



Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, Inc.

Safe Haven Scoop

By Karen Augustynowicz, President

Celebrating our 15th Anniversary!!.....

(Incorporated May 30th, 2003)

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There aren't enough words to express the gratitude I feel to everyone who has supported Safe Haven's mission over the past 15 years. For it is truly because of you that Safe Haven has been able to help so many homeless rabbits and educate their owners as we have. I want to make sure that you all know none of this work could be done without you and your on-going support. That support comes in many forms: adopting, being a foster parent, donating dollars, volunteering at events, participating in our fundraising efforts: events like the Bun-nanzas, Bunny Spas, Sponsorship drives, etc. etc....just to name a few. You are there for the bunnies and we are constantly reminded how truly caring and compassionate people are.

We also recognize that many of you also "spread the word" about how to properly house and care for rabbits. And, that is a wonderful thing. The need for rabbit rescues is at an all time high. We need to encourage more people to become involved and maybe even start more rabbit rescue organizations! The need is greater than ever.

I wanted to also wish all the Bunny Moms out there a very

HAPPY BUNNY MOTHER'S DAY!!

On this rainy day, what a great time to stay indoors, spend time with your bunnies and read them a bunny newsletter!

Sincerely, *Karen A.*



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Ps. One of our early rescues (4/10/05), still going strong as a Safe Haven Sanctuary, LiAnne has had respiratory issues lifelong - mostly due to allergies, and is EC positive, but she does not let that keep her down. We gave her a birthdate of Sept. 1, 2004, but she could be older. She is not saying...

News from our Adopters

Holly & Jax

Adopted by Laura Colon

We adopted Holly in November 2017, from Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, and knew shortly after that she needed a bunny friend.



When we read about Jax on the Safe Haven Facebook page and spoke to Karen about the similarities in their backgrounds and personalities, we excitedly setup a bunny playdate to see if they were indeed compatible. After spending some time together, it was apparent that Jax was meant to join our “herd”. For the two, it was love at first sight, and it appeared that the bonding would go very smoothly. And it did! They bonded immediately.

Holly and Jax spend their day together snuggling, grooming, eating and napping. Where you find one bunny, the other is sure to be right behind! Holly and Jax have their own “bunny room”, filled with plenty of toys, tunnels, boxes and a bunny condo.

Jax is having a great time exploring the house, and loves to use his pet steps to hop on the couch, while Holly gets her beauty rest. The two love to come into the living room and dining room, where they run around together and do binkies. Holly has truly come out of her shell with Jax around. She isn't as skittish as she once was, and loves to follow Jax around the house.

In the evenings, the bunnies also enjoy “TV time” on the bed with us. There's a human for each bunny, and they love to snuggle together and be petted. We are very happy to have them as part of our family.



Wedded Bliss....

Editors note: Not all bondings go this smoothly, of course.

You must involve your current rabbit in the selection process. The bunnies themselves decide if it will work or not. We can only guide and encourage them. And know how to set them up for success.

News from our Adopters

Louise

Adopted by Kate Shinko
December 12, 2017



This sweetie pie sat next to me as soon as I sat on the floor tonight Kate



We love hearing about our former foster buns as each one of them has left their mark on their foster parents and everyone who shared just a portion of their journeys to their forever homes.

So, keep the notes and pictures coming in and we will continue to share the smiles!

Featured Adoptable

Rosalie

With an approximate birth date of Nov 12, 2015, Rosalie is an inquisitive, cautious, and very friendly young bunny. She has near perfect litterbox skills and loves to eat! And, she just LOVES to be petted! Rosalie is a larger Dutch—just 7 lbs. of fun.



Her foster mom, Astrid is always sending pictures of her silly antics. While somewhat of a chewer, Rosalie just needs lots of toys and she will keep herself busy.

Check out [her little video](#) of her in action.

If you are interested in meeting Rosalie, please fill out our [on-line application](#) and someone will call you to set up a visit appointment. *Rosalie can't wait to meet you!*

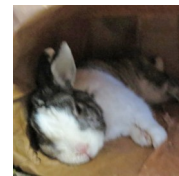
Special Thanks....

To the “Girls on the Run” team based at Acorn Montessori School in Lebanon, NJ.



As part of their Community Service Project, the girls reached out to help the bunnies and asked what they might be able to collect for them.

I wrote that our bunnies love to play in paper grocery bags and with the stores cutting back on them they are in short supply these days. The bunnies all have one in their pens. Ursula tears through two a day usually and LiAnne loves to sleep in them.



Towels also were needed as they are used for comfy spots in pens (only with the buns who do not chew them) and for those older, sanctuary buns who need the softness they provide.

So, off they went to and soon I got an email from their coach, Dina Given who had her car full of what they had collected!

Thanks Girls!! You did a great job! The bunnies are delighted with all the paper bags and nice, comfy towels.

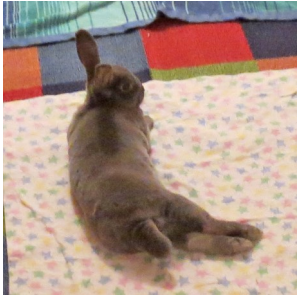
They will have lots of fun with both!



Things I've learned from my rabbit ...

by Linda Torlay

- ◆ Eat dessert first but control portions
- ◆ Make time every day to relax
- ◆ Eat a healthy diet with lots of fresh vegetables and pure water
- ◆ Exercise daily
- ◆ Dance with uninhibited joy
- ◆ Have patience
- ◆ Warn others when you sense danger
- ◆ Do not 'poop' on anyone – it's not nice
- ◆ Family planning (wink-wink)
- ◆ Get regular health checkups
- ◆ Respect boundaries
- ◆ Accept someone for who they are, not what you want them to be
- ◆ Everybody/bunny needs somebody/bunny
- ◆ Good hygiene is important
- ◆ Keep your promises and commitments



Educational Corner — *By Linda Torlay, Safe Haven Educator*

Feet First

Unlike other animals, a rabbit does not have pads on the soles of their paws. Their paws are simply covered with the same fur as the rest of their body however on their paws it is usually denser in most breeds (rex rabbits are one exception). Because rabbit paws are unique in their structure they are not as well protected, for example as a dog or cat, and thus need more care and consideration so problems, such as sore hocks, do not develop. (*The topic of sore hocks can be revisited in the [Spring 2014 newsletter](#).*)

Rabbits have 5 toenails on each of their front paws. The 5th nail is a dewclaw that is located slightly higher up on the inside of a paw. They have 4 toenails on each of their back paws.

Our pet rabbits need our help in caring for their paws and nails. **Paw inspections and trimming nails are necessary for their health and wellbeing.** A rabbit with overgrown nails is not able to distribute their weight correctly thus hindering their ability to hop thus compromising their hip and back leg functions. Overgrown nails can also catch on carpeting and tear, cause bleeding and pain, and the possibility of becoming infected if torn.

Rabbit's nails have a 'quick' which is a soft cuticle rich in blood vessels and nerves that runs up the center of the nail. It grows according to nail length and is easy to see in light colored nails. Dark colored nails are challenging but shining a small flashlight behind the nail helps to see it. When trimming nails, you do not want to cut the quick. There are u-tube videos and on-line tutorials showing how to properly hold, handle, and trim a rabbit's nails but my advice is to learn first hand by a professional such as your veterinarian or a volunteer from Safe Haven. And, as always with on-line articles/videos – *Know your source* – there is more bad information than good out there – especially about rabbits. Here is a recommended [nail clipping video](#). (If you are just not comfortable trimming your rabbit's nails, Safe Haven does offer frequent "Bunny Spa" days at Country Pet Specialties – watch our website for dates).

When rabbits hop their back paws travel past their front paws. Their front paws touch the ground first and then the back paws push forward past the front ones. If your rabbit could leave tracks, you would see a larger back paw print in front of a smaller front paw print and it would look like this ...



Did You Know?

By Linda Torlay, Safe Haven Educator

We are all familiar with and love Beatrix Potter's illustrations and stories of bunnies, but ***Did You Know*** Susan Wheeler too is an artist of whimsical bunnies with many published story books featuring them?

Victoria Rose Boxwood, the tea loving, Victorian rabbit matron, is married to Edmund and together they have three children (Oliver, Emily, and Violet).

Christian inspired, Susan Wheeler's books are loved and enjoyed by many adults as well as children and are often gifted for special occasions because of their heartwarming themes or spiritual messages. Collaborating at times with authors Paul Kortepeter, Sarah Ketchersid, or Brenda Gay Shumaker, Victoria Rose and The Boxwood bunnies take us on many adventures and celebrations as their family grows.

Born in the New England region of the United States and living there as a child the outdoors were an inspiration to Susan Wheeler and later her imagination created an animated fantasy world filled with bunnies and other woodland creatures known as Holly Pond Hill. Her exquisite watercolor paintings capture the finest details of this imaginary world that a viewer can easily get lost in.

Susan Wheeler's artwork appears in short story books, greeting cards, rubber stamps, figurines, and more. She currently lives in Fredericksburg Texas with her husband and 4 children, many pets, and farm animals.



https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/308324.Susan_Wheeler
along with various other internet sites to gather information

Up-coming Events!



Bunny Spa Days

Safe Haven will be holding grooming/nail clipping events every other month.

Dates will be announced on our website and facebook page.



Saturday, July 14th
Country Pet Specialties
1271 Route 22 East
Ste 22-Lebanon Plaza
Lebanon, NJ 08833
12 noon - 2 pm

Nail trims - \$7 Walk-ins Welcome
Light Grooming (includes nails) - \$25
By Appointment via email: [Grooming](#)

Our 6th Annual "Bun-nanza"



Sunday, November 4, 2018

Mark your Calendars!

Clinton Community Center
Halstead Street, Clinton, NJ 08809
11am—4pm

We are excitedly planning the event and details will be posted on our website as they develop. Stay tuned!