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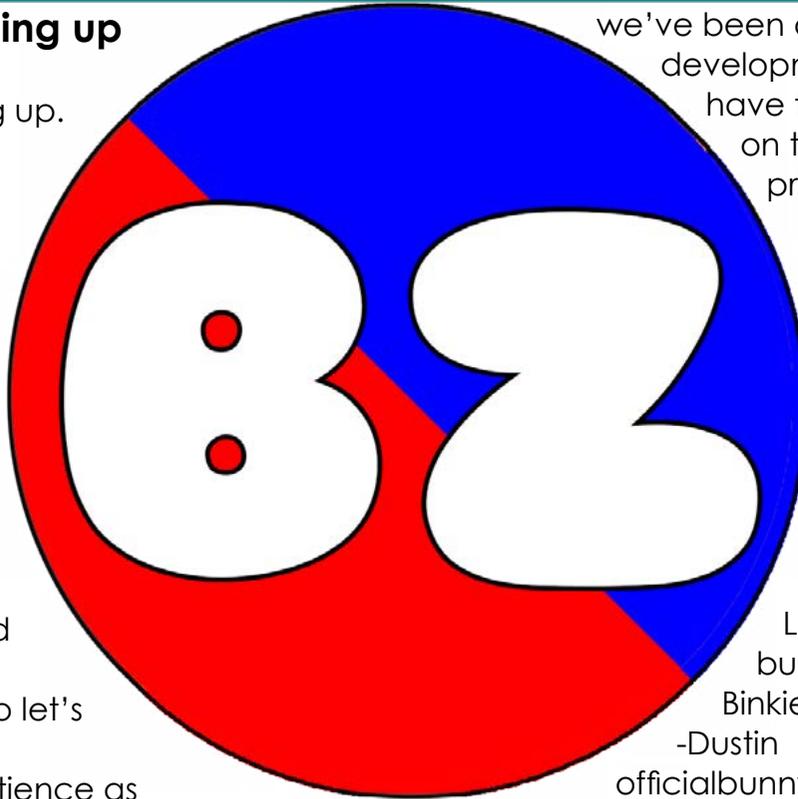
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### The events are ramping up

Hi Everyone, it seems like exciting times are coming up. September and October seem to be very popular months for events (like October's Midwest Bunfest which you know I'll be at).

We've listed some of the events in the issue and I hope you consider attending because they are a lot of fun, it's great to meet members of the community in person, and most importantly, it helps support rabbit rescues. So let's get socializing.

Thanks again for your patience as



we've been a little quiet in the development area. We do have things being worked on that I'm hoping we can present to you soon.

Until then, thanks for keeping our numbers high and let's make our minimum goal of 1000 readers a steady thing.

Enjoy the issue :)

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**(Harrison and Penny)**

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Love and kisses to your bunnies!

Binkies and Flops

-Dustin

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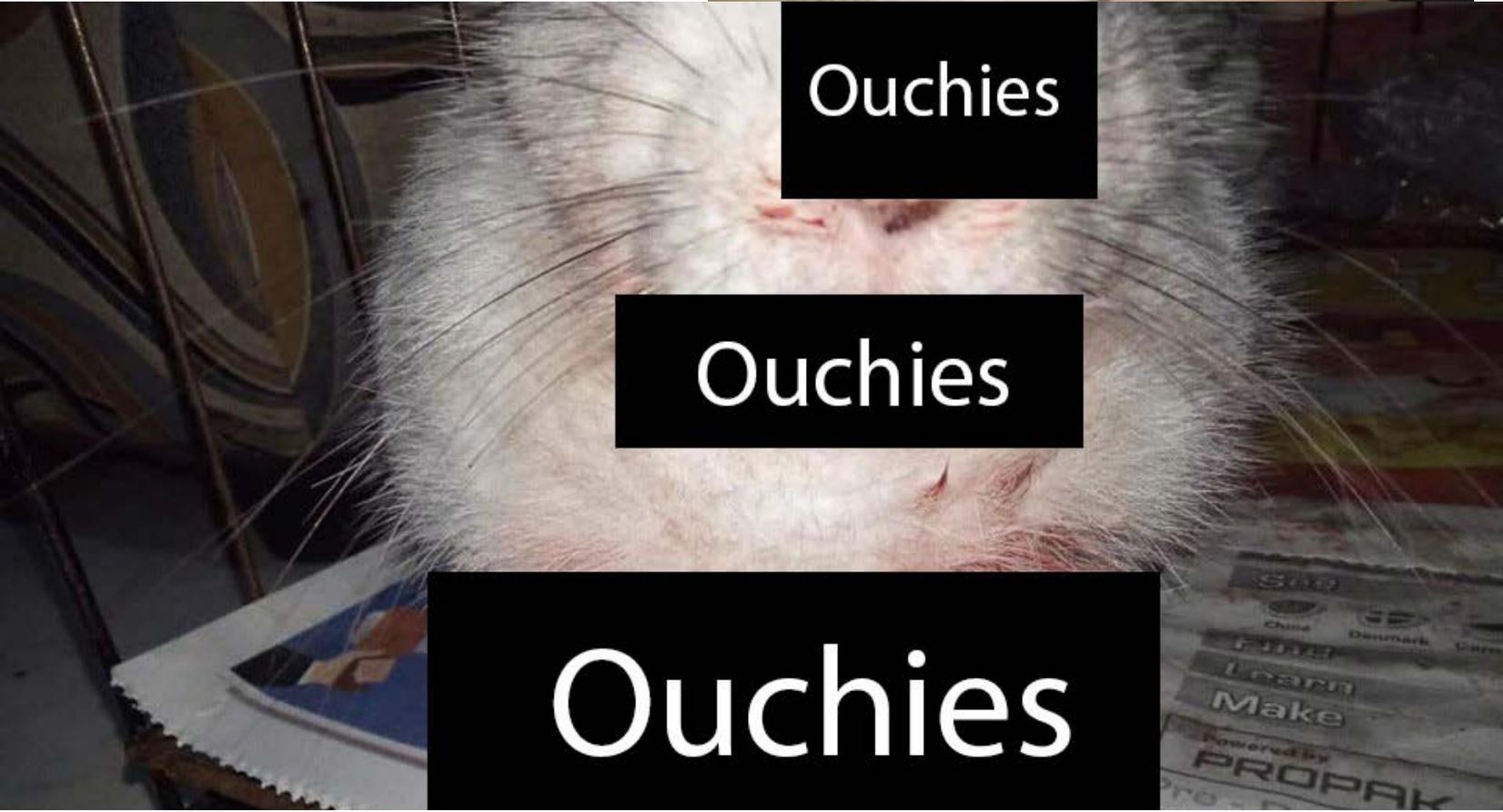
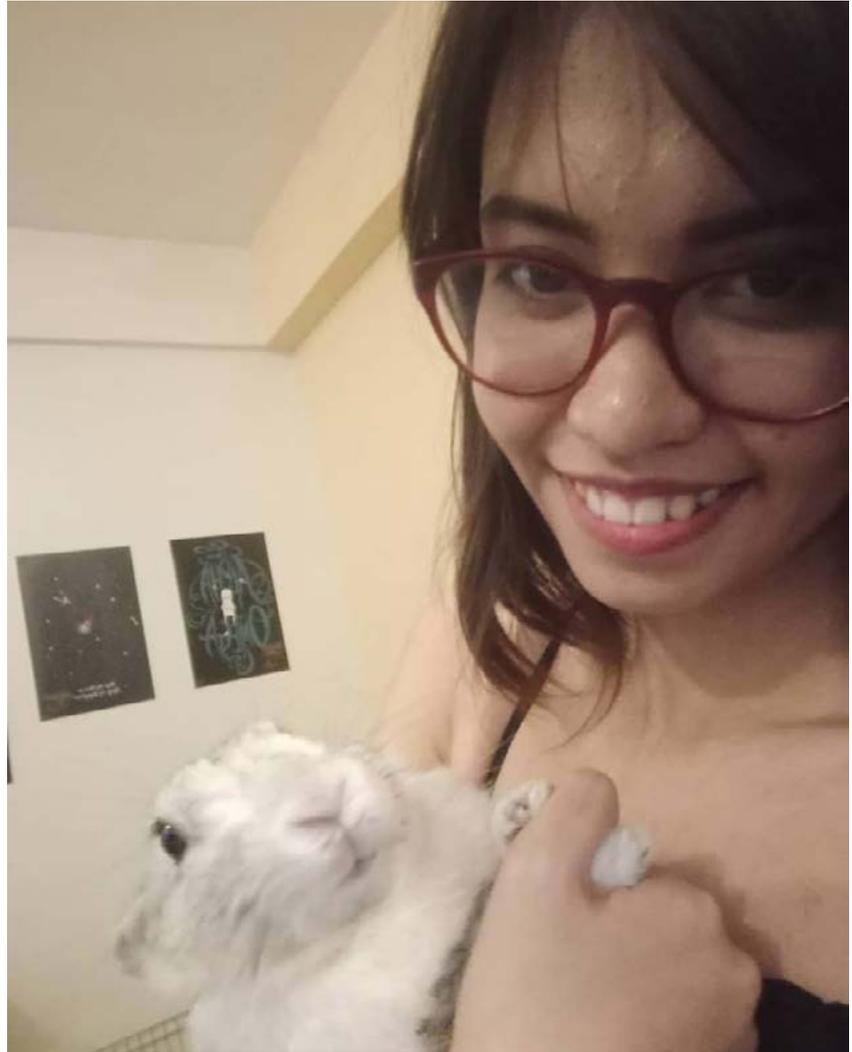
# Marble Becoming Boonato

by *Andrea Espineda*

Being in South East Asia with rabbits means struggles in getting the necessary care and supplies for our beloved furry companions.

Roughly about 6 months ago, we received a distressed call from a bunparent in Baguio, that's about 245km (16hr drive round trip) from Manila - the National Capital Region of the Philippines, seeking assistance for their lethargic bunny (named Marble) that has its paws bleeding. The bunny wasn't interested in food on top of it all.

Initial care was given through a vet clinic in Baguio, but we needed the expertise of an exotic vet in Manila to rule out whatever illness Marble has.





After the long trip, we were able to bring Marble to Vets In Practice (Mandaluyong).

Attending Exotic Vet is Dr. Nielsen Donato. He gave Marble the necessary care and treatment. After the treatment, Marble was under the care of Marisse, one of the rescuers in Baguio. Marble was initially up for adoption but in time, he became another foster fail and found his furever home with Marisse Chua.

I had a conversation with the foster mum, Marisse, an educator in training for HRS - Ph Chapter, and was able to get fun facts from her. Marble was the name given by the first bunparents. But was renamed to Boonato.

When asked the reason for this, she gave me a smile and said “I named Boonato after our Senior Exotic Vet named Dr. Donato. Aside from Boonato, I have had 11 other rabbits since 2015. Just like him, all of them has “Boo” in their names (except for the 6 babies). My first two rabbits are named Bunnyboo (Bunny + Boo) and Boosagi (Boo + “Usagi” which means rabbit in Japanese). “Shiro” from Booshiro, my third rabbit’s name, means white in Japanese. Boonelope was from a cartoon character named Penelope. And lastly, Andrei whom I was planning to name as Burrito, but he sadly did not recover from amputation. I also have 6 baby bunnies that I am rehoming.”

When asked about the favourite treats of Boonato, Marisse said that he eats whatever she was offering to him. Boonato is a creative bunny too. He does countless naughty things such as decorating her bags, slippers, furnitures

and biting cables and cords. But enjoys simple toys like a slinky and a stacking cup, and most especially boxes.

Through the conversation I had with Marisse, she also shared that, and I quote, “the best part of having bunnies in my life is how taking care of them has been a journey for me. I started with zero knowledge about rabbits but learned a lot about them and how to properly care for them as well as advocate for their welfare over the years. Aside from that, developing a bond with them has been challenging and interesting. It took time to get some of my bunnies to trust me but it was worth it. Discovering that there is more to their personality than what we usually see is really amazing.”

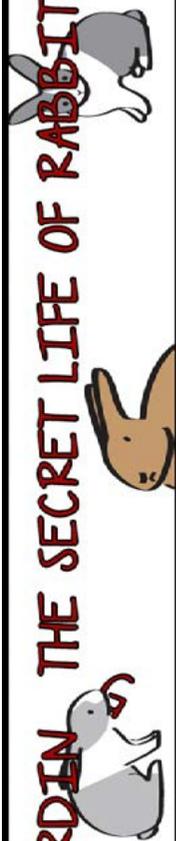
If bunnies could talk, I’m pretty sure they would tell Marisse how wonderful she is for her love and care.





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## The poetry of Kansas

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It's nautical twilight  
Thumping in my hutch like thunder  
The Magician's a bum!  
He'll sleep till the seas go under

Friends, I'm telling you now  
It's the breaking of dawn  
Magician he smells!  
Like an old hippie's bong

In the civil twilight  
I'm needing my chow  
Open the door you magical fool!  
Shine that sunshine of 'fridge light!

Maggy kissed Mom-O  
In the nautical twilight  
'N said, "that was nice!"  
"That was alright!"

Mom-O said, "Maggy, oh no!"  
"It amazes me you're such a fool!"  
"You don't know your true love you tool!"  
It wasn't Mom-O Maggy smooched  
Turned out it was really JoJo!



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# A Home For Everybunny

by Iris Klimczuk

*Rachel McCarl is Founder and Co-Director of A Home For Everybunny, a 501(c)3 foster home based rabbit rescue serving the state of Iowa. She and her husband live with three forever bunnies, an assortment of ever-changing foster bunnies, and one very spoiled cockatiel.”*

**Bunnyzine: Rachel, please tell our readers when and why you founded A Home For Everybunny / AHFEB rescue.**

Rachel: My husband and I had been fostering rabbits for a local shelter for a few years, and in the spring of 2017, we realized how important and beneficial the foster home setting was for rabbits looking for homes. In the stress of a typical shelter setup, it is very hard to get to know the real personality of the rabbit. I turned to social media to ask people if there was a need for a foster-based rabbit rescue in Iowa, and the answer was a resounding ‘YES’! I met

a few people along the way who wanted to help, and A Home for EveryBunny was born just a few months later!

**Bunnyzine: Your rescue is still fairly young, founded just two years ago. How many rabbits did you start off rescuing and what are your numbers in foster care now? How many rabbits have you facilitated adoptions for since opening?**

Rachel: My personal goal for our first year was to rescue and re-home 10 rabbits. What actually happened was completely unexpected! We ended up actually having 68 surrenders/rescues and 37 adoptions within the first year. Right now, we have 39 rabbits in foster care and have had 160 total adoptions/placements! I am totally blown away by those numbers, and it is only because we have an amazing team of fosters who are always willing



Bundles is one of many bunnies available for adoption through AHFEB



Thor, a resilient rescued bunny who shows so much love in the midst of many health issues

to step up and help in any way they can!

**Bunnyzine: Congratulations! That's a phenomenal number of placements! Especially given Iowa is such a big agribusiness state with many rabbit breeders and a large rabbit meat processor, Iowa Rabbits LLC, who advertises rabbit meat as 'rich in flavor' and 'offering tremendous health benefits'. Does their presence make your rescue work more difficult? Do you find people generally supportive of your rabbit rescue mission or is there some pushback given the importance of agribusiness in the state?**

Rachel: Being based in such a huge agribusiness state can be very difficult, and requires us to walk a very fine line in order to maintain the support we have been lucky to have. As hard as it is for us, we are very strict in not working with rabbit farms — unless they have decided to get out of the meat rabbit business. Working against meat rabbit farmers in Iowa would be nearly impossible, and would be met with a lot of pushback. Instead, we try our best to advocate for humane conditions for rabbits, and support anyone who is trying to get out of the practice. With the stance we chose to take, it actually seems that we get the most pushback from people wanting us to

buy/rescue all of the rabbits from a meat farm. In Iowa, if we did that, we would be totally and completely overwhelmed and unable to continue our work.

**Bunnyzine: As a foster-based rescue, you depend heavily on volunteers. Has it been easy to find and retain them?**

Rachel: We have a very unique setup which allows us to have fosters nearly anywhere in the state. This allows us to draw from a much bigger pool of people than if we were restricted to one city. Because of this, we have been very lucky to have a great team of fosters! As far as retaining our fosters, we try really hard to give them all the resources they need to feel successful and fulfilled by fostering.

One way we do this is to be very choosy which rabbit goes into which foster home, in order to set them up for success. For example, a rabbit who needs behavior modification work will not go into an inexperienced foster home, but instead will go to someone who feels a sense of reward in working with that personality of rabbit. This keeps both the bunnies and those fostering happy!

**Bunnyzine: Tell us some of the ways A Home for Everybunny fundraises.**

Rachel: Our biggest fundraisers happen twice a year through Facebook auctions where we auction off bunny themed items! This is an amazing way for people all over the world to support what we do. Our next auction will start the week after Thanksgiving. We also love doing events such as Bunny Yoga, Farmers Markets, Bunny Spa Days, and Hoptoberfest.

Social media has been an amazing tool for people to know exactly what our needs are with particular rabbits and situations, and they are able to donate through there! We also have a new Patreon which is already funding one neuter a month... so we fundraise any way we can and are so thankful this has worked for us.

**Bunnyzine: What have been your rescue's biggest challenges? Proudest achievements?**

A rescue bunny poses at a Bunny Yoga fundraiser event



Rachel: In rescue work, life is a little bit of a rollercoaster. We have high highs, and low lows, things move very quickly, and then move at a snail's pace... Keeping everything organized, while also keeping any one person from getting burned out is hard. It's taken a long time to figure out systems that actually work and keep us from getting overwhelmed, and we are still developing systems as we evolve.

Thankfully we have had some amazing people step into specific roles to keep things running as we grow. The bunnies are the easy part of rescue...It's the behind the scenes work that has been difficult to manage. I would say our proudest achievement is developing such an amazing team of volunteers that has been able to take in 209 rabbits and counting! Each little life that goes from no hope to a life full of love makes the rescue life totally worth it.

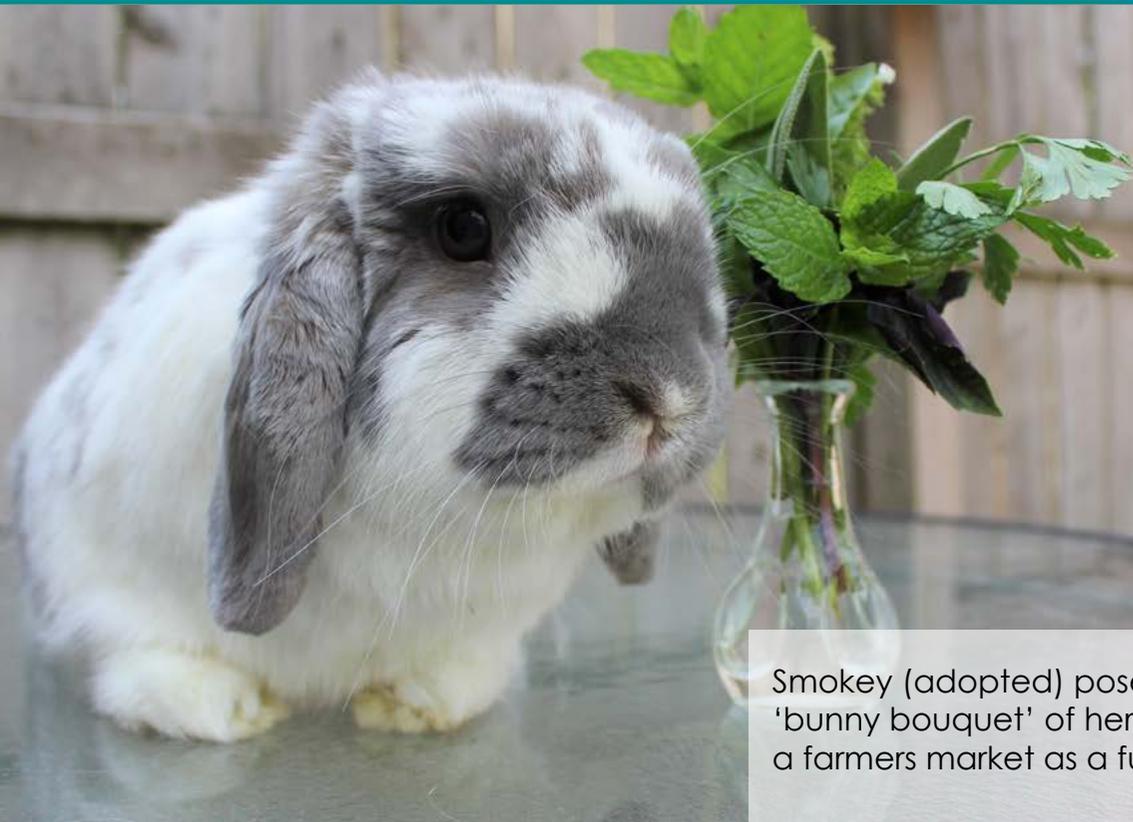
**Bunnyzine: If you were asked to give someone thinking of founding a rabbit rescue advice,**

#### **what would it be?**

Rachel: Don't do it alone! You need a core team of at least 2-3 people who you can turn to for support in making tough decisions. Burnout is a very real thing, and you don't want to feel totally overwhelmed. Even reaching out to other rescues or rabbit people to get their advice will help. I've been given tons of very specific advice, but honestly, once you do your research and know generally what you are getting into, AND if it's your passion: GO FOR IT! It isn't as impossible as it sounds. I started this as a newly married 22 year old living in an apartment... You don't have to be wealthy or have tons of resources yourself... You just have to commit to it and find others to join you in your mission!!!

**Bunnyzine: Tell us about an inspiring rescued rabbit that has touched your life in a special way.**

Rachel: Oh gosh, there are SO many rabbits



Smokey (adopted) poses with a 'bunny bouquet' of herbs sold at a farmers market as a fundraiser

that have touched my life, that it is hard to choose just one! I have to say Thor, a little 6 year old Holland Lop is one that will forever have a place in not only my heart, but has touched the hearts of so many of our supporters. After living outside for five years and never receiving needed medical care, he came to us in horrible shape. The vet said they had no idea how he was still alive. Even in his horrible condition, he was the sweetest little guy who was so happy to be loved. I was his first foster, and we would spend hours just laying on the floor together.

I didn't know if Thor would make it, but I wanted him to know love. As he healed and went through so many surgeries and treatments, he gained energy and retained his incredibly happy little attitude! Thor brought so many people together and has been a perfect example of how resilient bunnies can be. Now even though he is still fighting the worst case of ear infections

we have ever seen, he is loving life with other bunnies in his new foster-to-adopt home! He is such an inspiration! He has his own merchandise that helps us raise money for his medical expenses that is so cute - look for it on our website!

### **Bunnyzine: Anything else you'd like to share with our readers?**

Rachel: You can make a difference! You don't have to start up a rescue to make an impact in the world of bunnies. Use your skills, whatever they may be, and help your local rescue or shelter. I can assure you that fostering isn't the only way to help. If you are good at talking to people, see if you can help with adoptions. If you love bargain hunting, find some great items for fundraising auctions! Or make posters! No matter what your skills are, you CAN make a difference in a bunny's life.

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# Bunnyzine Colouring Art By Yollie

by Yollie Boag



Here is Septemeber's Colouring Art By Yollie.

Because the colouring art is landscape instead of portrait, I will post it sideways on the next page to give you a bigger version to colour from.

Feel free to colour it and submit it to us for our next edition.

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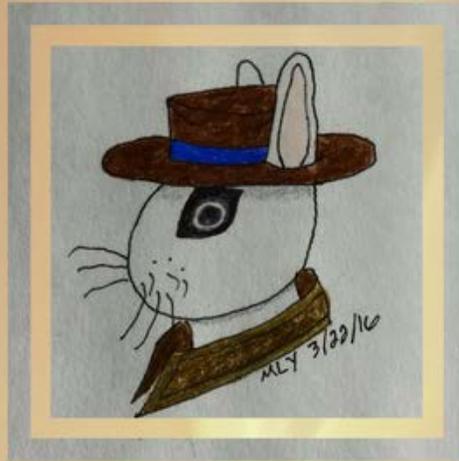
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# The Wee Bunny (Audio)Book Winners!!!

by *Dustin Campbell*



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Thanks to everyone for entering and we look forward to having more contests and giveaways in the future.

Hi Everyone,

I bet you are wondering who the winners of the audio book version of The Wee Bunny Book are. Well, wait no longer for the winners are here.

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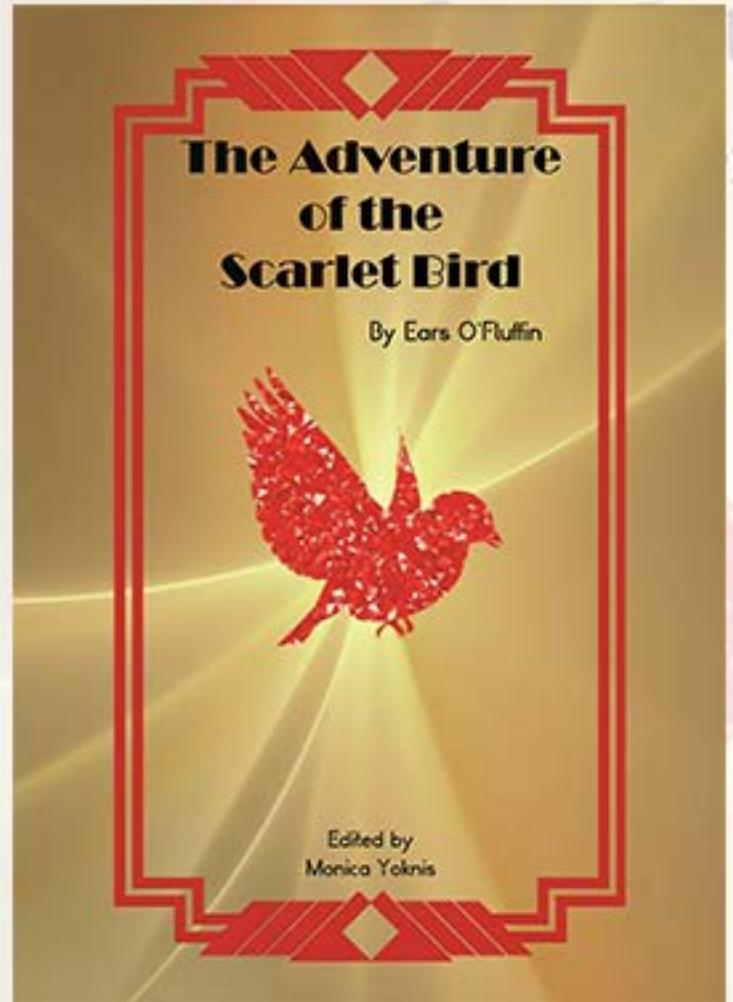
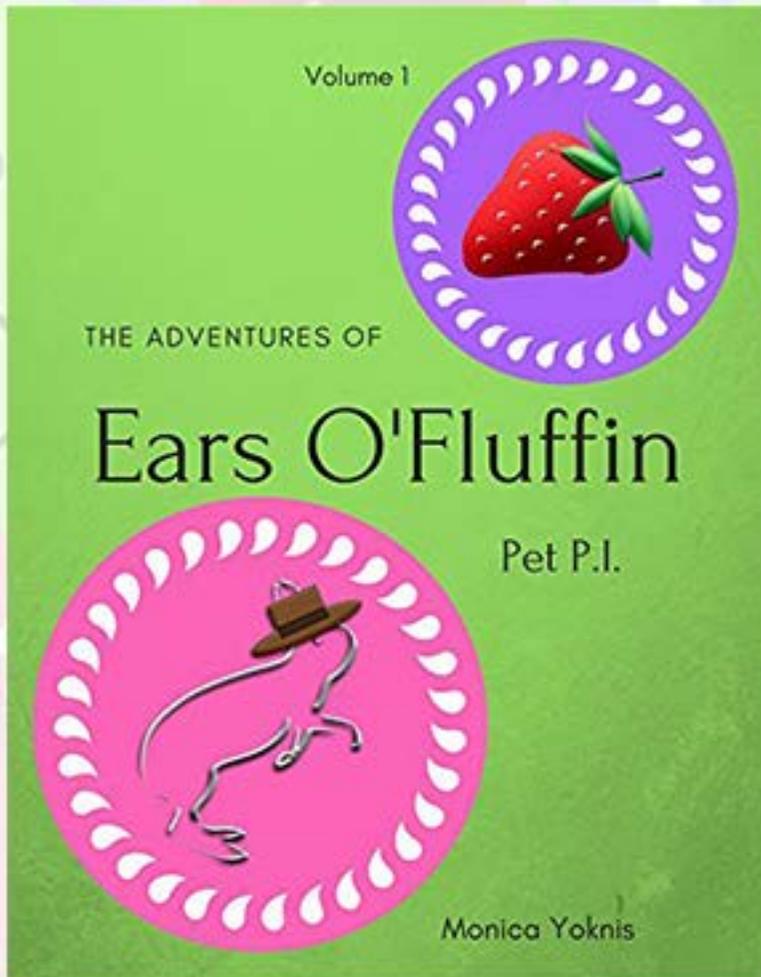
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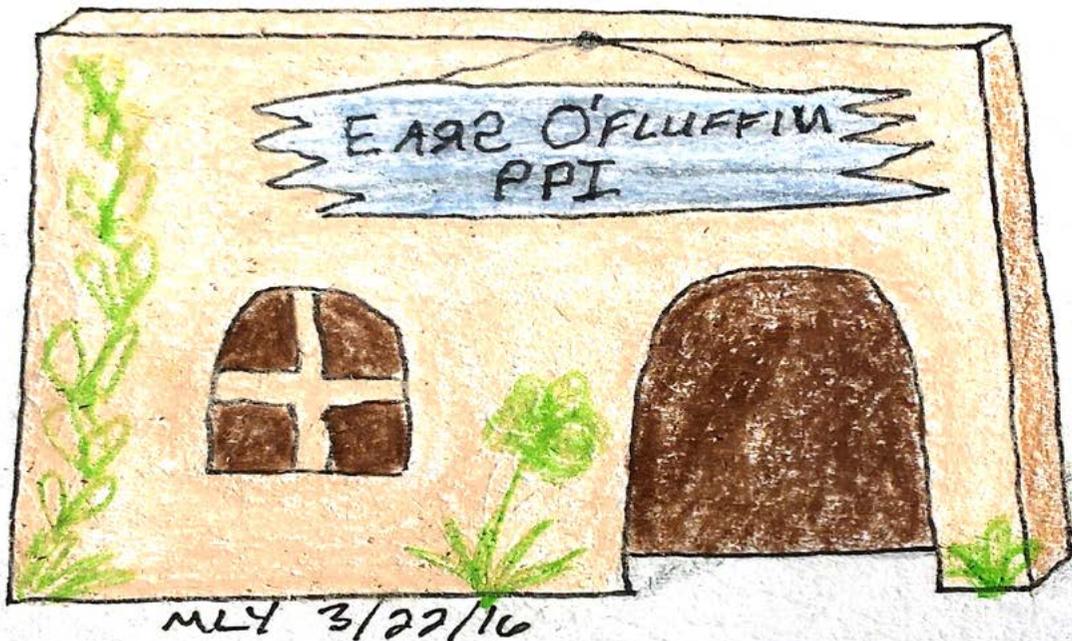
by Monica Yoknis

Dear Readers,

My hoomin editor is battling the Virus from Heck, .....

I'll be back next month.

Ears

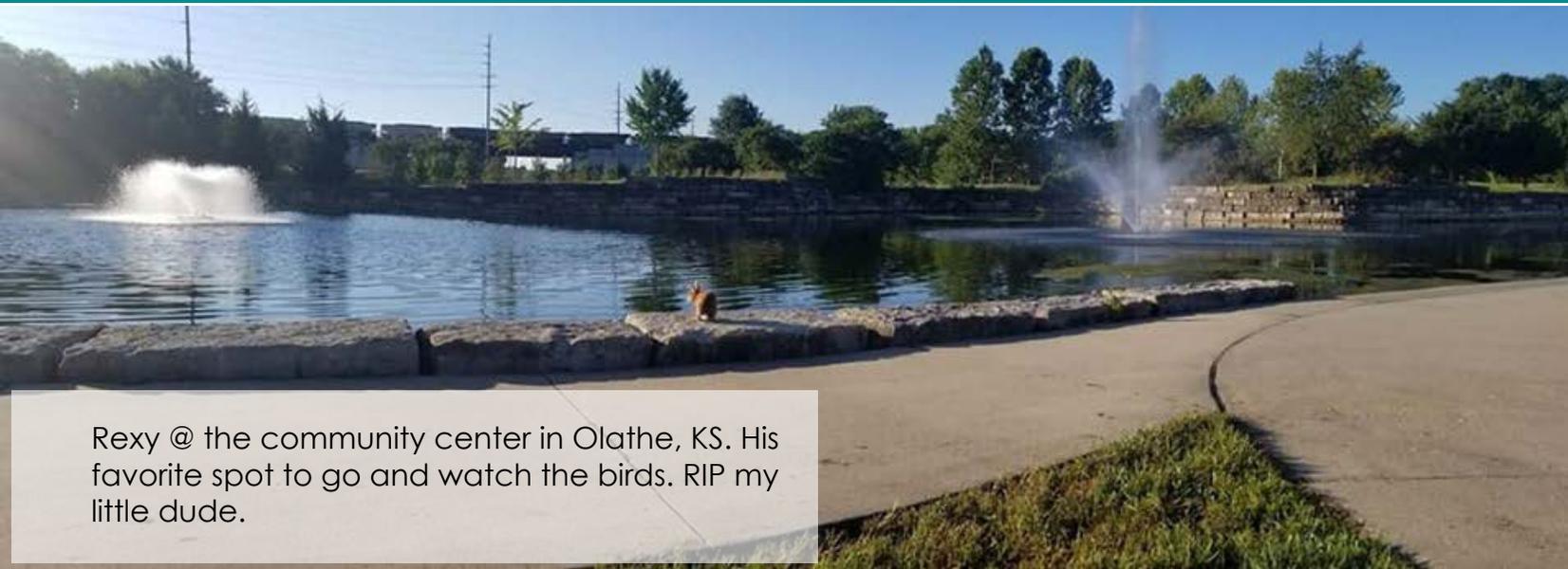


# To be continued...

Walter Wonderbunny  
Location: Hobuck beach on the Olympic Peninsula  
Photo by Aldous Eaton



## Bunnyzine Pictorial Adventurous Bunnies



Rexy @ the community center in Olathe, KS. His favorite spot to go and watch the birds. RIP my little dude.



Craig at the lake

Banksy and he likes to co-pilot



Master and Commander of the vessel. His name is Rudy but he prefers to be called Sinbad when we're on the boat.



My girl Lux at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.



Thumper loves going to the park!  
Photo by Jürgen West

Thumper loves going to the park!  
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Carlyle in the snow.



Spunky having a day adventure in Kiama



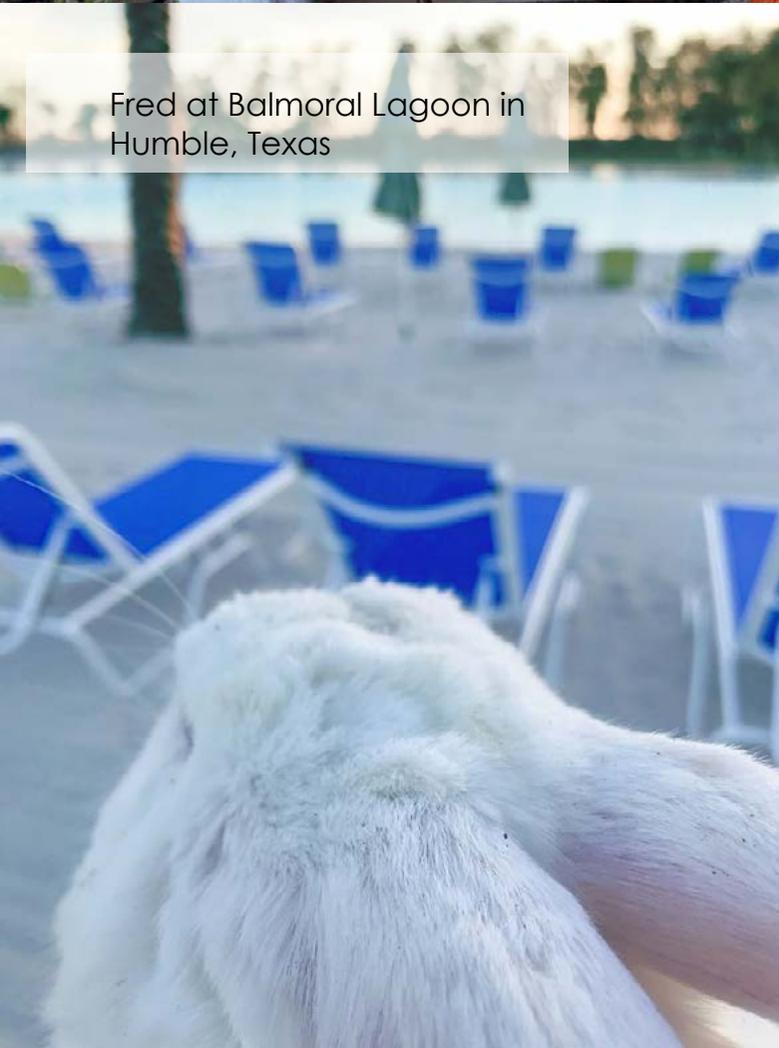
George at Pecan Park in Sugar Land, Texas.



Farah enjoying a walk in the forest.



Lux's tea stop in Salt Lake City



Fred at Balmoral Lagoon in Humble, Texas



Dandelion playing in the leaves last Fall.

# September Events

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# Daisy's Diary | Snapshots of Daisy's posts on Ocean's page

I genuinely get amused by Daisy's posts on Ocean's page. It often cheers up my day and I thought it would be great to pick a few of them and reprint them here. So I reached out to Daisy and she was all excited about the idea and so we are now starting this new section of Bunnyzine called Daisy's Diary. I hope you enjoy it.



**Ocean**

4 hrs · 🌐

Daisy: Gwooms mees Daddy.

Daddy: OK my Daisy Doo ❤️

Mummy: If you ever find a man that looks at a bunny like this..... never let him go ❤️ please share your bunny daddies with Daisy 🐰❤️🐰



**Ocean**

6 hrs · 🌐

Mummy: Do you like my new shoes Daisy?

Daisy: \*Gasp\* New shoes!!!! No no no \*Chin\* \*Chin\*

Mummy: What are you doing Daisy?

Daisy: When you gets news shoes dis means de Holibobs bees endings.....

Mummy: I'm sorry Daisy, but yes, tomorrow is the last day of the Holibobs.....

Daisy: Goods luck goings to works wiv out yours shoes mummy!

Mummy: Be reasonable Daisy! I need my shoes for my new job!

Daisy: Well if yous wanted yours shoes yous should has rubbed yours chin on dems!

Mummy: Come on Daisy, I need to look smart on my first day....

Daisy: Rules bees rules Mummy 😊



Catch all of Daisy's Antics on Ocean's Facebook Page  
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# A Cautionary Tale About Travelling With Rabbits

By *Germina Ivan*

Once upon a time, there was a young girl with a big heart for stray animals. She was a strong believer that all living creatures had the right to live a good life. She believed that all animals have a high range of emotion, but that some people fail to see it. Bunnies held a special place in this bunny-lover's heart. We will call her Valkyrie, this person who fought for the safety of all animals.

Clover, a lionhead bunny, found Valkyrie in October 2014. At the time, Valkyrie was still mourning the loss of Pixel, a previous bunny who had crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Clover was the runt of the litter, but had a lot of spunk.

Clover was a faithful traveling companion, since work required Valkyrie to change locations a lot. In November 2015,



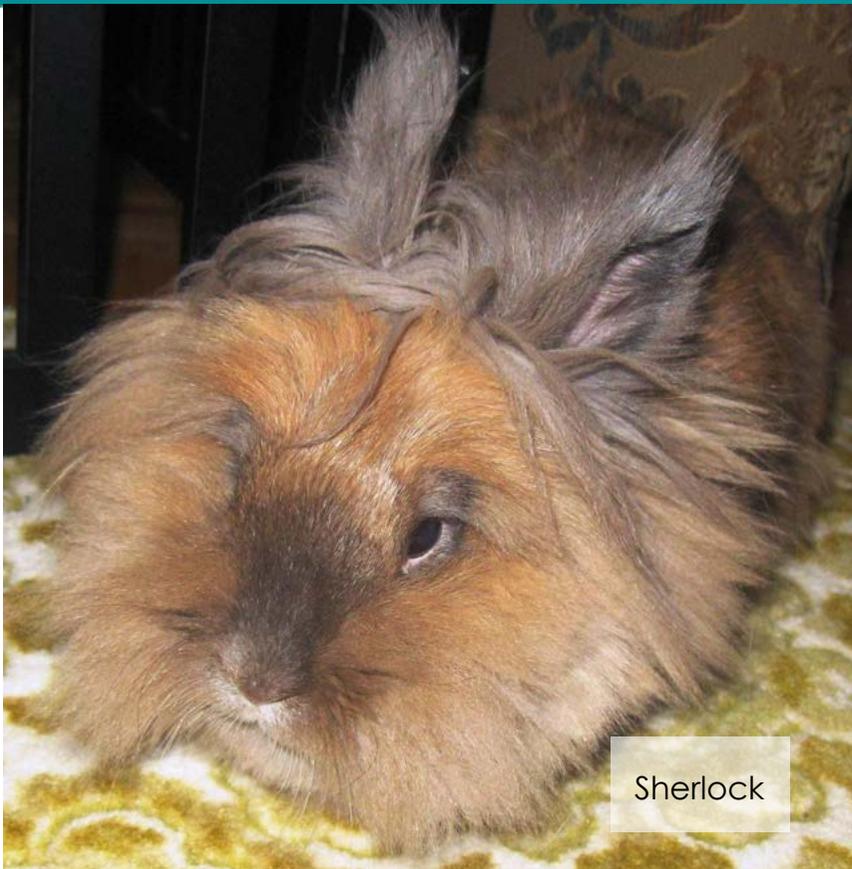
Clover - Oct 2014, first day home



Clover - March 2015 Calgary, Alberta



Blu



Sherlock



Clover - July 2015, Waterloo, Ontario



Clover - Jan 2016, Elmira, Ontario

Sherlock (lionhead) and Blu (blue English Angora) joined Valkyrie and Clover's family. In February 2016, Valkyrie had to travel across the ocean to visit her parents whom she hadn't seen in a long time. Traveling arrangements were made for all the bunny-kins for the long distance ahead. The trip was gruelling for them and tragedy struck: Sherlock did not survive the voyage. Clover and Blu recovered and found safety in the home of Valkyrie's parents. Valkyrie had to return home, but was apprehensive about putting her bunnies through the journey again, so left them behind with her parents. Clover and Blu brought the same joy to Valkyrie's parents as they had to her.

Valkyrie misses them terribly, but anticipates her weekly video chats with them. Blu recently crossed over the Rainbow Bridge at over 7 years old. Clover now carries on as the queen of Valkyrie's heart. As Valkyrie reflects, she carries some regret at having put her bunnies through such a long journey. But Clover is settled in her new home, and for her health and safety will remain with Valkyrie's parents.



Sherlock & Blu - Jan 2016 Elmira Ontario



Clover - June 2015 midpoint between Manitoba and Ontario, rest stop

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