



Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, Inc.

Safe Haven Scoop

A Magical Rescue

Special points of interest:

- The Rescue of 'Magic'
- Craft Fair Activities
- The 'Big Wreath'
- Fun Stuff
- Join Us!

As almost on cue with the start of 'Adopt-A-Rescued-Rabbit' month, we received word of a little white bunny in need of rescue.

JoAnn Norman took a call from Leslee, whose friends Debbie and Marge, saw a terrified little bunny being chased by a pit bull terrier near the Lewis Fava shelter. Animal lovers and caretakers of local feral cats, Debbie and Marge knew someone had to rescue this little bunny. Ernesto, a Paterson animal control officer, stated that his attempts to catch him had been unsuccessful.

Fortunately, JoAnn knew just who to call—Irene Findley of SHRR!

The first attempt, on Saturday, January 31st, although unsuccessful, gave Irene and JoAnn a good scope of the rough terrain and an idea of all the ravines, crevices and caves this bunny was using as hiding spots.

They did see the bunny several times, but as if by magic, he seemed to disappear just as he



Irene surveys the terrain.

was spotted. A covering of snow also made finding a white bunny very difficult.



A first look at the daunting task, as Ernesto indicates where the bunny had been seen.

Undaunted by the challenge ahead, but losing light, the rescuers had to call it a day and get some rest before returning the next morning.

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'A Great Start'

Since our incorporation on May 31, 2003 Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue volunteers have been very busy! Along with rescue work and caring for all the foster bunnies, our volunteers have put on many hats and donated their time and talents to the many faceted world of rabbit rescue.

This newsletter will highlight

just a few of our team's efforts. We hope you will enjoy reading about the creative endeavors undertaken for fundraising, rejoice in our latest rescues and cheer our latest adoptions.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our members and contributors for their support and camaraderie.

And, of course, we welcome you to join us! All support, whether through membership or by becoming a partner on the active team, is needed.

Sincere thanks,

Karen Augustynowicz,
President

Get To Know Us Day



Roberta Glaser takes a closer look during Ms. Delaney's TTouch Demo.

Safe Haven's first event was our 'Get to Know Us Day' held at the Clinton Community Center on September 21, 2003.

This day offered a chance to introduce Safe Haven to the community and served attendees with the chance to 'talk bunny', meet other house bunny owners, share experiences, and learn about our upcoming activities and educational opportunities.

The day's activities were highlighted with a very interesting Tellington TTouch discussion conducted by Thorne Delaney.

With lots of educational handouts for owners, toys and goodies for the bunnies, and many bunnies going home with newly manicured nails, this day got us off to a wonderful start!



Wreaths For Rabbits Program

After the whirlwind of making 30+ 'normal sized' wreaths, Ken at 'Mike's Feed Store' in Totowa, NJ wondered if we could make a 'big' wreath for their window.

As the need for serious fund raising activities became apparent, our ever creative team embarked into somewhat unknown territory—becoming crafters! The idea to make and sell holiday and all season wreaths to benefit the bunnies was born.

So, off we went, gathering wreath making supplies and having 'construction' parties in each other's kitchens! (It was quickly noted that bow making was not the forte of Irene or Karen, so they were gently told to "leave that to someone else")!

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Sure we could! *What goes on a specially made wreath for a feed store?* Well, fruit and berries, pinecones and animals! Bunnies, of course, lots of bunnies...and birds, pigs, horses, hummingbirds and butterflies to name a few. All the animals were selected from wooden shapes, wood-burned and glazed into the wee hours of the morning - until we had enough to fill our 4 1/2 foot wreath!



Craft fairs.....



A wooden 'foster bunny' ornament adorned each wreath.



Diane and Karen at the Nov. 15th show.



A Magical Rescue...Day 2: (continued from Page 1)



This desolate location offered great hiding spots for our bunny.

February 1, 2004....

Refreshed from a somewhat troubled night's sleep, JoAnn and Irene set out once again. Soon they were rewarded with fresh evidence that they were on the right track.



Not seeing him at first and worried that he might be trapped somewhere, Irene and JoAnn walked the hills, peering in all the cave entrances they could find.

Finally, Irene saw a white

spot, deep inside one of the small caves. Unsure if it was snow or the bunny, quiet patience was soon rewarded with movement — it was the bunny!

Quickly formulating a plan, Irene and JoAnn communicated with hand signals and minimal conversation to position themselves for the catch.

Coaxed out of hiding with fresh apple pieces, the first snag attempt sent him zipping back into the cave and out the back door, right to where JoAnn was setting up the plastic fence.

While Irene quickly closed the path leading back to cave, JoAnn provided soft talk and enticing apple pieces to a bunny who seemed quite interested in all the colorful nets and fences surrounding him.



Hiding spot found.....



While the bunny happily munched his apple pieces, Irene gently lowered the orange net over him. Scooped up net and all, he was quickly carried to safety and placed in a waiting carrier without a struggle.

Next stop was Community Animal Hospital in Morris Plains for a vet check. Happily, there were no immediate concerns other than a muddy bottom and very matted fur.

Somewhat malnourished, our little Jersey Wooly boy weighed a slight 3.2 lbs. His playful disappearing and reappearing antics, as well as a keen interest in nets, won him the name of 'Magic'.

Stay tuned for updates....



Safe and warm, 'Magic' takes in his new surroundings.....



Educational Corner

Romaine.... again? By Irene Findley

Is your bunny getting the same old salad routine day after day? Don't be reluctant to try new greens and vegetables! There are many options available in supermarkets, vegetable stands and farmer markets that are safe for your bunny.

Although the debate over dietary calcium continues, fresh, dark green leafy vegetables provide a variety of required nutrients. They are also an excellent source of fluid and fiber which are essential for digestive health.

Enrich your bunny's diet and make

each salad a memorable one with a variety of three or four types each day! To get you started we have listed some favorites:

- Basil
- Beet greens (tops)
- Bok choy*
- Carrot tops
- Cauliflower*
- Celery leaves
- Cilantro
- Chicory
- Chinese broccoli (Gai Lan)
- Collard greens*
- Dill

- Dandelions*
- Endive
- Escarole
- Fennel
- Green peppers
- Kale
- Mustard Greens
- Parsley (flat leaf)
- Raddichio
- Radish tops
- Red or Green leaf lettuce (No Iceberg)
- Romaine
- Spinach*!
- Swiss chard
- Watercress

* Use sparingly.

! Contains oxalate acid which may con-

A Valentine's Day Adoption!



How appropriate that everybody's sweetheart, Matthew, was adopted on Valentine's Day! Winning the heart of Katherine Wildt, Matthew moved to his beautiful new home in the upper west side of Manhattan on February 14, 2004.

We thank Katherine and Garrett for opening their hearts and home to this big, lovable bun. Matthew seemed to make himself right at home in the big city and we are sure he will enjoy being spoiled! (He has his own room!) The best to all!!



Adoption Update!

From Dawn Kilpatrick.....

Just wanted to say hello and let you know how Shannon is doing... she still acts like a little puppy and will chase things on the floor, and anything you drop, she thinks is edible! I was able to trim her nails last week with no problems. She is so much better behaved than the Captain! She also likes to hop laps around the dining room. Occasionally she does the hurdles and jumps over the bottom parts of the chairs. It is quite entertaining!

Dawn, Captain and Shana-Banana



Fun Stuff

Word Find
Find 14 greens and herbs most rabbits like!

D R A H C S S I W S
L A Y R O C I H C S
E E N R O M A I N E
N V S D P U S K A R
N I D A E I M A H C
E D R K A L E N G R
F N A E L L I D M E
Y E L S R A P O I T
C I L A N T R O N A
S Y O H C K O B T W
A T C H C A N I P S

Answers: Watercress, Parsley, Swiss Chard, Chicory, Spinach, Mint, Fennel, Dill, Romaine, Sage, Dandelion, Cilantro, Bok choy, Collards



The rabbit and the moon have been associated in myths and folklore of cultures around the world. To celebrate this bond we offer our

own glimpse of the poetic rabbit.

One of the countless rhymes sung by rabbits throughout the phases of the moon:

Hippity hop, Hoppity hoop
Ears upright or ears that droop
Jump high, jump low when the moon runs fair
First to stop is a dirty ol' hare

You can help us help more bunnies!

Recycle your printer cartridges!



Our participation with the 'Cash For Critters' program brings Safe Haven \$2 for most recyclable cartridges. Just call or email and we will send postage paid envelopes so there is no cost to you! Save the environment and help the bunnies too! Please visit

www.cashforcritters.com for a listing of acceptable cartridges.

Collect from your friends and co-workers! It is really very easy to do!

Are You Crafty?

We've had so much fun and success with our wreath making, we hope to continue by participating in spring and fall craft shows.

Will you join us?

Let us know if you would be willing to donate your talents and time by making fundraising items or baking for bake sales!

Foster Homes Needed!

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

Introducing..... Ms. Bunny LaPette



Do you have questions about caring for your bunny? Or does your bunny need help getting you to understand him? If so, drop Ms. Bunny LaPette an email or a note to the PO Box. She will answer your questions in upcoming newsletters!

Email her at:

BunnyLP@SafeHavenRR.org

Join Us Today!

\$15 Annual Membership includes official membership card, newsletters, and early notification of special events!

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!

Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, Inc. is a federally recognized, tax-deductible 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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Address: _____

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Email: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

1 year membership - \$15

Donation - Any amount greatly appreciated!!



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THANK YOU!