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# Caring for the Elderly Bunny

by Astrid M. Kruse, DVM

Some of our bunnies are blessed with becoming geriatric, crotchety little bundles of fur living way beyond the expected seven to ten years that are average for the house rabbit. Small breeds, and in my experience males, can sometimes live to fourteen years. Because of the increased incidence of certain health problems, rabbits over five years old should start seeing their rabbit vet twice yearly for check-ups to identify issues in their earliest stages.

Many geriatric bunnies start losing weight and muscle mass despite a consistent and healthy diet. While in elderly cats and dogs routine screening blood work and urinalysis are often helpful in identifying underlying disease processes with the thyroid, kidney, and liver, rabbits do not make a diagnosis easy or clear even with extensive diagnostic testing. While almost all adult rabbits do not need pellets in their diet, as they contribute to obesity and dental disease, many elderly rabbits begin to need the extra easy calories and nutrition provided in a good quality timothy pellet to maintain a healthy weight. Rarely, they may even need the calorie boost of alfalfa pellets, although adding alfalfa has risks. Perhaps as rabbit medicine continues to evolve, more disease processes will be diagnosed that are causing the outward sign of weight loss.

Just as in other older animals, arthritis begins to affect the mobility and quality of life for our pet bunnies. The most common signs are stiffness, especially when starting to hop, reluctance to fully extend the legs resulting in a shortened

hopping stride, trouble getting into the litter box, loss of the normal tail elevation during urination, and excessive ear wax. Arthritis in rabbits is often best managed with medication; however, maintaining a healthy weight is critical since each excess ounce leads to unnecessary strain on all joints including the spine. Some nutraceuticals that can be tried are glucosamine and chondroitin. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like meloxicam (Metacam) work



*Walter, 11 years old, receiving extra TLC from his "dad".*

well for some rabbits. Others respond to acupuncture and physical therapy. Every rabbit is very different, and the key is finding the right mix for your particular bunny to remain as comfortable as possible.

Often secondary to arthritis and reduced or abnormal mobility, sore hocks become more common in older rabbits. While many rabbits have bald patches on the bottoms of their furry feet, (although common these are not normal and often secondary to poor flooring even in the distant past), some rabbits develop scabs or open sores and ulcers which are painful and can become

infected. Your rabbit vet can prescribe medications or potentially bandage feet if required, but prevention and early identification of the problem in the early stages is critical. Keep your bunnies on soft surfaces - no wire, cover hardwood floors - and check the bottoms of their feet regularly.

Arthritis and the inability to curve the spine normally for urination and grooming may also lead to urine scald, where urine pools on the fur instead of being expelled farther from the body in a good stream. Excess calcium in the diet (often from pellets, sometimes from high-calcium vegetables) can contribute to forming thick pasty urine, which also leads to abnormal urination. The skin underneath the wet fur becomes inflamed and infected and painful, sometimes even peeling off, setting up a vicious cycle where the bunny becomes too uncomfortable to urinate normally. This condition can develop quickly, and any abnormal behavior in the litter box, or smell (like a poorly kept zoo exhibit), needs a vet check.

If your bunny has by luck of genetics, excellent care, or pure ornery rabbit willpower, survived to the golden years and beyond, your vigilance can help maintain quality of life. Realistically, all lives will come to an end and while the passing itself is never easy on us, who are caregivers, the sometimes long slide into decrepitude after a healthy middle age is even more emotionally draining. Medical needs need to be discovered and addressed early and aggressively for maximum comfort for maximum time.



# Fostering and Living, Multiple-Species Style

By Karla Cook

I live in a multi-species household, or rather a multiple-species household. My family consists of me (the mother), my husband (the father), three boys, ages 23, 18, and 14, an elderly Cocker Spaniel who is deaf, and mostly blind from cataracts, two Italian Greyhounds, male and female, ages eight and six, Stuart the Wondercat, and foster bunnies. Our current fosters are Eskie and MoMo, a bonded pair of female Angoras, from HRN's Great Angora



*Claude Bonet sits and soaks up the morning sun with his "friends".*

Rescue of last summer. Our former foster bunnies have been Edward Hopper, a young male Jersey Woolly that was destined to be euthanized by a local shelter for "cage aggression", Claude Bonet, a grey and white Mini Rex that was found wandering the streets of Lynn, Massachusetts by an animal control officer last December, and Klondike, brother of Eskie and MoMo.

Each one of these foster bunnies has been thrown into my rather chaotic life - and each one has survived a "trial by fire". I have friends who say that

if an animal can thrive in my household, it will be fireproof, bullet-proof and water-proof. I am of the belief that when you take an animal into your life, it becomes part of your family; you sign a covenant with your supreme being of choice to love and care for that animal for the rest of its life. That includes sickness and health, pooping on the rug, puking on your lap, barking at the neighbor's children, stealing food off the counter, leaving dead rodents on the doorstep, and nibbling on your rug. Only animals can give you

unconditional love. Only animals behave as if the sun rises and sets with you. They love you despite your short comings, and never mention your

annoying habits. The four footed fur kids we invite into our homes, our lives, and our hearts are what keep us human.

So, how does one live in a multiple-species household? The first rule, and the most important, is to NEVER leave the animals (or children) unattended with each other. The most trusted of companion animals can have a bad day, and without the luxury of speech, turn on another member of their extended family with claws and teeth first. They don't have the ability to say, "I am having a bad day, just LEAVE ME ALONE!" Children are often unable

to recognize the subtle body language of a fur kid that means "I would rather not be interacting at this moment in time". Being the "responsible adult" in a multiple-species household means just that: you are ever alert for the sounds that fall under "not normal". A thump, a growl, a hiss, hurried paw prints. You develop a sort of sixth sense to be able to avert disaster before it happens. All of my charges have a "safe" place. The boys have their rooms, the dogs and bunnies their crates, and the cat the basement. It is essential that everyone has a space that is theirs and theirs alone, a place where they can recharge when the outside world seems too much. This space needs to be treated with respect.

Food is a marvelous motivator! Dogs respond to the word "cookie". My foster bunnies know the sound of the refrigerator door opening, the crinkle of produce bags, and the word "treat" that means raisins, dried blueberries, or organic banana chips. Use food to your advantage - good behavior gets rewarded, bad behavior is ignored. Learn how to speak "rabbit". Stomp your foot if you are angry.

One of the most rewarding things about living in a multiple-species household is watching the interactions. When a dog wants to play, it does what is referred to as a "play bow - bottom up, paws front, head down. These actions to a rabbit look like an aggressive move, a lunge saying "back off." Watching two different species trying to communicate with a common language is magical. Having your fur kids comfortable enough that they are willing to explore is truly a gift.

What is essential in a multiple-species household is a firm understanding of

the communication methods of each animal with which you live. As a human, you need to be able to delve to the essence of the animals that share and enrich your life, never forgetting that you are the human, facilitating the communication process between species.

I am drawn to remember a moment last summer when I was out in the yard with the dogs. The Italian Greyhounds were on leashes, the Cockers were not. From out of the foliage came Stuart the Wondercat with a "prize" in his mouth. Very proudly he laid his prize at the feet of his canine siblings. The female Cocker looked at the body with abject disdain, the Iggies pawed the body with their cat-like feet, and Mocha, the male Cocker, sniffed and took the prize in his mouth. Unfortunately, the poor mouse was not yet dead, and seated within Mocha's mouth, he

decided to move. Mocha's eyebrows went up, first one then the other. He had never experienced food that moved in his mouth. Finally, I told him to drop it, which he did, and Stuart took his prize off to parts unknown - but the interaction between species has remained with me. They were all interconnected, part of a family despite the differences, and willing to cross over lines that otherwise would be uncrossable. Within a family, it is love and understanding that make all things possible - and so we have human, dog, cat, and rabbit living together in a mutual respect. It doesn't get any better than that.



*Eskie and MoMo (available for adoption) receive a morning treat from their foster dad.*

## I Made a Difference... You Can Too

*By Alison B. Colby-Campbell*

"While wandering a deserted beach at dawn, stagnant in my work, I saw a man in the distance bending and throwing as he walked the endless stretch toward me. As he came near, I could see that he was throwing starfish, abandoned on the sand by the tide, back into the sea. When he was close enough I asked him why he was working so hard at this strange task. He said that the sun would dry the starfish and they would die. I said to him that I thought he was foolish. There were thousands of starfish on miles and miles of beach. One man alone could never make a difference. He smiled as he picked up the next starfish. Hurling it far into the sea he

said, 'it makes a difference for this one.' I abandoned my writing and spent the morning throwing starfish."

— Loren Eiseley



*Henry, one of the buns destined for a restaurant pot, was rescued by a caring person then transferred to Medfield.*

Have you ever tried out a new store based on a friend's recommendation, and left without finding anything to buy?

Rabbit transport takes no more effort than that, but you know in advance you won't be coming home with anything.

I participated in my second transport recently, and was amazed that doing so little could help out so much and make me feel so good. I transported one of two rabbits threatened with death by a "so over rabbits" owner. The price of my heroic deed: 40 minutes each way and the small amount of gas my car used on the trip.

So how many people does it take to rescue two rabbits? In Jeffrey and



*Jeffrey came into HRN foster care and is receiving the veterinary care he needed for an eye issue that went overlooked by his former owner.*

Henry's case, at least eight people. One to recognize a need and act to remove the rabbits; one to temporarily shelter the rabbits (Audrey); one to coordinate the complex logistics

(Shannon); two (Terry and Aaron) to carry Jeffrey, the rabbit, to me for the hand off; another (me) to carry Jeffrey to the most amazing foster set-up (Suzanne's); and finally Terry and Aaron to drive Henry on to the wonderful people at the Medfield Animal Shelter.

When I expressed my interest in writing about this trip to Shannon (HRN Foster Home and Intake committee member and long-term board member), she mentioned that this was just par for the course. Although she was extremely gracious and appreciative of our help and thrilled to save two lives, sadly there was nothing extraordinary about the rescue itself. Shannon also discussed the start of the post-Easter dump, since the day of Easter a pair of 9-week old buns was discarded in Revere with no more thought than the paper bunny decorations some people choose to display - no, scratch that, the paper bunny decorations are at least stored

carefully for the next year; these baby rabbits were turned out on the streets of the city.

I am happy to report that these lucky babies ended up with Suzanne - long-time foster home, board member and current HRN president - if only for a week or so after she evaluated their health. I got to meet them and the 9 others Suzanne fosters (in addition to the three of her own). The set-up is immaculate, orderly, and well stocked with the things rabbits need and like. And there are no anonymous buns here; each is called by the name attached to their cage. Since Suzanne really wanted to promote the bunnies that needed a home, she posed with the two Revere buns. And just in case I needed spiritual or cosmic reassurance that I was in the right place at the right time, I noticed a name tag on one of the cages - "Colby" is both a big white bun and my last name.

### TOP 10 SMALLEST, VIRTUALLY NO COST THINGS YOU CAN DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR A DOWN AND OUT RABBIT

1. Be on the lookout for abandoned rabbits and call HRN if you see one. Big hint, if the bunny isn't petrified of you, it's probably an abandoned pet. 781-431-1211 or [info@rabbitnetwork.org](mailto:info@rabbitnetwork.org)
2. Become HRN's "friend" on Facebook and repost statuses. This will be your alert for transport and capture requests too: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/House-Rabbit-Network/201518592185?sk=wall>
3. Assist in an abandoned rabbit capture.
4. Help with transportation.
5. Donate writing skills to the HRN newsletter.
6. Donate overabundant crops from your garden to a shelter, checking first to make sure they need and can accept them. Rabbits love lettuce (not iceberg), peppers, kale, carrot tops, parsley and other herbs.
7. Donate hand and bath towels that you no longer need, but not if they are stringy and threadbare which could be a choking hazard.
8. Donate old newspapers.
9. Talk up rabbits as house pets to get the word out about how wonderful a house rabbit can be.
10. Come to the next fundraiser, such as the annual Flatbread fundraiser where a portion of the night's proceeds will be donated to HRN.

I had brought Jeffrey here for evaluation because he had some sort of eye issue, and Suzanne has developed a lot of medical knowledge. She believes his eye issue is hereditary. I am no stranger to rabbit eye issues; my big bun, Mystic, had uncooperative ulcers for about a year so I felt this beautiful soft animal was a kindred spirit to her, and was glad to hear he might not need the procedures and the associated costs that my rabbit did.

We talked a bit but I hurried home because Abby, the guinea pig I was fostering, had proven she was not obese by giving birth to twins in the morning. I'm a relatively new foster parent and had no clue. I was just thankful that Abby could handle things by herself. When Suzanne learned of the births, she handed over a 10lb

bag of high end guinea pig food that had been donated in error. So I made out on the deal.

Every single person did more than I did on the transport, but that doesn't diminish the role I got to play. I recommend that everyone pitch in; even the smallest action makes a big difference. And at the end of the day you too will be able to say: "I made a difference for that one."



*At only 9 weeks old, Peter and Ester were strays the day of Easter. Luckily, HRN was contacted to capture these babies and bring them into safety.*



*by Gabriel Cheong, Esq.*

On January 7, 2010, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law "An Act Relative to Trusts for the Care of Animals", which will be codified in 3C of Chapter 203 of the Massachusetts General Laws. This new law took effect on April 7, 2011.

What this law does is essentially bring Massachusetts in line with the majority of states that allow for Trusts to be created for the benefit of pets. Most states allow Pet Trusts where the pets themselves are the beneficiaries. Massachusetts up to this point has

## Massachusetts Pet Trusts

not allowed for such a trust. As a pet slave myself (3 rabbits and 1 dog), this new legislation puts my worries to rest about who will take care of my pets and how they will be taken care of. As any pet slave will tell you, our furry friends are just as much a part of our family as children and, as such, should be allowed the opportunity to be included in our estate planning when we think of Wills and Trusts.

In the past, if a pet owner wanted to provide enough money to care for a pet, they would have to give the money to a guardian of the pet or leave the money in trust. However, the gift to the guardian of the pet is an outright gift and does not require the guardian to use the money to take care of the pet. There would have been no

recourse if the guardian of the pet did not uphold their duty to care for the pet. Similarly, if the money was left in trust, the beneficiary could not be the pet themselves. This created a problem since the courts cannot hold the guardian accountable for taking care of the pet and it left pet owners with a gaping hole in their estate plan.

The new law establishes several guidelines in regards to the creation of these new Pet Trusts. Any pet trust created must terminate upon the pet crossing the rainbow bridge. If there is a challenge to the amount left in the trust for the pet, a probate court judge may lower the amount of money left in trust for the pet if the amount is unreasonably large. If the trustee does not do his duty, then a residual beneficiary



*Ginger, former HRN bun, has her future secured.*

of the trust or the guardian of the pets (if the guardian is not the trustee) may sue the trustee.

If you have ever thought about what would happen to your furry friends if you were not able to take care of them, now is the time to plan for them and the rest of your human loved ones.



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## HRN News

### Sponsor a Rabbit

The *Sponsor a Rabbit* display was created for the non-profit Lucky Dog Thrift Shop in Nashua. It was in conjunction with Easter, the organization's March animal education theme. The owner, Kat Ranalletti, and Susan McDowell (HRN volunteer), thought it would be a great idea to have an HRN display alongside the traditional Easter Rabbit Facts flyers. Not wanting to encourage impulse adoption during



Easter, the *Sponsor a Rabbit* display seemed appropriate and served several purposes. It was a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness for HRN. It also allowed us to share the stories of 14 rabbits with outstanding medical expenses, for which donations are always welcomed. Above all, its intended purpose was to advocate for the improved welfare of rabbits. Hopefully we prevented an Easter rabbit statistic. Warmest thanks to Kat for hosting HRN at the Lucky Dog for 2 months! We really appreciate it. It was a lot of fun and very rewarding. Special thanks to HRN's Alumni bunnies that were part of the display. Their pictures eloquently tied the presentation together.

### HRN Annual Report

The HRN bylaws require the release of an annual report no later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year. Reports can be viewed here: <http://www.rabbitnetwork.org/official/annualreport/index.shtml> Physical copies can be requested by contacting the Board of Directors.

### Rabbit Education Days

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 would 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.

### Facebook and Twitter

HRN is not only on Facebook, but Twitter too. Follow us on both for the latest adoptions, adoptables, education events, bunny trivia, bunny rescues, volunteer activities and more!

Facebook link:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/House-Rabbit-Network/201518592185?sk=wall>

Twitter link:

<http://twitter.com/RabbitNetwork>

You can also follow our bunnies on the House Rabbit Network Blog:

<http://blog.rabbitnetwork.org/>

## HRN Committees

Hello volunteers and rabbit enthusiasts! We are making a lot of improvements to the organization this year and we'd like your help! If you have any extra time, please consider contacting one or more of the committees outlined below to see how you might be able to help. If interested, please email [info@rabbitnetwork.org](mailto:info@rabbitnetwork.org) and we will connect you with the appropriate person on that committee. Thanks!

**Education:** The education committee works to call attention to the need for rabbit rescue and to educate the public on house rabbits and proper rabbit care.

**Technology:** The Technology Committee is responsible for maintaining and upgrading HRN's technological resources. These resources include the web site, the new Animal Shelter Manager (ASM) database that drives the web site, the member's area of the web site, the forums, among others. The Technology Committee is currently involved in enhancing the web site to reduce administration effort, adding new web pages to streamline HRN's activities, and looking to the future to make HRN a better organization and save more buns.

**Fundraising:** The Fundraising Committee is responsible for organizing fundraising events and drives, writing grant proposals, collecting financial donations, and gaining external sponsorship for HRN as a whole. These responsibilities include: events like Giggles, Flatbread, and the Bunny Bash; drives like Yankee Candle, iGive, Amazon, the recent Arbonne International one, and HRN calendar sales; and grants for specific buns, general operations, and organizational growth.

**Foster Home and Intake:** The foster home and intake committee is responsible for all rabbits coming into HRN

(shelters, ACOs, strays, etc). The committee establishes the priority level of all intakes and handles transfers to foster homes. The committee performs incoming health checks and sets up spay/neuter appointments when necessary. The committee makes determinations for sanctuary status with the medical committee. The committee interviews, trains and provides ongoing support to foster homes.

**Finance:** The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing and providing guidance for the organization's financial matters. Specifically, the committee assures internal controls, independent audit, and financial analysis for the organization.

**Medical:** The HRN Medical Committee addresses all veterinary and health issues with a goal to educate and train volunteers on rabbit health and provide a high quality of care for HRN rabbits.

**Volunteer:** The volunteer committee works as a liaison with HRN volunteers, welcoming them into our organization and helping them find placements they can work with. This committee will work on volunteer placement, morale, volunteer data and volunteer surveys.

### Management, Procedures, and

**Ethics:** The Management, General Procedure, and Ethics committee is responsible for ensuring the establishment and execution of policies and processes to ensure HRN's organizational success. This committee will oversee the HRN bylaws, codes of conduct for both board members and volunteers, organizational structure, business plans, and any other management decisions that support HRN's operational processes and growth.

**Hotline:** The Hotline Committee is responsible for overseeing and acting as the "fail safe" concerning all facets of the hotline, including but not limited

to the Hotline Coordinator ("HC") position. Ongoing responsibilities of the Committee are to provide additional support to the HC should issues or concerns arise, including delegation of responsibilities; ensure there is always coverage and a smooth transition should the HC not be able to perform in a short or long term situation; and ensure the Hotline is efficient and effective which is imperative since the Hotline is essentially the first exposure to HRN that the adopters experience.

### Marketing and Advertising:

The Marketing/Advertising Committee is/will be responsible for all graphic designed material including logos, newsletter, flyers, business cards, brochures, calendar, etc. Also responsible for postings on Facebook, HRN Blog, Cafepress and any other online communications with the public pertaining to marketing and advertising of HRN.

## 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

## Cricket

Cricket, my sweet little guy. It's hard to believe that you were found wandering the streets of Brighton, weighing not much more than a loaf of bread. You found your way to me and we had the





best 10 years anyone could imagine. Your lady love, Gretchen, came to live with us in 2002 and it was then that I saw what true bunny love was all about. I know you missed her terribly this last year. You had a multitude of physical problems and despite the efforts of the best team of vets on the planet, I had to let you go. A piece of me died with you that day, but the love doesn't die. You're with Gretchen now, and that's where you need to be. You and she are together forever, as it should be, and I will see you both again when it's my time. Please wait for me at the Rainbow Bridge; I'll be there. I love you, Cricket, and there will always be a special place in my heart just for you.

~Love, Sue

## TigerLily

What an incredible journey you're short life has been! No one will ever know the horror you endured while living in the house of a "hoarder" in New Brunswick, Canada or how you were able to survive a very long trip to safety with your babies. My first memory of you is picking you up with your six very tiny, just days old babies for transport to Massachusetts where many caring people awaited your arrival. You were so quiet in your carrier in my front seat that I was afraid to look, fearful of what might have happened to the family entrusted to my care. I discovered I had nothing to worry about. You were the perfect mother to those babies and all

seven of you were doing well when we were met upon arrival in MA by your other "Mom". She scooped you all up and took you to her family's home where you were loved, cared for and given everything you needed. You continued to care for and nurture those gorgeous babies until they were ready to leave you for a loving home of their own. You did an amazing job Tigerlily! They are all happy, healthy and have found their "forever" homes. They are your greatest achievement and a constant reminder of the depths of your love and strength. We are all so very proud of you! And when you were ready for your own "forever" home, I was blessed to be able to welcome you to mine. I loved your feisty spirit and impish, comical looks. I will never forget the first time I tried to trim your nails. You grabbed the clippers and in an instant had flung them across the room and then looked at me with that "I dare you to try that again" expression on your face. You were also a perfect bonding mate for Sophie with your tolerance and "live and let live" attitude towards her quick temper and aggressive outbursts. She grew to love you as well and is still grieving your loss. Thank you for all the beautiful, loving and often unexpected memories that will be with me always. You were a special soul who taught me a great deal about spirit and perseverance. You were dearly loved and taken much too soon. Be at peace my love and hurt no more.

~Lorraine, Sophie & Stella

## Ode to Blossum

Blossum you were such a beautiful, sweet and shy bunny. Only four months old you were way too young to die. Like a flower you were closed bud when we met but you opened right up and blossomed



after a day. A beautiful stunning Blossum you were. You came from the worst conditions in an Animal Control Rescue Case. 64 of your darlings living in a shabby trailer with hardly any food or water. At three months old you gave birth to a litter of five of the cutest bunnies I have ever seen. You were just a baby bunny having bunnies. I had you only six days but I fell in love with you. You were such a sweet dotting mother. Then you fell ill, massive infection from an old rabbit bite you received at the trailer. Your tail also had the top bitten off by a rabbit. It must have been so awful for you to have lived in these conditions. Finally you and your relatives were rescued by the Ulster County SPCA. Melissa and Justin flew out there to get you and your bunnies. I set you up in a nice cage with all the food, hay and water you could eat. I watched in amazement as you and the bunnies spent the first three days just eating. I am grateful that House Rabbit Network authorized treating you my sweet bunny rabbit. You gave it a warrior's effort but alas you were too weak. I am glad you chose to pass in my arms so you were not alone. Take peace in knowing your bunnies will be well taken care of and receive the best homes possible. I am sure you are in Rabbit Heaven looking down on your offspring.

~You will be sadly missed by all,  
Kathleen Bourdelais



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

Through our network of dedicated volunteers and members, HRN is 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**  
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