well-fed, well-groomed rabbits I know. Attention is paid to them non-stop. How could this have happened? What could this be?

I took her to Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Jamaica Plain immediately. She was admitted for a severe ear infection and was under nursing care for an entire week. The exotics doctor told me that it was one of the most severe cases they had ever seen, despite the fact that it had come out of nowhere without any obvious symptoms. They tested her for *Encephalitozoon cuniculi* (E. cuniculi) as well; results came back only moderately positive. The neurologist told me that if we didn't see improvements within a week and a half, I might want to consider her quality of life and put her down. I was heartbroken. The thought of having to put my baby Sadie, as I often call her, down upset me to no end. And what would Decklin do without his girlfriend? He is such a companion-loving bun.

After one week in the hospital, the doctors felt there was no more they could do. It was a waiting game from there on. I took her home and continued her antibiotics, syringe feeding and eye drops three times a day on my own, while simultaneously caring for Decklin. It was beyond disheartening

to see her unable to walk due to muscle atrophy from lying down constantly because of the severe vertigo caused by her ear infection, and unable to eat or use her litterbox on her own. Yet Sadie had fight in her. When I got her home, I was nervous that I would see little to no progress, but I was determined to nurse her back to health. My Sadie would never call it quits. Not even when she was physically a vegetable.

On her first night back, with her cage sitting at the end of my bed, I woke up with every movement she made, peeking over to make sure she was comfortable and getting up to readjust her or give her water or eye drops if I felt she wanted them. By the next afternoon, she was showing signs of annoyance with being so sick. She started to stand, determined to get back to her old self. With the syringe of antibiotics in my hand, I sat back in awe. On her wobbly legs, she stood for a moment before rolling back onto her right side. I was shocked. It wasn't easy for her, but it was a sure sign that she was trying. Perhaps there was hope after all.

Every time she tried to stand or walk, wobbling to a different side of the cage, I let her and placed my hands on either side to break her fall. Curious to

see if she would make any other advances toward recovery, I skinned some red grapes, cut them into small pieces and placed them in a petri dish in her cage. She ate them! I knew her sweet tooth would overcome her recent inability to feed herself. I gave her some parsley and she finished that too. She was not giving up. If she could have said something to me, it probably would have been along the lines of, "It's not big, I got this."

I noticed that her right eye, which had been inflamed due to lying on her right side, began opening ever so slightly with each day. I had been giving her eye drops and eye ointment constantly and resting her head on a travel neck brace to keep her eye from rubbing on any cloth in her cage. It helped immensely.

Four days after I brought her home, Sadie stood up more solidly and walked right out of her cage, scurried under my bed to the other side of the room, walked back into her cage with ease and ate some slices of apple and grapes (I figured a bun who had been so sick deserved sweet treats along with her syringe formula). I was



*Sadie (former HRN Mercedes) with her new pal Decklin.*

ecstatic! Not only was she walking, but her head tilt was maybe only ten degrees in severity today. She walked and lay down with ease, able to rest her head upright without her right eye being on the floor. Her right eye was almost completely open and she was blinking. I called Angell's exotic doctor immediately.



*Sadie has recovered almost completely after her ordeal with head tilt and an ear infection.*

At first, the doctor didn't believe me. She was sure Sadie was going to have to be put down within a week. She was joyous on the other end of the phone, telling the nurses the great news (many Angell staff members had assisted in Sadie's nursing). She was glad to hear

that Sadie had made such a tremendous improvement in only four days: walking strongly, eating bits and pieces on her own, cleaning herself, grooming her paws, even her little queeny attitude was resurfacing. Miss Independent was back!

The doctor told me that it's possible that her moderately positive *E. cuniculi* might never present as symptoms since she's recovering so successfully from the ear infection. Like many other rabbits, she may actually be asymptomatic for *E. cuniculi* and only affected by the ear infection. I was told that she is probably going to continue to lead a very fulfilled and happy life, possibly without a residual or significant head tilt.

I'm sharing this story with you because I truly feel that Sadie's story is a miraculous one. Though I was told that her debilitating ear infection had no light at the end of the tunnel, Sadie and I were persistent and confident that it was just a bump in the

road. I was nervous but not willing to give up. Every bun deserves every chance it can get; after seven nights at Angell Memorial, an \$830 vet bill (and still counting, with additional antibiotics to be taken for another month), and returning home for four nights with 24/7 care (I even did all my studying sitting on my bed, so that I could be at Sadie's beck and call), Sadie is on the road to a great recovery.

I am so grateful that I adopted Sadie. Not only was I able to give her the medical care she needed, but I also believed in her enough to help her get well again. Everything truly does work out for a reason.

Sadie and I have grown closer through this entire experience (much to her attention-seeking, adorable little boyfriend Decklin's chagrin). She lets me hold her like a baby while feeding her, lets me pet her (something she hardly ever did before), and lets me pick her up with less of a fight. Although I'm sure her little queeny, independent, "mama" self will be back to its nearly full extent, there will always be a vulnerable little soft spot within her now. She is a blessing and a miraculous, amazing, beautiful, happy rabbit.



## Acupuncture for your Rabbit

by Beth Innis, DVM  
Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist

Acupuncture has been used for thousands of years to treat a variety of conditions. Both people and animals can benefit from this method of treatment, and your rabbit is no exception! While the majority of traditional acupuncture was originally aimed at treating humans and horses,

in the last few decades our small mammals have been recognized as great candidates. As we learn more about the conditions and diseases that affect them, we are finding more conventional medicines and treatments that can assist in their healing. Acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine can be used in addition to these conventional medicines and treatments.



*Wally receiving acupuncture treatment.*

Acupuncture consists of placing fine, sterile needles into very specific locations on the surface of the body. Acupuncture points are based on the anatomy of the body, and for rabbits, they can be extrapolated from our knowledge of the dog and cat. This treatment modality is most closely associated with ancient China and dates back to at least 2500 B.C. We have adapted this ancient medicine to fit our modern medical needs, but a lot of the theory remains unchanged.

Traditional Chinese medicine is a model for health and disease; it is based around the concepts of Qi, Yin and Yang. Qi was understood as an energy or life force that flows throughout the body, through the internal organs and over the surface of the body. On the surface of the body, the Qi flows in very specific channels or meridians. Acupuncture points located on these meridians can help us access this Qi. Yin and Yang are the two opposite forces of the Universe - dark and light, wet and dry, cold and hot. In a healthy person or animal, Yin and Yang are in balance and both are necessary to exist in order to sustain health. When a person or animal is sick, Qi can be depleted, in excess, blocked or otherwise imbalanced; Yin and Yang can also get out of balance, with one depleted and the other in excess. Using acupuncture, we can help the body achieve its balance again and help it heal itself.

As modern medicine unearths more information about human and animal physiology, we are gaining a better understanding of how acupuncture might work on a cellular level. Research indicates that acupuncture



*Wally, former HRN bun Niblet, sits quietly as acupuncture needles stay put during his first treatment.*

might block pain messages, thus reducing the pain an individual feels as a result of many conditions. It can affect inflammation, blood flow, blood pressure, hormone levels, and more. Ongoing research over the next several years will lead to even more information on how acupuncture “really” works.

Common conditions that are treated with acupuncture in rabbits include arthritis, spondylosis (and other painful conditions), gastrointestinal motility disorders, dry eye syndrome, neurological disease, and palliative care for cancer.

It has been my experience that rabbits tend to tolerate acupuncture well. Since they have high metabolic rates overall, they also tend to respond quickly! I usually recommend 6-8 treatments to determine whether acupuncture is effective for any pet,

and weekly treatments to start. We then taper the treatments to determine the longest effective interval.

A typical treatment begins with a physical exam, looking at the rabbit from both the conventional and traditional Chinese medical perspectives. Client and acupuncturist discuss what has been happening with the rabbit at home. Needles are placed and treatments usually last anywhere from 5-20 minutes. The client is present the entire time. Needles are withdrawn and the client and rabbit are free to go!

There are very few side effects from acupuncture. Occasionally, a patient will be tired or sore the day following a treat-

ment, but these patients typically rebound by the day after that. They often get a little sleepy or sedate during the treatment itself. Infection is prevented because only sterile, one-use needles are used.

Acupuncture can be an excellent treatment option for your rabbit, either as a stand-alone treatment or, even better, in conjunction with the conventional treatment they are already receiving. We can use knowledge and practice from all areas of the world to keep your rabbit healthy and comfortable. To learn more about veterinary acupuncture or to find a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist (CVA) near you, visit [www.ivas.org](http://www.ivas.org) or [www.aava.org](http://www.aava.org)



# Rabbits & Children — Do They Mix?

by Suzanne Trayhan

Images abound of children playing with rabbits. You can easily find pictures of a child snuggling with a bunny or playing with one. Often rabbits are considered a good "starter pet" for a child. Many of these preconceived notions are inaccurate. While rabbits can make great family members and often do well in families with children, it is important to understand how they'll interact with a child and to set proper expectations.

With any pet it's helpful to understand common behaviors, and with rabbits there are many misconceptions. If you know what their typical behaviors are, you'll be able to evaluate whether they're the right pet for your family. For example, while rabbits are playful, they do not play interactively the way a dog or cat does. If you want interactive play (such as tossing a ball), then you should choose a different pet. Many families do enjoy watching their rabbits play. Rabbits can be quite playful and entertaining, and seeing them race around a room, do binkies and get excited for treats can bring a lot of joy.

Another common problem is that young children tend to look at rabbits almost as living dolls they can carry around. Since most rabbits don't like being held, and holding a rabbit can be dangerous, you need to make sure your child is not expecting to carry a rabbit around. Some rabbits struggle and scratch if you try to hold them, and then children tend to drop them. Unfortunately, rabbits don't land on their feet well and can easily break

their spines or a leg. You don't want your child to experience this. Children should be taught that they shouldn't pick up a rabbit.

Young children should always be supervised around rabbits and taught when to leave them alone. Bunnies need both quiet time and playtime. There are many people who let their bunnies out of their cages and



*Children and rabbits can do just fine together provided proper expectations and boundaries are set.*

instantly want their rabbits to snuggle with them. Meanwhile, when rabbits that have been cooped up in their cages get out, the first things they want to do are run and play. Teach children to let the buns have some playtime when they first get out of their cage. After they've stretched their legs a bit, they'll likely be more interested in attention from you and your child.

Make sure you set proper expectations before a pet arrives at your home.

This is often a matter of compromise. Saying you shouldn't hold rabbits doesn't mean they don't like attention. Some rabbits will sit next to you on the couch while you watch TV and happily be pet. You can lie on the floor next to your bun and snuggle with them that way. Another compromise is to have your child sit on the floor and place the rabbit in their lap, but when the rabbit hops away, that

has to be okay. Kids often enjoy giving treats to the rabbit, which is another way for them to interact with and give attention to the bun. We also encourage children to sit near the rabbit's cage and read a book out loud. The rabbits enjoy listening and it helps them bond.

Many children beg their parents for a pet. In turn, many parents decide that when their child reaches a certain age, they are "responsible enough" to have a pet of their own. They often think that rabbits are good starter pets, but they really aren't. First off, rabbits live 7–10 years. A child's attention span is shorter than that. Would you ever sign your kid up for 8 years of soccer, karate or piano lessons? You are signing your child up for 7–10 years of owning and caring for a rabbit! This is way too long a commitment to make for your child. Then, when the child becomes a teenager, has a social life or just loses interest, some parents get rid of the rabbit to "teach their child a lesson." How is that a lesson? The teenager is usually fine with getting rid of a pet they don't want to take care of anymore. What they're being taught is that pets are disposable, and

if something is a burden, it's okay to just make it go away.

Many parents will also tell us that they understand that they need to be the primary caregivers. It's essential to know that this involves more than just feeding and cleaning cages. It also means providing love and attention. Rabbits are actually a fair amount of work. Still, they can be a wonderful addition to a household as a "family pet." If the parents are animal people and will love and care for the rabbit too, then this is often a successful placement.

If you decide that a rabbit will make a great addition to your family, the next step is to choose the right rabbit. Rabbits have many different personality types, ranging from shy and timid to outgoing, curious, mellow, aggressive and more. When dealing with young children, it's



***A young child should be taught to interact with a rabbit on the floor and never pick it up.***

important to choose a rabbit that has never shown any aggressive behaviors. We can teach adults how to interact with temperamental buns, but you can't expect that from a five-year-old. Next, you also want an outgoing rabbit that is quite self-assured. There are rabbits that would never hurt your child but are on the timid side. Even well-behaved

children can be noisy, so you want a bun that isn't going to be startled or frightened by this behavior. If you work with a professional organization, they can describe the different personalities and help you choose the right rabbit for your family.

When considering a rabbit as a family pet, it's important to know their expected life span and the care they require so that you can understand the commitment you're making. Knowing rabbits' typical behaviors will help you set expectations for your children – remind them that they must always be supervised with the bun and they should never pick up a rabbit. It's also important to choose the right rabbit for your family, one that is self-assured and hasn't shown any biting behaviors. Under these conditions, rabbits can definitely make a loving, fun addition to a family.



## Where do the HRN Bunnies Come From?



I am often asked on the hotline 'where do the bunnies come from?'. Although tempted, I have never made a snarky remark like "well when a mommy bunny loves a daddy bunny...". It is a good question -- How do the bunnies get to HRN fostercare? Our website has a few mentions of large rescues - law enforcement cases and 'dumps' [into the wild]. Our website also mentions that we do not accept rabbits from the general public. These do not explain fully how a rabbit ends up with HRN.

There are several routes a rabbit might take: Law enforcement/ACO, strays and shelters. The most common of these is the shelter route. As any "bunny person" can attest to - rabbits are a LOT of work and most people don't realize this at the beginning. Once their cute baby bunny begins to require work and the hormones kick in, they find themselves unprepared. Even worse, the rabbit may have been a gift, which means the owner is even less able to care for the rabbit. Generally, these rabbits end up at a shelter because the owner does not know what to do or does not want to spend the money that is necessary to spay/neuter the rabbit,



***Crystal was surrendered to the MSPCA by his former owners due to a new baby in the house. A reason heard all too often, unfortunately for the rabbit.***

which ultimately “fixes” many of the issues the owner is having.

Ending up at a shelter is lucky, considering what some people decide to do with their unwanted rabbit(s). Sometimes people 'release' them into the wild. This is a death sentence and the average lifespan of a domestic rabbit in the wild is less than 48 hours.



***This cutie, Mindy, was adopted and then returned after a few days to a local animal shelter. They claimed she was vicious and biting. The behavior was not observed at the shelter at all, yet it is a common behavior of not being spayed or neutered.***

Not to mention, releasing a domestic rabbit into the wild is a crime in MA, punishable by law, if the person is caught. Craigslist is another risky option. Hopefully, the rabbit will find a good home, but s/he may just end up in the hands of another ill-informed home. If offered for a low price or free (free is not allowed on craigslist anyway), then the rabbit may end up as snake or human food, dog fighting bait, a lab rabbit or worse.



***Mimosa was part of a large scale stray rescue in Norfolk, MA.***

This is the sad reality of a “FREE Small Animal”.

Ok, so now the rabbit is at a shelter - what happens next? Most rabbits are not spayed or neutered

(and often those hormonal behavioral issues are why the rabbit became a nuisance and are surrendered), so they may be spayed/neutered in preparation for becoming 'adoptable'. Supply is far greater than demand for rabbits. Therefore, the rabbit might sit around for a while at the shelter, if lucky. Other times, the rabbit is only given “a certain amount of time”, or if there is a medical issue or the rabbit is deemed “unadoptable” due to looks, such as pink-eyed white rabbits, euthanasia is a grim reality for these little guys.

Sometimes, area rescues such as House Rabbit Network are called to see if we can take the

rabbit. Other times, that call is never made. At any given time, HRN has a “wait list” of sorts. Rabbits come in from law enforcement situations, animal control officers and sur-



***Sugar & Snap were just left on the doorstep of the Animal Rescue League.***

foster home system and are then scheduled for a spay/neuter/vet check, if not already done so. Our foster home

rounding shelters. We try to pull in as many as our foster home space allows, but this is not always the case. We do our best though.

Once we do pull in a rabbit, they enter our



***Newton & Einstein were surrendered to a local shelter because the teenage son lost interest in them. Another common reason for surrender.***

parent(s) then work with the needs of the rabbit, such as socializing, medical care, learning to trust humans again, etc. We provide daily care and TLC for that rabbit until s/he is adopted. Sometimes, this can take up to a year or longer. We have several rabbits in our foster homes now that have been with us for well over a year! Once adopted, hopefully into a “forever home”, another spot opens up and we can pull in yet another rabbit that is in need our of care.

*THIS* is where the HRN bunnies come from.

# HRN News

## Bunny Bash Summer 2009

The 10th Annual HRN Summer Bunny Bash is Sunday, August 16th at 1:00 PM in Wilmington. If you would like to attend please email [info@rabbitnetwork.org](mailto:info@rabbitnetwork.org). The Bunny Bash is a pot luck and everyone brings pictures of their buns and plenty of stories to tell! Join your friends at HRN and celebrate the lives of bunnies!!!

## Petfinder Shelter Challenge

Vote for HRN! Help us win money again this year ! Vote Every Day!

Simply click on this link:

<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/shelterchallenge.faces?siteId=3>

Enter "House Rabbit Network" for the organization and "MA" for the state, and vote for us!



The Animal Rescue Site is awarding \$100,000 in grants to eligible

Petfinder.com member rescue organizations. The grand prize is a \$20,000 grant and there are many more prizes ranging from \$1,000 for weekly winners up to \$5,000 for the runner-up. There will be a winner in every state as well as other grants!

The Petfinder.com rescue organizations with the most votes will win. You can click to help animals at [www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com), and then vote for your favorite participating Petfinder.com shelter. Clicking and voting are free, with no registration required. You can vote once every day during the Challenge, which started on April 13th, 2009.

Sign Up For Daily reminders: Join our email list and each day we will send out a reminder to vote! This is a limited list, no one else may post, and we will only send emails during this (or future) voting contests.

## Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Our annual Yankee Candle Fundraiser continues to be a huge success for us. Thanks to your support we generated \$3,856 in total sales. House Rabbit Network received \$1,477! As a non-profit, donations go directly to paying for spays/neuters, medical bills, and other expenses. We and the bunnies of HRN thank you!



## Giggles Night!

On April 30, we had our first comedy night fundraiser. It was held in Saugus at the Giggles Comedy Club. It was a great night, hanging out with so many bunny people, as well as non-bunny people. There were a total of 74 tickets sold and 60 people showed up for the event. We raised a total of \$1165 and one lucky person won tickets to a Red Sox Game! Thank you for joining us.

## Upcoming Ed Events

We hold education events at various locations in Eastern Massachusetts. All dates and locations are on our web site at [www.rabbitnetwork.org](http://www.rabbitnetwork.org). Please stop by to visit, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about rabbits and their care. Information about adoption, along with a listing of rabbits currently up for adoption, will also be available. We do not adopt out on-site.

- June 13, Pet Thingz, 244 Great Rd, Littleton, MA 12 PM - 3 PM
- June 27, Pet Supplies Plus, Burlington, MA 12 PM - 3 PM
- July 25, Animal Spirit, 2348 Mass Ave, Cambridge, MA 12 PM - 3 PM
- Sep 13 - Pet Rock Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, MA 12 PM - 5 PM
- Sept 20, Purr-fect Cat Shelter Pet Walk, Norfolk County Agricultural High School, Walpole MA, 10 AM - 3 PM

## Easy & Free Donation Options

Shopping Online:

<http://www.igive.com> and <http://www.goodshop.com>

Searching the Internet:

<http://search.igive.com> or <http://www.goodsearch.com>

For all of the above, simply register with their site, and follow their instructions. Presently, <http://search.igive.com> gives \$.02 per search. While that sounds small, it really adds up over time and HRN benefits!

## Shaws and Star Market Donation Program

This is an easy and free way to support HRN. Just register your card online and a percentage of your purchases on Tues, Wed and Thurs will be donated to HRN. To sign up for the program, go to <http://www.shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards>. Click on the link for Shoppers, enter your rewards card number and phone number. Next, click on My Account, then Add an Organization, enter HRN's number 49001018209.

If you don't have our





number handy, you can click on "Find an Organization". Just enter "Woburn, MA" for the city and state. Click Add, and then click on My Account to verify that you see HRN listed.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@rabbitnetwork.org](mailto:info@rabbitnetwork.org). Thank you for your support!

## Save the Date!

Tuesday  
September  
29th is  
HRN's  
4th Annual  
Flatbread  
Benefit



Night. Keep checking back for more info at [www.rabbitnetwork.org](http://www.rabbitnetwork.org)!

## Memorials

*Every time I lose a rabbit he takes a piece of my heart with him. And every new rabbit who comes into my life, gifts me with a piece of his heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be rabbit, and I will become as generous and loving as they are. ~Author Unknown*

## Buttercup

Like the early spring sun, you warmed my soul, deep down in my depths, I tried to make you whole. Not with me for long, just a very short time, but bravely you fought for your chance to survive. I could see the light, though it



was dim, your eyes showed the surrender, sweet as a hymn. Your gentle whiskers, your soft smooth fur, eyes half closed, wished we could have done more. A gentle wind blew, like an angel coming down, fluttering in, she took you in her arms. I kissed you goodbye, the tears fell tenderly as you peacefully went, Another sweet soul, for whom a forever home was meant.

For all the "Buttercups" who we try so hard to save, and whose lives mean the world to us.

~ Love, foster mom Shannon

## Molly

August 28, 1998 ~ November 14, 2008



Sister and lifelong companion to Flip, together known as "Flolly". Molly was rescued and fostered as a new born with her bunny mom and siblings, after which she lived out a full life of love and hoppiness indoors for ten wonderful years. She opened cabinets, slobbered her carrot all over her brother, and snored so loud her human once awoke in the middle of the night thinking a man had broken into the house and fallen asleep. Molly served in many successful missions with her brother to pilfer food. She will be remembered for her shy and gentle manner, as well as her loving grooming skills. She is greatly loved and missed by her forever home.

~ Linda

## Remembering HB



Sweet girl, you were a tiny package of courage - body of a blind, arthritic and ancient mouse but heart of a lion. We'll never forget how you cheated death over and over again, fighting with all your stubborn willfulness to come back to the "buff zone" for more loving.

We'd laugh when you would come home from your monthly molar surgery with veterinary orders to feed you Critical Care - and each time, you would take one disparaging look at the syringe full of goop and start eating heartily on your own. When you came down with the most severe case of head tilt we've ever seen (making us think more than once that you had left us), it was your iron determination more than any intervention on our part that brought you back from the brink. And if it left you permanently blind and a little dizzy... well, you knew your home area so well that it hardly slowed you down.

Even this last time when you could no longer stand, your little bunny mind wasn't ready to let go - but your ancient internal organs had had enough and we knew it wasn't fair to make you struggle with a battle that this time you could not win. But oh, how it hurt to lose you!

Your name, given by your first Mom, was Honey Bunch, but to us you were the incomparable, admirable and greatly loved H.B. You're at the Bridge now, but you'll always be in our hearts.

~ Carol & David Y.

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

House Rabbit Network is now in its 10th 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 web site 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 toward rescue and rehabilitation, community outreach and education, and veterinary expenses.*

***Help make a difference in a rabbit's 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 January–March will be credited for the following year). To join, fill out this page and mail it with your check (payable to **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:

- PDF format via email (significant savings for HRN)
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Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of *Rabbit Health in the 21st Century* 2nd Edition  
 at \$20.00 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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