



Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, Inc.

Safe Haven Scoop

Storybook Treasures..... By Karen Augustynowicz, President

Special points of interest:

- Charitable Giving - Special Thank Yous
- Adoption Updates - Always A Favorite!

Susan's White Rabbit



Oh! Mary, I have got such a darling white rabbit as I think you never saw. I do believe it is the sweetest little rabbit in the world; for I only had it given to me this morning, and yet it will eat clover from my hand, and let me stroke it, or do any thing I please. And James says that he will make a little house for it, which cousin Henry will paint very nice. And papa says, that I must call my little pet, "Snowdrop", because he is as white as the drifted snow; and mamma says, that its two little bright eyes are like rubies. Do you not think, Mary, as I do, that it is the sweetest little rabbit in the world?

Child's New Storybook; or Tales and Dialogues for Little Folks, 1849.

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Wouldn't you love to have one of these storybook treasures to call your own?
Becki and Pearl (right) are just waiting to be *your* storybook sweetheart.

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Born May 21, 2007, these two modern day sisters exemplify the easy-going, lovable dispositions for which New Zealand White bunnies are known. Come meet them! They need you to give their story a *Happily Ever After* ending.



Charitable Giving



Young Friends of Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue

For setting shining examples of generosity, we would like to send special thanks to.....

- * **Sarah Wasserman** who recently celebrated her 8th birthday. Wanting to help the bunnies, Sarah asked her young friends to donate to Safe Haven instead of bringing birthday presents for her.....and raised over \$300!! What a wonderful thing to do! Thank you, Sarah and *Happy Birthday!*
- * **Cara Schmidt** a fifth grade member of Girl Scout Troop 48 who recently earned a Bronze Award (Congratulations, Cara!). Their project was to earn money for animal shelters and Cara selected Safe Haven. Cara earned enough to donate 50 lbs. of Oxbow hay for the foster bunnies! Great job, Cara! The bunnies love the special hay!!!
- * The children of **Union Township (Hunterdon County) Middle School** who elected Safe Haven as their charity of choice for a cafeteria charity coin collection. Organized by Andrea Parkin, the children put their extra change into a donation jar. Amount collected? \$377 - Another great job! And, special thanks to Andrea for the idea.

More ways you can help.....

* **Support Safe Haven by shopping on-line through Giveline**

Did you know you can shop on-line and generate a much needed contribution to Safe Haven? If you're an on-line shopper, check out this site either through the link on our website www.safehavenrr.org or www.giveline.com; then click in the link to select your cause. It's easy and secure! Visit this site and please pass the information along. Every effort helps the rescued rabbits at Safe Haven.

* **Board you bunny with us!**

Going away on vacation or just for the weekend? Board your bunny with us! You will have peace of mind knowing your baby is being well cared for and he will have lots of fun at Bunny Camp! Email or call for more information. All monies earned go directly toward the care of our foster rabbits.



You may have noticed the much improved write-ups on our website's **Adoption** page. **Mrs. Lisa Chiariello** has been lending her time and writing talents to provide much needed help! A rabbit's write-up is key to attracting potential adopters and, thanks to Lisa, our rabbits chances for adoption are greatly improved!! You are the best!



Thank You, Lisa!

In Loving Memory.....



With sadness and fond memories, I report the passing of 'McHunny' on March 15, 2008. McHunny graced many of our brochures and publications with his image. You may know him as the 'button bunny' whose image guides visitors around our website.

Found abandoned, March 3, 2003 in a Newark church yard, McHunny was adopted by the Moore Family on July 17, 2004 and quickly became a treasured member of their family. Condolences go to David, Nancy, Karen and Ryan. Words cannot express the sadness they all feel. I know they treasure the short time they had with him.

In tribute, McHunny's image will continue to grace our website; for I know he will love helping other bunnies find wonderful homes like the one he shared with the Moore Family. He will be missed.



Adoption Updates (Stories contributed by new parents)

Dickens

Adopted December 23, 2007

by Cindy Grube

Dickens' Diary

12/15/07 – Today a new lady came to see my brothers, Duncan and Ruggles. Duncan hid and Ruggles was scared of her. Then she noticed me! She said I was very handsome. She took pictures of me. Maybe she will be my new Mom!

12/23/07 – Karen put me in the carrier this morning and told me to say goodbye to my family. Karen says I am going to my new home today. I have never left the burrow where I was born and I am sad that my family is not coming with me. When we got to my new home, the door opened and there was the lady who had taken my picture. Inside a big room, there was my new burrow waiting for me filled with food and toys. But I wasn't alone. There was also a brown creature called a Cat named Miska in the room who lived in his own burrow. He talked a lot in a language I couldn't understand and he made me nervous.

12/24/07 - Well, I survived the night. I miss my family. The lady comes often and talks to me but she obviously doesn't understand bunny language at all. She offends me and I tell her so but she doesn't understand.

Date? – I've lost track of time. I feel like I've been here forever. The lady gives me lots of good tasting hay and an apple slice everyday and my favorite food of pellets. I am surrounded with lots of different kinds of toys and I enjoy chewing my grass mats. I get to exercise in my big pen everyday. But I'm not happy. I use my litter box but the lady keeps taking my droppings out of it. I think she is telling me I am not supposed to go in the box, so I start going in other places. But she scolds me for not going in the box. She tells me I make more poop in one day than all of her Cats put together do. Doesn't she know that is what bunnies are supposed to do! I'm confused! I just want to go back to my family.

1/1/08 - The Cat Miska has learned Bunny and talks to me now. He told me today is the first day of the New Year. At night when we are alone, he tells me that the lady has never had a Bunny before and only knows



how to speak Cat. Well, she better learn to speak Bunny quick because I'm losing my patience with her!

1/5/08 – Today that lady really offended me by touching my nose! So I bit her! Another thing she does that annoys me is she keeps cleaning my burrow. I like it messy and wish she would leave it that way.

1/9/08 – Today when the lady started cleaning my burrow, I bit her! But it didn't deter her. She cleaned my burrow anyways.

1/15/08 – I'm in a bad mood today so watch out! That lady was late with my salad this morning so I threw a tantrum and made a big mess in my burrow. I bit her again when she started cleaning up my mess. I made the lady very sad. She told me she was sorry that she only knew how to speak Cat but was trying so hard to learn Bunny.

1/16/08 – The Cat Miska told me there were more like him



in the house and today I met another one like Him. This one wasn't too smart because he kept talking Cat to me and expecting me to answer him. He must think I'm a Cat. I ignore him until he goes into my burrow! I tell him this is MINE and to

STAY AWAY from MY STUFF!

1/20/08 – The lady is getting better at Bunny. She's not that bad, I guess. She does make the best salads. She told me Karen told her how to touch me and I'm starting to enjoy her petting me now.

1/22/08 - Today I met another one of those Cat creatures. How many of those creatures live here? This one is named Hunter and he looks at me like he wants to make me his lunch!

2/1/08 – I've met more of the Cats. We are becoming friends now and no one looks at me anymore like they want to make me their lunch. All of them are learning Bunny except for the one that isn't too smart. He still thinks I'm a cat.

2/4/08 – Mom is starting to speak Bunny much better. I like the way she touches me now. We are starting to fall in love with each other!

2/15/08 – I'm so happy that I'm doing binkies! I have a forever family of my own now! My new Mom understands

Adoption Updates *(Continued)*

Bunny now. And I don't get angry anymore when she cleans my burrow. I just supervise to make sure she does a good job! I get to run around the big room when Mom is there to "keep an eye" on me. Sometimes the Cats run around with me too. My best friend is the Cat Zuzu. We play together and sometimes she washes my face for me. I don't like to be picked up but I do like to be near my Mom. I like it best when she gets down on the floor with me and talks to me and pets me. I really love my new Dad and I lick his hand to tell him so. *Life is good!*

Gracie

Adopted June 9, 2007
by Diane Romano

It was love at first sight for Gracie and Duffy. Duffy traveled to Safe Haven last June to pick the girl of his dreams. That was Gracie. And, things have not been the same in our house since that time! They eat together, cuddle together, and get into *BIG* trouble together! Gracie is a truly mischievous rabbit, finding all kinds of ways to stress Mom out.



First off, Gracie shredded all Duffy's blankets and all things comfy, including Mom's daybed cover. Duffy didn't mind the blankets and didn't care about the daybed cover, but he is not happy about being restricted access to the daybed! Too bad for him. They have their own little "apartment" underneath the daybed, complete with cardboard and wooden boxes and construction tubes. No blankets or anything cuddly. They love to tease each other and food only tastes good if it is snatched from the other's mouth despite there being two plates!

Gracie periodically finds a way to get behind the Midway fence that separates their quarters from the "no no" area. She pushes with her head and pulls with her teeth until she creates a little entrance way. Naturally, Duffy is right behind her always. Blow in his ear and he'll follow her anywhere! I've had to find new ways to reinforce the Midway fence to keep this intrepid pioneer out. I *think* I have it now.

Both Him and Herself are trained to stand on hind legs to receive their papaya treats, which they love. They also love their veggies, particularly the radicchio. Yes, they are spoiled (or should I say "well loved" little critters?)

I'm pretty sure Gracie has been happy in her new home (sometimes known as Graceland or Duffy's Domain), as she is prone to popping a binky or two every so often. I know Duffy is happy to have her. I am lucky to have them both and grateful to

Karen and Safe Haven, first for rescuing Raeline, and then caring for her kits when they were born. See Karen, you *did* know something about "birthin' babies"!



Sophie (formerly Dolly)

Adopted September 27, 2007
by Josephine and Patrick Proctor

When I was looking through the Safe Haven web site and came across Sophie's (Dolly) pictures, I just fell in love. I knew my husband and I had a lot to offer her even though we had little rabbit experience.

During the first few weeks in her new home Sophie seemed disinterested in any interaction with us. This only encouraged me to work harder! I'm not sure if I did a good job winning her over or she just felt sorry for me, but she began to come out of her shell.



Sophie is now a happy well adjusted bunny. When she is not running around, she stops to play with her many toys and even fits in a little time for snuggling.

I would say we are very lucky to have her as part of our family and from what we can tell she feels the same way too!

I would like to thank Karen for helping us complete our home.

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&
Patrick



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Most Recent Adoptions



Smudge
Adopted by
Mary Jablonka & Family
1/3/2008



Ruggles
Adopted by
Joseph Bartek
1/26/2008



Jingles
Adopted by
Wendy Milligan
2/15/2008



Duncan
Adopted by
Christina Meyers & Family
3/24/2008



Socks
Adopted by
Caitlin Mahony
4/4/2008

We look forward to sharing their stories in an upcoming newsletter!



Julie
Adopted by
Loretta Ranieri
4/22/2008

Join Us Today!

\$15 Annual Membership includes membership card and newsletters.

All membership and donation monies go directly to help pay medical costs (vet bills, spays, neuters) so that we may continue to rescue more bunnies!

Foster Homes Needed!
There are many bunnies needing care! If you can take in one or two, please let us know.

Love-A-Bun? Please Sponsor One!

We cannot do it without you! With vet bills especially high as of late, our bunnies really need your support. You can choose a specific bunny to sponsor or let us choose the most needy. Either way, you will receive a key fob, complete with a picture of your sponsored bun!



Please Print Clearly!

Name: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

___ 1 year membership - \$15

___ Sponsorship - \$25 for _____ (Bunny's Name)

___ Donation - Any amount greatly appreciated!!



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