



Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, Inc.

Safe Haven Scoop

By Karen Augustynowicz, President

Welcome Spring!

With Easter fast approaching, Safe Haven’s educators are spreading the Easter message to protect precious bunny lives from the hoop-la of the Holidays. To all of those who receive News12 New Jersey on TV, be sure to watch the PetStop - Starring our own Gail Petersen and Bill Mack!



The air dates are as follows:
Segment 1: Easter bunny adoption 04/07/19
Segment 2: Proper rabbit care 04/14/2019
The spots will air at :45 past the hour each hour after 6 or 7 am on those days.

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Bunny Sitters Needed!

Looking for a fun way to raise some money for your bunny? How about sharing your home with a boarder bunny or two? There is a big need out there. I get requests all the time and would love to be able to refer people to a few qualified sitters who are experienced bunny owners.

As many of you know, Safe Haven is no longer offering Bunny Sitting Services. This service had been a wonderful fundraiser for the rescue, but as much as I hate to admit it, I have to cut back and made a choice. With the need for rescue greater than ever, the simple, from the heart, decision was to devote my energy to the rescues.

So, give it some thought. A great need.... A fun way to earn money; and you'll provide a greatly needed service. I'll be happy to start a referral list. Let me know if you would like to join!



And, to kick it off, I can refer you to: Emiliya Shotwell—In Morris Plains. Emiliya can be reached via [email](#). She is highly recommended!



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News from our Adopters

Alayna (renamed Elvira)

Adopted by Jennifer Holsman
October 13, 2018

With our recent wedding behind us and my birthday approaching, it seemed like the perfect time to expand our family once again. A friend and Safe Haven volunteer suggested we check out a very sweet bun that had been taking up residence there since last spring. Soon after, we made the trek to visit the shy but friendly REW with the chipped ear. She was reserved but very accepting of pets and I instantly bonded with her.

In the spirit of Halloween and an October 13th adoption date, we named our new little love Elvira.



(However, she is anything but spooky - often scaring herself rustling around in her paper bag or exploring uncharted corners.) We introduced Elvira to her very own room where she began living a mix of luxury x-pen life and free-roaming when we're home. She already had excellent litter box habits, and it was clear that she took pride in cleaning her snowy white coat with no tail left unturned.

Now, I have coffee with Elvira every morning before work while she inspects the living room layout, takes a quick timeout in her cardboard Christmas cottage, and suns herself awaiting breakfast. Of course mornings start a little later on the weekends in our house. And I soon discovered that while I was catching some extra ZZZ, my husband and her were having secret snuggle sessions without me!

Days and evenings are full of hallway zoomies, silly binkies, and tunnel time with lots of tail shaking to let us know she's feeling frisky. As you can imagine, all this leads to much exhaustion so Elvira has become a frequent flopper - which let's be honest, is just another chance to show off those fluffy footsies that she loves to clean. All kidding aside, she takes her naps very seriously, and we're overjoyed that she is trusting enough to flop and sleep in complete comfort.



Her most recent accomplishment is that she's just now learning the couch is for snuggling too - not just springboarding. (She's quite the jumping bean!) We love Elvira so much and we're all so lucky to have each other.



News from our Adopters

Other Recent Adoptions!

Rosalie

Adopted By Emerald Sheay



Boom Boom

Adopted By Donna Rounsaville



Bunsy

Adopted By Jessica Tomalo



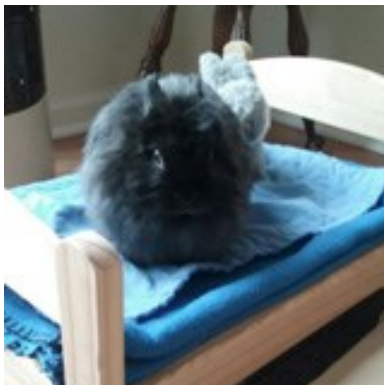
Jill

Adopted By Gale Hunt



Caroline

Adopted by Gail Petersen
& Bill Mack



*Looking forward to sharing
these bunnies post adoption
stories with you in future news-
letters!*



NAME THAT RABBIT TRIVIA???

by Linda Torlay

1. In the novel *Watership Down* by Richard Adams one of the main characters is?
a. Walnut b. Hazel c. Brownie d. Blue Eyes
2. In the beloved Disney tale *Bambi* what is Thumper's Mother's name?
a. Rose b. Mother Thump c. Mrs. Rabbit d. Miss Bunny
3. Beatrix Potter's *Peter Rabbit* has 3 sisters, which is not one of their names?
a. Hopsy b. Mopsy c. Cottontail d. Flopsy
4. In the animated film *Hop* what was the Easter Bunny's teenage son's name?
a. Harry b. J.R. c. Drummer d. E.B.
5. Uncle Remus's stories about the South tell tales of this rabbit?
a. Bungalow Bunny b. Racer Rabbit c. Br'er Rabbit d. Begotten Bunny
6. Alice followed this rabbit down the rabbit hole into Wonderland?
a. White Rabbit b. Charlie c. Mr. Tails d. Ivory
7. What is the name of Winnie-the-Pooh's rabbit friend?
a. Bounce b. Rabbit c. Hare d. Bunny
8. The little rabbit in *Watership Down* who could often foretell the future?
a. Niner b. Eight Ball c. Fiver d. Deuce
9. Sam McBratney's stories of a family of rabbits beautifully illustrated by Anita Jeram are?
a. Cinnamon Bunnies b. Nutbrown Hares c. Cocoa Cottontails d. Brindle Buns
10. Who is the rabbit in *Sesame Street* that was grouchy and worked as a bellhop?
a. Benny Rabbit b. Barney Rabbit c. Billy Rabbit d. Buford Rabbit
11. Who is the white rabbit in *The Secret Life of Pets* who is the leader of The Flushed Pets?
a. Snowflake b. Cotton c. Vanilla Bean d. Snowball
12. The dearly loved rabbit who was the muse for starting Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue?
a. Lila Lilly b. Daisy Lou c. Emily Ann d. April May

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

Note: This article is not meant to scare you, but as a bunny owner it is important to be aware and can stay current on this disease.

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) is a highly contagious viral disease which attacks a rabbit's internal organs causing them to hemorrhage. It's fairly new to the United States and is often fatal to rabbits. There are two known strains respectively named RHD 1 and RHD 2. So far the virus is not a threat to humans or other animals, passing only from rabbit to rabbit via direct bodily fluids contact (urine, sneezing, licking), contamination, biting insects, wildlife passing through a contaminated area, or humans via shoes and clothing.

Symptoms do not always have time to manifest because the virus comes on quickly and death is sudden, usually within 24 hours for RHD 1 and days for RHD 2. Both RHD 1 and RHD 2 can affect populations of domestic or wild rabbits. Both strains of the virus are hardy and live in the environment for a long time (about 100 days at room temperature and longer when it's cold because the virus goes dormant) and both are easily spread. If an outbreak is documented, strict quarantine efforts are put in place and rabbits may be culled not only to stop the spread of the disease but to humanely put those afflicted to rest because there is no treatment. Rabbits that do survive become carriers and can shed the virus for up to a month and a half, maybe longer.

Vaccines are available in other countries such as the UK where RHD 1 has been around for decades, but are not offered in the United States.

Because of the horrific nature of this disease all outbreaks or suspicions must be reported to state and/or federal authorities immediately in hopes of containing the area and halting the spread.

In December 2018 a RHD 2 occurrence in Clover Township, Pennsylvania was isolated to one farm and no further reports have been noted.

Indoor house rabbits are at a very low risk but awareness is prudent when visiting fairs, 4H shows, farms, or other venues that bring rabbits in contact with one another and people in contact with that environment. Disinfecting shoes, clothing, and yourself after as a precaution is best.

The article is not written to make you panic but so that you educate yourself and others which is the best way to protect your rabbit and fight this horrible disease.

Did You Know?

By Linda Torlay, Safe Haven Educator

MOON RABBIT

You have probably heard of the man in the moon but *Did you know* there is a rabbit in the moon?

The legend of such is believed to originate from China 475-221 BC. If you look at a full moon you will see the image of a rabbit within the dark spots. Some see the rabbit facing to the right working the 'divine elixir of life' with a pestle and mortar and others see it facing to the left with a big fluffy tail.

There are variations of the tale thru out Asia and different ancient regions of the world. The China legend tells of a rabbit who serves under Chang'e, goddess of the moon, whose job is to pound the elixir of life for her. One story tells of Chang'e being banished to the moon after stealing the pill of immortality for herself that was to be shared with her husband.

In addition to the legend, The Moon Rabbit has also been a source of inspiration for a number of children's books, movies, and reference to modern day characters and mystical practices.

Next time the moon is full, look up, and you will see the rabbit in the moon.



TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. d 5. c 6. a 7. b 8. c 9. b 10. a 11. d 12. c

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, June 8th
Country Pet Specialties
1271 Route 22 East
Ste 22-Lebanon Plaza
Lebanon, NJ 08833
12 noon - 2 pm

Nail trims - \$7

Light Grooming (includes nails) - \$25

By Appointment via email: [Grooming](#)

Our 7th Annual "Bun-nanza"



Sunday, October 27, 2019

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!