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Daisy



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Big Changes And Lessons Learned

What an interesting month June was. What started with a series of setbacks that had me saying goodbye to Bunnyzine readers turned into quadrupling my workload but, with your help and support, we can finally get Bunnyzine where it needs to be.

You already showed your support with some donations and getting our June issue up over the 1000 downloads. Can we do it again for July and August? If we can demonstrate that we have over 1000 regular readers, we are able to move on to the next phase of Bunnyzine.

So in the meantime, we are going to be shifting our focus a bit and place more efforts into making Bunnyzine more well-known and our download link



more exposed, as well as, more efforts into telling new people who haven't heard of us who we are and what the plans and intentions of Bunnyzine is in becoming a perpetual money-making conduit between advertiser and rescues/ rabbit-related cause. Please consider helping us by downloading our issue and by sharing our download link.

I'm looking forward to continuing to make progress as we start reaching the goals we hope to achieve

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Binkies and Flops

-Dustin

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First Time Reading Bunnyzine?

by Dustin Campbell

Hi! Welcome to Bunnyzine.

Bunnyzine is a magazine created to help rabbit rescues and rabbit-related causes. Let's jump into a Q&A on what Bunnyzine is and why you clicking on our download and reading our issue each month is very important to us.

What is Bunnyzine?

Bunnyzine is a free monthly digital community rabbit magazine. We aim to focus on rabbit stories in mainstream media, but more importantly, in our own community.

How does Bunnyzine help rabbits?

Aside from promoting rescues and rabbit fundraisers for people to participate in, our ultimate goal is to become a self-sustaining, financial conduit between advertiser to rescue/rabbit-related cause. It works on a simple breakdown.

- You download and read Bunnyzine
- Advertisers pay us to be in Bunnyzine.
- We use 80% of the ad revenue in the magazine to give to rabbit rescues/related causes.

The more readers we have, the more we can charge advertisers, the more we can help bunnies so sharing and downloading are important.

Why only 80%? Why not 100%?

Currently, Bunnyzine is run by unpaid volunteers whom have put in a lot of time and effort while maintaining jobs. There are a few key positions that will really require full time positions to be filled and

it is unreasonable to expect them to be unpaid. There are also additional expenses we already face that come out of pocket so having those covered by Bunnyzine's revenue stream is appropriate for Bunnyzine to be self-sustaining.

What about other revenue sources?

We are currently examining other revenue sources, such as patreon, but are not considering them part of the 80%/20% advertising income model. I am hopeful though that additional revenue sources will enable us to increase the 80% going to help rabbits to a higher percentage.



What do you mean by rabbit-related causes?

Rabbit-related causes may still (and often would) involve a rabbit rescue. These causes might be something like an emergency medical issue a rabbit is fundraising for, a feral rabbit rescue operation, efforts towards shutting down a rabbit farming operation, or furthering education on rabbit care and the societal view of rabbits to decrease the number of abandoned rabbits and to end the use of rabbits as food or product.

Does Bunnyzine support breeders?

No.

There is a big debate about responsible breeders and irresponsible breeders but, at the end of the day, Bunnyzine's focus is to help rabbit rescues and unwanted/abandoned rabbits, or rabbits being used a product or food. It's less about being against breeders and more about being supportive to the efforts of rabbit rescues.

Does Bunnyzine support the use of rabbits

as food or product (fur clothing, etc)?

No.

Bunnyzine believes in the health and happiness of all bunnies. Ideally, we would love to see bunnies adorned with similar views that cats and dogs have in a North American society.

Does Bunnyzine support hutches or outdoor bunnies?

BZ is focused on promoting rabbit welfare first & foremost, irrespective of where a rabbit lives. Our audience is international in scope and as such, rabbits live many different ways around the world. BZ strives to cover issues that interest rabbit-lovers and respect the dignity of the rabbit.

We understand that there are going to be varying definitions of what is considered adequate care and not everyone will agree to a particular definition but the aspects of rabbits that Bunnyzine supports is the safety, well-being, love, and the quality of life being provided for the rabbit,

Does Bunnyzine have any paid advertising?

Presently, no, and we are not actively engaging in acquiring any paid advertisers.

Why aren't you getting paid advertisers?

Right now, we are in the reader acquisition phase. We need to have a large enough readership to approach advertisers.

If an advertiser advertises for us while our readership numbers are low, the chances of them getting a return on their advertising costs (from sales) is also low and if they aren't getting a return on what they spend, they will view Bunnyzine as ineffective for their advertising strategies. We don't want advertisers coming in early and leaving with a bad taste in their mouth so our first step is to demonstrate a steady regular

readership number that is high enough to give advertisers a decent chance of sales generated through ads with Bunnyzine.

So, you want readers to buy from the advertisers?

If they want to. Readers who purchase from advertisers reinforce the idea that Bunnyzine is a worthwhile magazine for advertisers to place ads in. Having said that, we will not ask readers to make purchases. It is the advertisers job in creating an effective ad that will generate the sales, our part in this is to give them a large number of readers to increase their chances and make it worth their while.

What is your target number?

We are testing with 1000 readers.

Last month, with the help of the Bunnyzine community sharing and spreading the word, we reached 1000 downloads. We do not know if 1000 readers is large enough to make advertisers satisfied with placing ads with us but we have a test in place to test whether this will be a high enough number to be effective. We will be testing it out over the next few months to see if we can begin with paid advertising or if we need to grow more before beginning the advertising acquisition phase.

What do you need from readers?

All we need is for you to download our regular issues once a month and read Bunnyzine. If we had 10 000 people doing that monthly, we could easily get the advertisers and, in turn, help the rabbits.

Of course, you can additionally help speed up the process by sharing our download posts from facebook and twitter to help people become aware of what Bunnyzine is and what we intend to do. You can help make this happen. You can help us build a system where rabbits can get help without it costing you a penny.





Daisy: As requested here bees de picture of Daisy, just moments after mees bees returned to De rescue and just moments afters Ocean made hers final journey..... Dis bees de picture dat makes everybun sure dat Ocean does gives Daisy everyfink she does leaves behind, includings her Mummy and Daddy.....

Fank Yous Ocean For givings Daisy Dis gift of Mines second chance

Featured Bunny: Daisy



Bunnyzine: Daisy! I hope you didn't think we forgot about you. We wanted to give you some time to settle and let your fans get to know you. Ocean left some pretty big paw prints to fill but you have done an amazing job of staying connected with your fans. While I know a lot of your fans downloaded this issue and are reading this right now all because of you, there might be some Bunnyzine readers who haven't yet heard of you (I know, I know, I can't really believe it either.) So as a treat for all the new people meeting you for the first time, I just have a few questions for you.

Can you tell us what you remember about your time before finding your forever home?

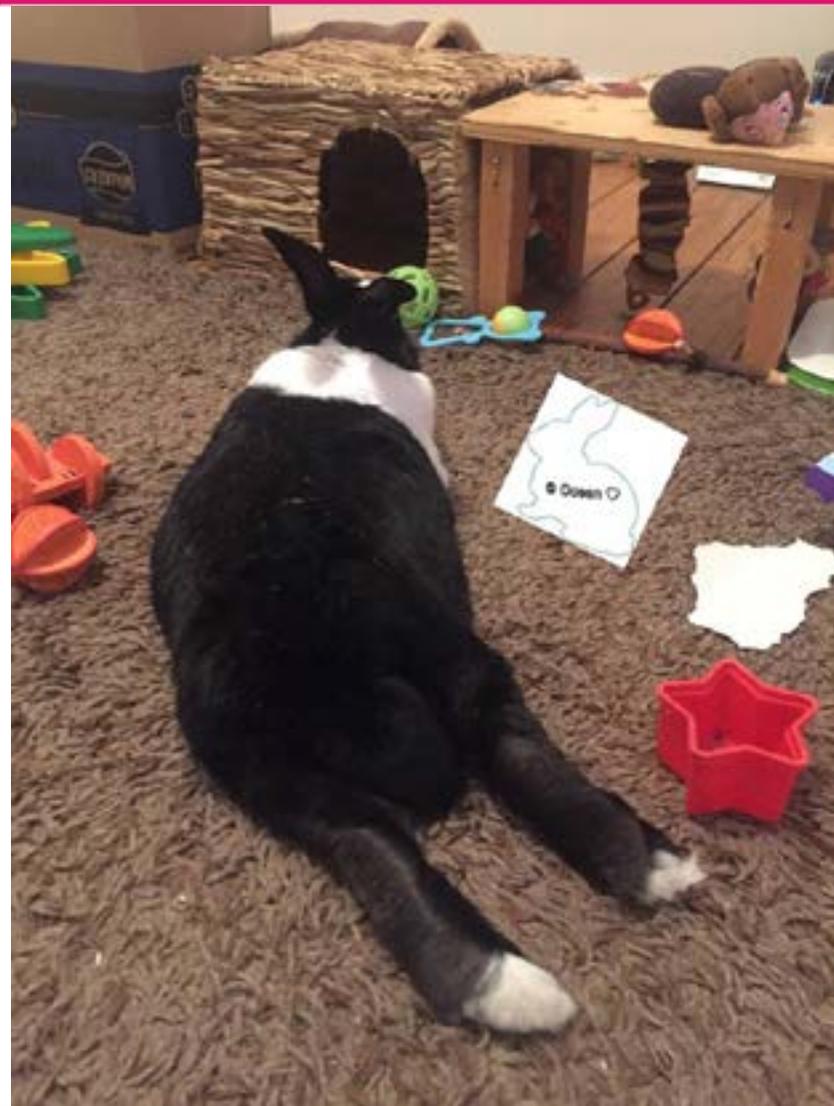
Daisy: Daisy did not have a nice time before mees finds mees forever home..... Daisy was bought into The Littlest Rescue wiv mees sisfur

Stwaberry. We does lives in a tiny cage at de bottom of de garden and wees bees fightings lots. Little did Daisy know dat de nice lady dat checked us into de rescue bees Daisy's future Mummy. De rescue give mees and mines sisfur a hopporation and said dis might makes us makes fwiends again it does not! De rescue twys to find Daisy a new fwiend and a forevers home, but mees was scared and when de helpers at de rescue twys to clean and feeds Daisy mees lunges at dems.

De helpers bees fwightened of Daisy and dems puts a sticker on mines house dat says "aggressive rabbit". But future Mummy would visit Daisy, and give mees extwa tweets, she knows Daisy just bees scared and busn't want to hurts anybun, so Daisy lets her give mees head rubs.

Daisy meets lots of families and goes on twial wiv dems, but mees busn't likes der rabbits and den







gives Daisy de gweatest gift of all, she gived Daisy de home and family she loved so much when she could no longer bees wiv dems. Dis makes Daisy fink, Daisy needs to follows in Ocean's footsteps.

Daisy follows some simple rules: do what you can for others, always bees kind, nevers bunder estimate de power of Ocean's Army and leave nobunny behind.

Bunnyzine: Those who have seen your posts know that you are the treat expert, so having established that, what are your three favourite treats?

Daisy: Der bees so many tweets, how can Daisy pick just thwee? but if mees has to Daisy will has to pick Stwawberries, Daddy lets Daisy has one tiny piece every night..... Daisy has been twying

to convince hims dat mees should has a whole stwawberry but Mummy says dis will makes Daisy has a fatty bum bum.

Also Daisy loves mines hay biscuits, Mummy hides dems in my stacking stars for Daisy to finds, dis busn't bees hard as Daisy can sniff out tweets fwom miles aways.

Daisy's final choice bees Oxbow tweets, dems very special and Mummy can't find dems here in de UK so Daisy only gets to nom dems when mines fwiends around de world sends dems, Fank you anybun dat has sende mees dees tweets.

De most important fing to member about tweets is to twain yours hoomins so dems gives yous as many as yous like, Daisy has a special bell dat mees rings to demand tweets, but for some reason Mummy keeps hidings dis bell! Dont worry Daisy always finds it.









Bunnyzine: If you could have any wish come true, what would you wish for?

Daisy: Daisy has one wish, and dat bees dat bun day der bees no need for animal rescue centres, dat all de bunnies and other animals bees loved and cared for der entire life. If dis wish came twue Daisy would never stop doeing BINKIES!!

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on Face Book https://www.facebook.com/TheLittlestRescue/?ref=br_rs every year dems rescues bundreds of Bunnies and Piggies at de main rescue centre and in foster homes all over Bwistol. All de volunteers and Aunty Bev works very hard to keeps all de pre loved bunnies and piggies hoppy and healthy, and every bunny dat leaves dems bees neutered or spayed and fully vacinated. Dis all costs lots of money and so Daisy does everyfink mees cans to helps, each year Daisy sells mines and Ocean's calendars and wees has competitions throughout de year for all of Ocean's Army to win special pwizes. Daisy also bees pwoud of mines Mummy because she been de events coordinator for de rescue, she arranges shows and fates for de rescue to attend wiv der special educational









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rescues bundreds of Bunnies and Piggies at de main rescue centre and in foster homes all over Bwistol. All de volunteers and Aunty Bev works very hard to keeps all de pre loved bunnies and piggies hoppy and healthy, and every bunny dat leaves dems bees neutered or spayed

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games for de children to plays. Dems even has a Bunny shaped car called Chewy dat









dems dwives to de show in, hims helps raise awareness of rabbit welfare.

Bunnyzine: What do you like most about Daddy and what do you like most about MummyDaisy:

What Daisy likes most about Daddy bees dat hims gives mees lots of tweats, but also hims bees very good at head rubs. De only hoomin in de world dat Daisy will allows to pick mees up bees Daddy, hims gives de bestest cuddles, even Mummy busn't bees allowed to picks up Daisy, mees likes all four paws on de floor!

Mummy bees in charge of Daisy's bweakfast and tea, and although Daisy always has to tell hers off for beings late, she does a good job really. Mummy also bees a very good nurse when Daisy bees poorly, she makes her bed on de floor in Daisy's room and stays der all night to care for Daisy and she knows how to gives yucky medicine wivout too much fuss.

Daisy loves mines Mummy and Daddy very much because mees knows dat dems would both does anythink to makes sure Daisy bees hoppy and healthy.

Bunnyzine: You have an upcoming calendar, don't you? Can you tell us about it?

Daisy: Every year Daisy makes a calendar which wees sells to raise money for de pre loved bunnies and piggies at The Littlest

Rescue. All of Ocean's Army bees invited to submit der pictures which wees include, actually when Daisy finks about dis, de calendar bees Ocean's Army's calendar! Dis year will bees de 5th year of de calendar and wees has raised over £14,000 so far, Daisy bees excited to sees how much wees can add to dis dis year.

De calendars goes all overs de world, de only continet dat does not has a copy of Daisy's Calendar bees Antarctica.... so if der bees any scientists out der in Antarctica dat would like to take a calendar wiv dems, yous would makes Daisy's dweams come twue!

Bunnyzine: Is there anything you would like to tell the readers that we haven't already covered?



Daisy: Daisy finks yous has asked everyfink yours B u n d e r f u l readers would like to knows. Fank yous so much for interviewing Daisy. Daisy loves yous very much, nose bumps and kisses.

Bunnyzine: Thank you so much for doing this interview with us and we are happy to have you as our featured bunny but we don't want you to hop too far away, we'd like to have you in more of our issues. We love you, Daisy.

Daisy: Daisy would like dis very much, fank yous Bunnyzine.

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A samurai in thee port of Osaka
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Ye Olde Navy came ahoy
'Pon the docks of Osaka port
'N ye bun-ari chowed on bok choy
While Tanaka had a saki snort!

With thee wizard soundly sleepers
Bun-ari, they grabbed his swords
'N passed the emperor as creepers
They chopped up thee royal 'lectric cords!

Ye know it 'tis aye so cool
Thee pet shoppe doth maketh me drool
I telleth ye now me friend
Thine hay is on saleth again!

They sayeth thee saleth of sales
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Byron And Huggs - Update Interview

by *Dustin Campbell*

Bunnyzine: In March 2018, we published a story in our issue Bunnyzine Vol. 4 Issue 5) about Byron Heino and his bunny, Huggs, getting connected to finding housing for his bunny and himself.

The story began with a comment Byron wrote on January 31st, 2018 under a Bunnyzine post on our Facebook page. The comment read "I can't find a place that's rabbit friendly, lots of places that are pet friendly, but rabbits are the exception, I'm fine with being homeless in Winnipeg and the -30 windchill but my bunny, Huggs, isn't." This prompted quick action from Bunnyzine Development



Team Member, Iris Klimczuk, to get Byron connected to help. She connected Byron with Popcorns and Binkies rescue and was able to establish temporary housing for him.

It's been about half a year since this happened and I, along with others, have been wondering what's been happening with Byron since. We thank Byron for giving us this interview. Let's just jump right in shall we?

Bunnyzine: Have you found more permanent housing?

Byron: Nothing yet, we're staying in a single room, Huggs doesn't have the space we had before but we're together.

Bunnyzine: Has life been improving for you since?

Byron: yes, less stressed from being homeless with Huggs.

Bunnyzine: What has been happening since we last saw you?

Byron: Started working with a concrete company, long hours usually start at 6am till 8pm

Bunnyzine: Have you stayed in touch with Popcorns and Binkies Rescue since?

Byron: yes, awesome people who are always asking how Huggs is and wondering if she needs anything.

Bunnyzine: How has Huggs been enjoying life now?

Bunnyzine: What have been some of the biggest challenges you've had to overcome since your temporary housing?

Byron: no real challenges, just getting up at 4:30-5am to get ready for work is a little rough

Bunnyzine: Do you have any big plans from here?

Byron: wouldn't mind getting some land a few acres outside of the city so I can build my own place and a garden.

Byron: she misses the yard and dancing in the rain but she's okay, just misses me bringing her fresh dandelions and other nibbles during the day.

Bunnyzine: Is there anything that you or Huggs needs that possibly Bunnyzine readers can help with?

Byron: \$1,000,000- and a Porsche? Nah I'm good thanks

Bunnyzine: Thank you so much for doing this interview with us and giving us an update on your story. I know a lot of us have been wondering.

Byron: thanks for being a source of rabbit education and entertainment.



Flying The Rabbit-Friendly Skies

by Iris Klimczuk

Summertime means vacation and travelling, and some of you may be considering flying with your rabbit. Bunnyzine is pleased to reprint this article from last summer.

Please note it does NOT refer to flying with Emotional Support Animals/ESAs. US airlines have recently made major changes to their ESA policies, including restricting certain kinds of pets. If you have flown with your rabbit as an emotional support animal in the past, we recommend you inform yourself about the new stricter ESA requirements by contacting your chosen airline well in advance to avoid disappointment



Flying in-cabin with rabbits is easy with some advance planning. My own rabbit trio are now seasoned travellers and have flown from coast to coast, as well as to Canada and back.

Currently, only three major US airlines transport rabbits domestically in-cabin for a fee: Frontier, United, and Alaska Airlines. Westjet, serving Canadian destinations from a few US cities, is a fourth one. You'll need to phone the airline to let them know you're carrying a pet on-board with you after booking your own ticket online, since the number of pets allowed in-cabin per flight is limited.

Upon arrival at the airport, you'll need to line up for assistance so an agent can

check-in you and your rabbit/s, and to pay the additional pet transport fee. United and Frontier allow one rabbit per carrier in-cabin, while Alaska allows two rabbits per carrier in-cabin domestically (with the exception of flights to Hawaii).

Next, you will proceed to the trickiest part of flying with a rabbit, which is passing through TSA security. Here, your rabbit/s must be removed and carried thru the metal detector with you while their carrier is x-rayed separately. Once cleared, bunny can go back inside the pet carrier.

If your rabbit is at all skittish, ask the TSA agent for a private screening room where bunny will be contained should it decide to bolt. If you are travelling alone with a rabbit pair, you may need to ask a fellow traveller or TSA agent for assistance carrying your buns through security. Be prepared for lots of attention from curious travellers while clearing security!

Rabbits typically fly very well when healthy and veterinarians do not advise sedation. All animals must remain in their carriers for the duration of the flight for their safety.

A soft-sided, top and front-opening carrier conforming to the airline's required specific dimensions allows for some flexibility to fit under the seat in front of you. Lining the bottom of your carrier with a disposable puppy pee pad is a good idea and bring along extras to replace them when soiled or torn, as you will be underway for several hours.

In my experience, offering water to drink in a dish can result in a wet rabbit and carrier in-flight. I recommend bringing along fresh greens like cilantro, parsley, or mixed salad greens to help keep bunny hydrated while

flying. Another option is to moisten their food pellets with water -- if your rabbit will eat them that way -- in a plastic lightweight bowl, either before boarding or during the flight.

Bring hay in a large ziploc bag and place some inside the pet carrier to munch on, and bring extra hay along with you in case of flight delays, etc. I carry a several day supply of pelleted food with me in case their regular food is not available at our destination or my checked bag gets lost and I need to transition them to another food pellet.

Currently, it is not necessary to have a health certificate to transport your rabbit in-cabin domestically. If transporting via the cargo

hold - which I don't recommend unless in-cabin is not an option - the airline usually requires a veterinary health certificate. This means a vet visit is needed within 10 days of your flight for the health certificate and results in an extra cost.

Always double check all requirements for transporting your rabbit with your chosen airline well in advance, especially the recommended dimensions of the carry-on pet carrier.

Note that code share flights on other carriers typically do not honor their partner airlines' pet transportation policies, so be sure the flight you book is flown on a jet operated by United, Frontier, or Alaska Airlines.



Smokey enjoys her dinner of hay & cilantro at 35,000ft in June on a non-stop Alaska Airlines flight from Seattle bound for Albuquerque.



Pleased to be on terra firma again after flying home on Alaska Airlines' rabbit-friendly skies are seasoned flyers Babycakes(left), Nico (middle), and Smokey (right).

Whether or not you choose to fly with your rabbit or to leave it behind in the care of a pet-sitter when you travel is a personal decision. In my experience, having travelled with my rabbits across the country by car and by jet, I think flying in-cabin is much easier on both the rabbits and me than several days of driving, with overnight hotel stays. Being well-prepared always pays off and makes for a smooth flying experience.

For international travel in-cabin with your rabbit, United Airlines, Westjet and FinnAir are currently the only options of which I'm aware. Choose a non-stop flight, if possible. Health certificates are usually necessary, as well as meeting any specific pet importation requirements pertaining to rabbits and any quarantine or vaccination requirements in the destination country.

Check with the embassy or consulate of your destination country for specific pet importation information before booking your plane ticket, and be aware that airlines often change their pet transportation policies.

For some, it may be worth hiring a professional pet transportation company to fly your rabbit abroad, although this tends to be an expensive option and means bunny is transported in the cargo hold, not in-cabin. But sometimes it is the only way your rabbit can be transported between certain countries and be able to rejoin you in another international location.

Wishing everybunny happy flying and 'bun' voyage!

"The adventure continues and the danger increases"

-Dustin Campbell, Bunnyzine



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by *Dustin Cmapbell*

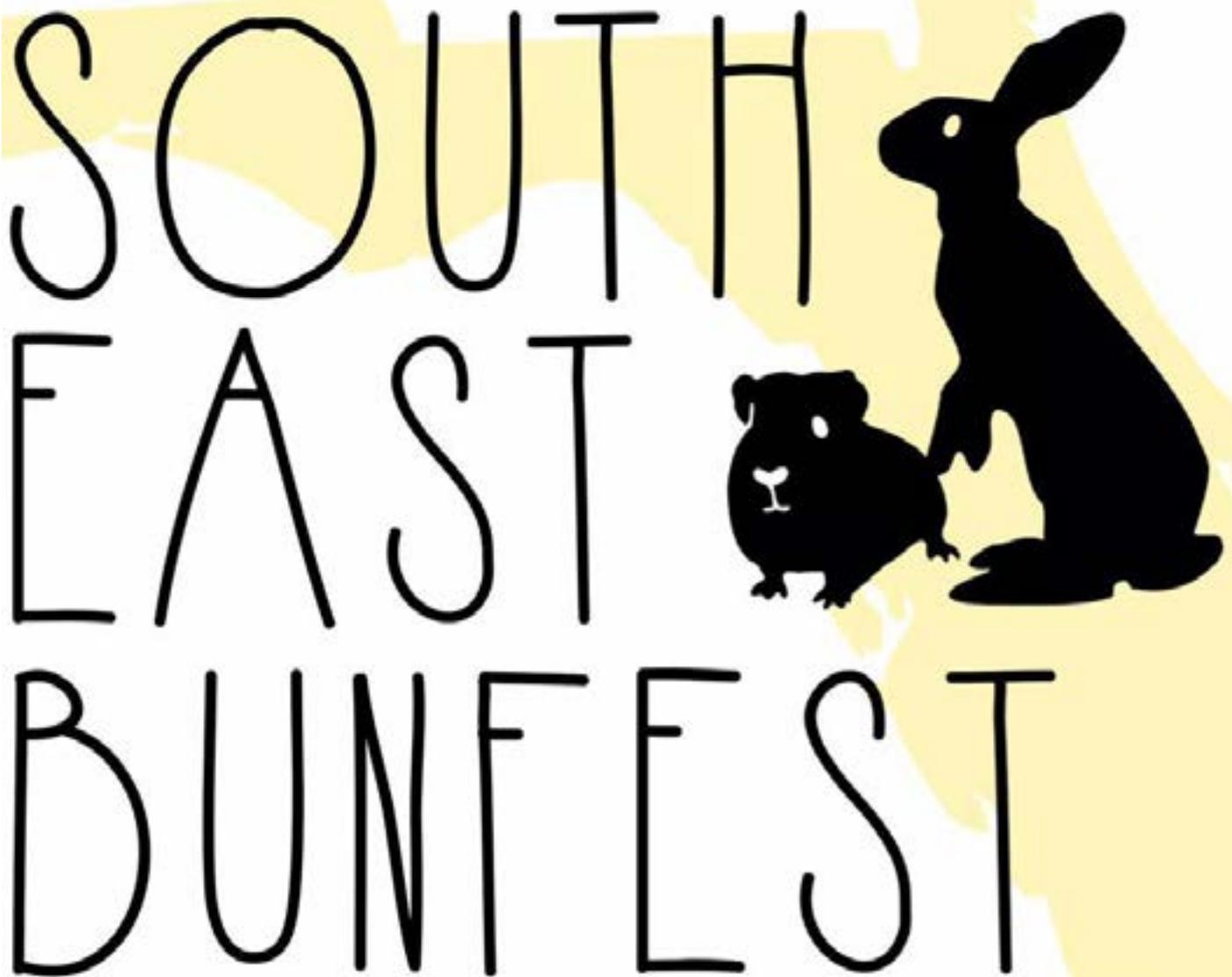
Southeast Bunfest 2018 ran on June 2nd and was a fantastic success. We interviewed Sara Kornegay about the event and Sara was also kind enough to provide all the photos for this pictorial.

Bunnyzine: What would you estimate was your total number of attendees and vendors?

Sara: We had approximately 1987 attendees. This is kind of an inaccurate number as we had folks from the vendors and the rescues coming

in not logged because they came in earlier than the folks that we were having logged this so we were probably well over 2000. As far as the vendors are concerned, we had 28 vendors which is more than we ever had and we look forward to working on the logistics of the venue, itself, to accommodate more.

Bunnyzine: Based on feedback from attendees, what are some of the most popular highlights of Southeast Bunfest 2018?



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Sara: Our educational seminars. Everybody absolutely loved those. We had a lot of great folks this year. But not only that, our raffle baskets always blow away folks because not only how well they are put together but the contents that are in them. It's a wonderful array of items and people are really buzzing about the photos this year. We have a wonderful photographer. She is actually a humane society employee that has a secondary job as a photographer after

hours and on her days off so we had some really beautiful, really great quality photos so for only \$10 they got a photo session that would have pretty much cost them \$100+ just to get a couple of photos so it was beautiful.

Bunnyzine: What are some of the challenging obstacles that are faced in undergoing a huge event like this?





Sara: Our biggest obstacle is the communication with the volunteers, vendors, staff, rental companies and the venue itself. There's a lot of hands in the pot and there's a lot of room for error if everyone does not completely understand their role and how to execute it, so, we are working on that in the future,

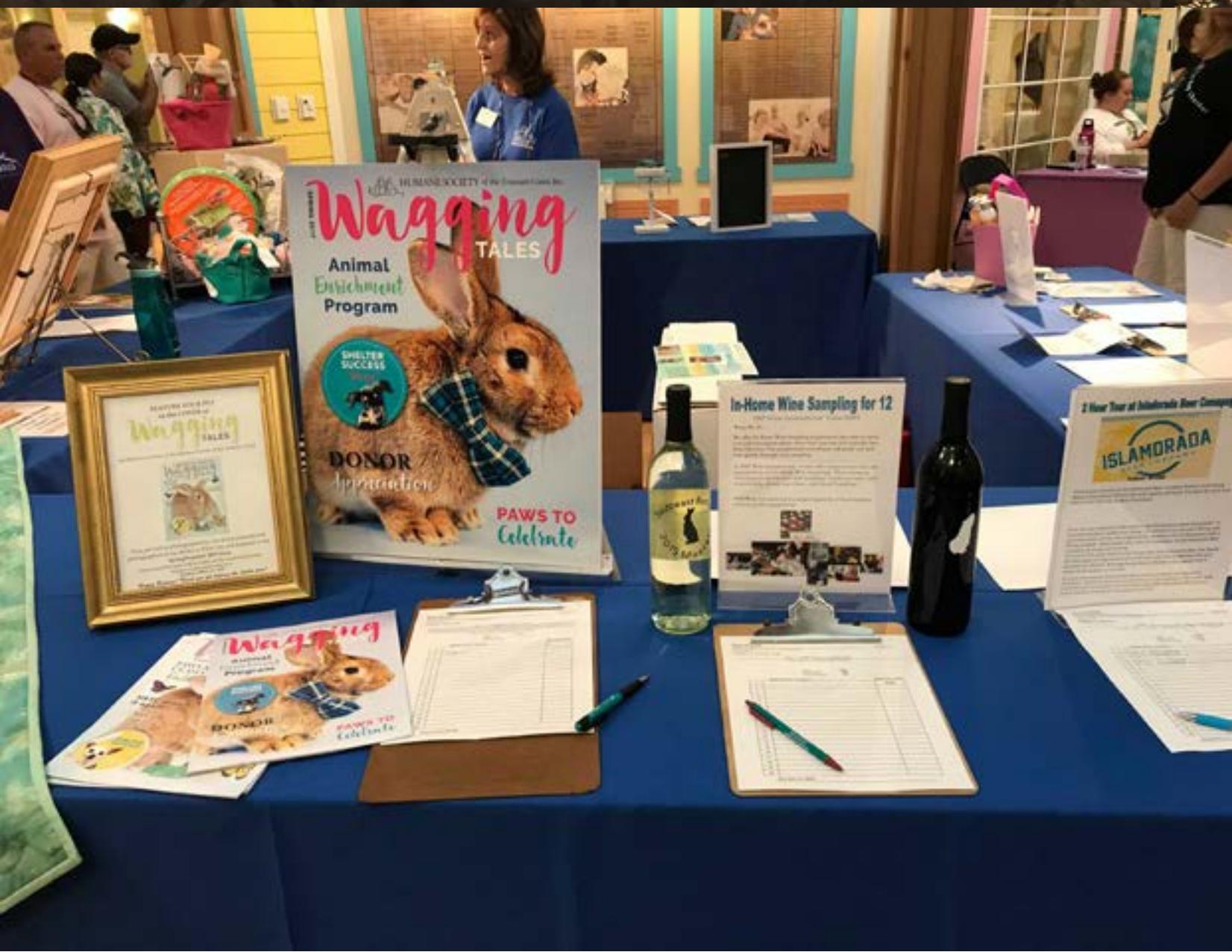
how to expedite it correctly, however, it's growing pains and every time we move to a new facility which this year 2018 was our first year at the Kane center.

It takes a little bit of wiggle room so maybe next year we will have it completely down pat.

Bunnyzine: People have been talking lately about not attending Bunfests until the RHDV 2 virus in British Columbia, Canada has been eradicated or until they have had their bunnies

vaccinated, I know you are down in Southeast where the risks are very, very, very low (ie: someone would have to catch RHDV 2 on them, and fly down to Southeast Bunfest) but I am curious whether or not the virus has had any noticeable impact on the attendance of Southeast Bunfest 2018.

Sara: We haven't seen any issues here. I don't believe it has actually caused folks not to come however it is something we've all been talking about because our local Petsmart, which we absolutely detest because they are a big problem, have been selling the "premium rabbits" that have been imported from Europe so really it's just a matter of time, however, our community is pretty strong and we are working towards eliminating, not just them, but eliminating them selling live animals







so hopefully we will make a dent in the community soon but it's not really something that has stopped folks.

Bunnyzine: How would you compare this year's turnout and metrics compared to previous years?

Sara: 2018's turnout has been bigger than ever. It grows bigger every year but this year we've seen more people only because we have a bigger facility, an updated facility for the animals and for the attendees. Also, we've been utilizing the Facebook ads and we've been able to reach more people and I think that really helps getting the word across. I always hear a week or two after the event "Oh Gosh, I wish I knew about this event sooner"; "How am I supposed to reach these people?" I think every year and I think "Gosh, I really have got to tap into social media more" and so we pulled out just a \$100 ad on social media and we targeted some spaces that were local and that were less than 2 hours from us and it definitely paid off.

Bunnyzine: For those who haven't had a Southeast Bunfest experience (especially those who are traveling from out of state/country), do people from the online bunny community congregate outside of the Southeast Bunfest event itself, and if so, what kind of things do they do?

Sara: We have some folks that put on online event pages for welcome parties and after parties and all sorts of stuff like that but if you aren't into hanging out with the people that are here, gosh, Stuart, Florida is beautiful or just the general vicinity. There is so much to do. We are a historical town but we are also a coastal town. We were rated #1 coastal town by a coastal magazine it's beautiful, the food is great the people are wonderful and it's just a beautiful atmosphere to come and relax but I mean bunny people are great too. We're friendly and open and just fun to be around.





Bunnyzine: Can you tell us what some of the feedback has been from venders/guest speakers of the event?

Sara: here's some quotes: "Love the venue". "Thank you for your hard work". One of my favourite ones was by Kat Finelli from Gainsville rabbit rescue, it says "Fabulous event. From all of us that do rabbit rescue, not many places

care for the little ones like the Treasure Coast Humane Society. Your volunteers worked super hard yesterday from myself and all of us at Gainsville rabbit rescue. We love you thanks for your hard work.

Kat Finelli." She was super great. I also heard a lot of stuff about Cooper the pooper who was at the event. Some people didn't know he was there and they were so sad they didn't







get a picture with him but all around it was a great event and we hope to move forward to make it even more fantastic and wonderful in the future.

Bunnyzine: How much would you estimate Southeast Bunfest has generated?

Sara: We have put out a press release about the final total for Bunfest, however, we had some more generous sponsors just kick in and say they wanted to add to the fund and so our final total as of today (June 25, 2018) is \$21,177.19 for the 2018 Southeast Bunfest. Pure profit.

Bunnyzine: How important is the success of Southeast Bunfest on the impact it has on helping fund the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, Inc?

Sara: We're actually considered a signature event for our shelter. We have lots of events for the shelter. Probably through the calendar year we have more than 180 events, however, only 4 of those are considered signature which happen every year and they are sought after

and they create a lot of buzz in the community and we are one of those. Also, we are the only small animal event in south Florida so, even if we are not raising super crazy big bucks, we are raising awareness and, to me, that means everything for our shelter and our community.

Bunnyzine: Where can people find information on the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, Inc and on future Southeast Bunfest events?

Sara: In order to get in touch with us and/or find more information about the shelter or the event itself, you can check our main shelter: htsc1.org for the humane society of the treasure coast website but then for all things southeast Bunfest: southeastbunfest.org with all of the up to date information as well as all of our Facebook pages if you just pop onto one of the links we just provided, it will get you to the Facebook pages which have even more information up to date hourly stuff that's going on.

Bunnyzine: Thank you so much for doing this interview with us. We look forward to helping you promote your next event.

**Humane Society Of The Treasure Coast Website: htsc1.org
Southeast Bunfest Website: southeastbunfest.org**

Bunnyzine Colouring Art By Yollie

by Yollie Boag



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Ears O'Fluffin in:

The case of the missing pewps - Part 2

by *Monica Yoknis*

I hopped into my office bright and early Monday morning. My hoomin unlocked the pet door on his way to work, and I busied myself making sure the new place was ready for clients. I moved the desk around a few times in an attempt to make the space feel less cavernous. Finally, I settled on a diagonal arrangement in the corner. The back door was still behind to my left, so a quick retreat would be fast and easy. The desk now faced the front door more directly. I nodded with finality and moved to sit in my chair.

I hadn't placed my pouf fully in my chair when there was a scratch at my door.

"Come in!" I finished sitting.



"Excuse me, Mr O'Fluffin?" a small voice asked.

I looked for the owner of the voice and tried to hide my surprise when a very young kit shuffled in the door. He looked like a frayed cotton ball with eyes and a rapidly twitching nose. I could barely make out the tips of his ears among the fluff.

"Yes, please come in." I got up and walked around my desk. I sat in front of the desk to be more at eye level to the little one.

He looked back toward the door.

"It's ok, Snowy, mama's right here." She had a soft gently encouraging voice that reminded me of my mother.

The little one took a few more tentative steps toward me. I smiled, trying to be encouraging. I glanced at the door when movement caught my eye. Mama was a gorgeously groomed Angora with a shimmering silver coat. She hopped into the corner opposite my desk and settled into a comfortable loaf. I took this to mean that Snowy was my client, and he would (should) be doing all the talking.

"Um," he glanced back to his mama. She smiled and nodded for him to continue.

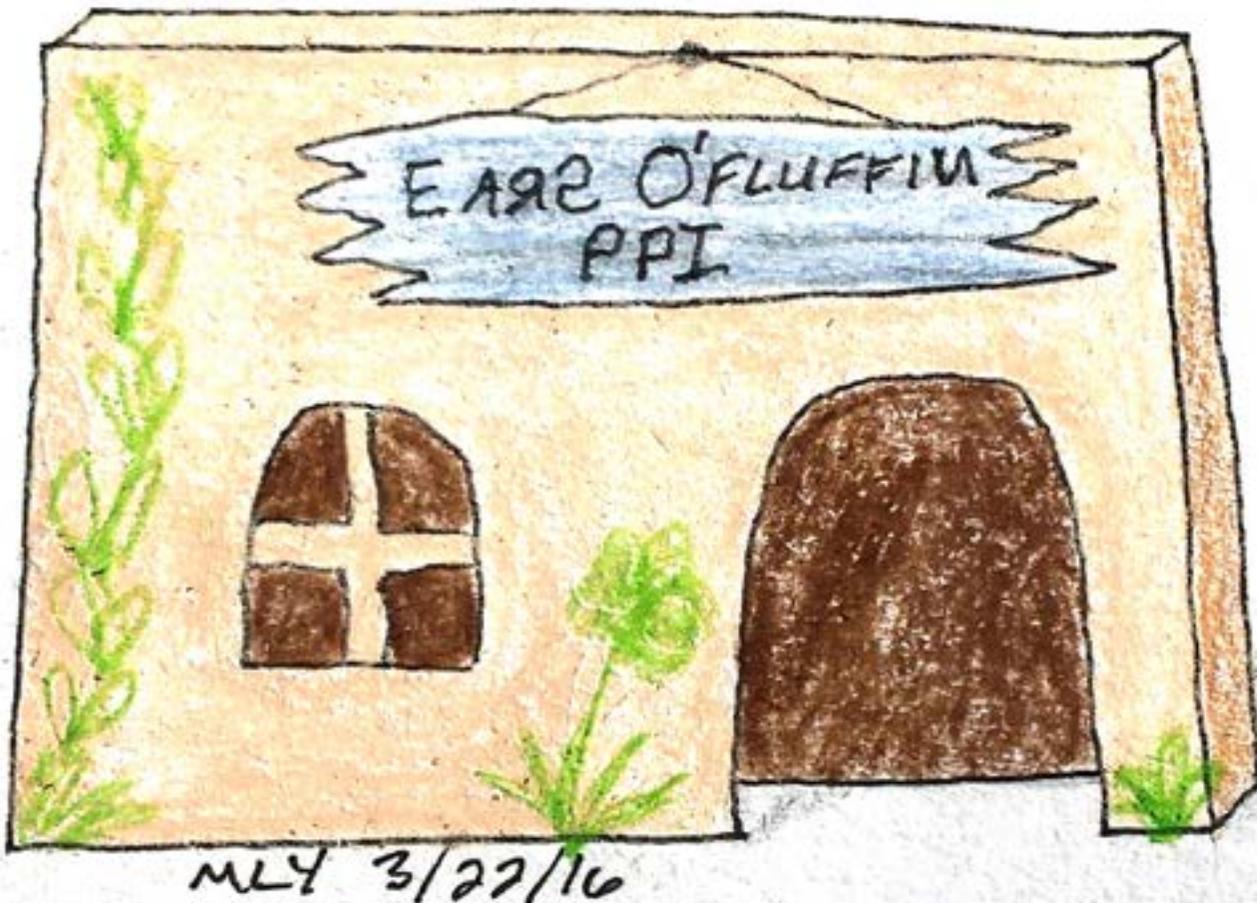
"How can I help you, today, Snowy?" He was a brave little fluff and I wanted to let him know I took him seriously.

"Well, sir. Uh..." He took a deep breath. "I was wondering if you could tell me something. Uh...help me answer something."

"Of course. What's the question?"

"Well. We have hoomins."

I nodded.



"And we have a box we're supposed to potty in."

"Good. I have one, too."

He finally smiled and started to relax a little.

"Well, the thing is. The hoomins will take it away from us, and then give it back."

I nodded sagely. I think I had an idea where this was going.

"When they give it back, all the pewps we put in there are gone!"

"Mmhmm," I nodded again.

"Well...I don't get...I mean...why? Why do they take them? What do they do with them?" The dam broke and the questions all flooded out. "Why do they want them? Do they eat them? Why do we put them in the box? What happens to all the other stuff in the box?"

I kept nodding in a desperate attempt to not laugh. A glance at Mama showed that she was in a similar predicament. Little Snowy was so serious about his dilemma that I didn't want him to think I was laughing at him. Fact is, we all ask the same questions at some point. Me, I followed the hoomin with the box and watched what they did with it. A lot of buns just accept that that's the way hoomins are. This little floof had the makings of a serious detective, so I decided to help him find his own answers.

"Can you help me, Mr O'Fluffin?"

"Yes, Snowy, I certainly can help you. First, we need to examine the scene."

He stood up straighter and nodded bravely. "Ok, I can show you our box."

Mama hopped out the door with a swish of her elegant locks. Snowy and I followed her back to their apartment building.

To Be Continued.

Bunnyzine Bunny Bites

Bunny Bites are responses from readers to our question of the month.

Our question for this issue is:

If your bunny or bunnies ruled the world, what would be some of the new rules they would implement?

Kathy Dawson: All hooms have to bring a non-stop supply of nanners and treats

Mr. Beans & Friends: Bananas every day, all day, more cuddles, unlimited treats oh and more banana

Cody Shaw: 1 - Unlimited healthy treats for all.

2 - All rabbits currently stuck in a hutch or tiny cage get their own house, the humans of said rabbits are the "hutched/caged".

3 - Free travel for everybun to see the world.

4 - No more pavement/concrete, only carpets and grass for as long as the eye can see!

5 - Every human must attend mandatory "Bunny Training" on proper care and keep up to date on all new information on the best life (preferably young so they never forget the basics!)

6 - All "breeders" must pay substantial fines and be forced to have human kids that get ripped away at weeks old to understand what they are doing.

7 - Lastly, pledge their unequivocal belief in #BunLife and admit they are powerless to the long eared, perfect animal.

Alicia Blevins: Peter Jr says

1. Unlimited treats of all kinds
2. Mom doesn't have to work so she can stay home and feed me #1
3. All nail clippers are to be destroyed
4. I can only be brushed when I decide
5. Mom can't pluck my butt ever again (I pluck out loose bits when he's shedding)
6. I can go anywhere with mom anytime
7. I have lots of visitors who pet me
8. A servant who pets me until I decide they can stop when mom is unavailable
9. Lots of vents put in the floor so I can lay on them.

Lisa Yates: No rabbits to be sold in pet shops, an outright ban, and also no small hutches for sale in pet shops to as a hutch is not enough

Madeline Howell: All hoomans will bow to our will and quench our desire for bananas and cilantro as commanded. All nail trims will be followed by a full day of being spoiled to pay for that horrible treatment. Cuddles will be given upon demand, whether the hoomans be sleeping or not.

- Matty Stewart: 1. No mediphins
2. Veggie nums daily
 3. Bum wiggles mandatory

4. Declare war against the place they call "vets".

Sue Baum Milewski: No vet visits unless bunny says it is 'ok'! And, at least 6 varieties of hay available at all times.

Kristin Weis: Hegel says: "My hoomans have to get rid of those other buns they have. I get all the attention, all the treats, and all the nanners."

Kirsty Leslie I don't know about you other bunny parents but my 2 already rule my world. XD XD XD

Jessie Marie Watmore: Hoomins must surrender all delicious snacks at once, anyone who fails to comply will be subject to ankle nips.

Matty Stewart: "what do we want?"
"all the attention but also nothing to do with you"
"when do we want it?"
"after nanners"

Bruce Henderson: All bunnies get to dig burrows as deep and as long as they wish, front yard or back yard!



Rene' Beal: Delicious hay all the time!

Aura Judit Garal: He must have 24/7 petting sessions, humans can take turns for that, but it must be nonstop

Androo Robinson: NO VACUUMING

Wrenova Wendigo Watts: 24/7 Bananas, and scratches

Iris Klimczuk NO cages for rabbits; plenty of safe outdoor space to binky and dig and run bunny 500s!



Participate in our next Bunny Bites

We will ask a question for our next issue on our Facebook page so check there to enter.

<https://www.facebook.com/bunnyzinemag/>

The Emotional Rabbit

by *Monique Goosen*

Monique Goosen is the bunny mom at the only special needs haven for rabbits in Africa. While there are many sanctuaries having some special needs rabbits, Southern Cape Bunny Haven has specialized in disabled and special needs rabbits, with Monique saving and caring for disabled rabbits for over 15 years now. These many years, and being far from proper veterinary care in earlier years, have taught Monique a lot about understanding the very complex nature of rabbits. Monique says: "It is not 'just a rabbit'. Bunnies are more emotional than most people I know."

Just like humans, rabbits can have very anxious natures. Bunnies can have anxiety attacks, or have a predisposed anxious nature, depending on what they have lived through, but some bunnies are just born anxious. Just like humans, anxious rabbits will need more safety, more assurance, and more care.

Anxiety should not be confused with anger issues, which have similar symptoms, but are displayed differently.

Chewing: One of the main signs of an anxious

Anxiety In Rabbits

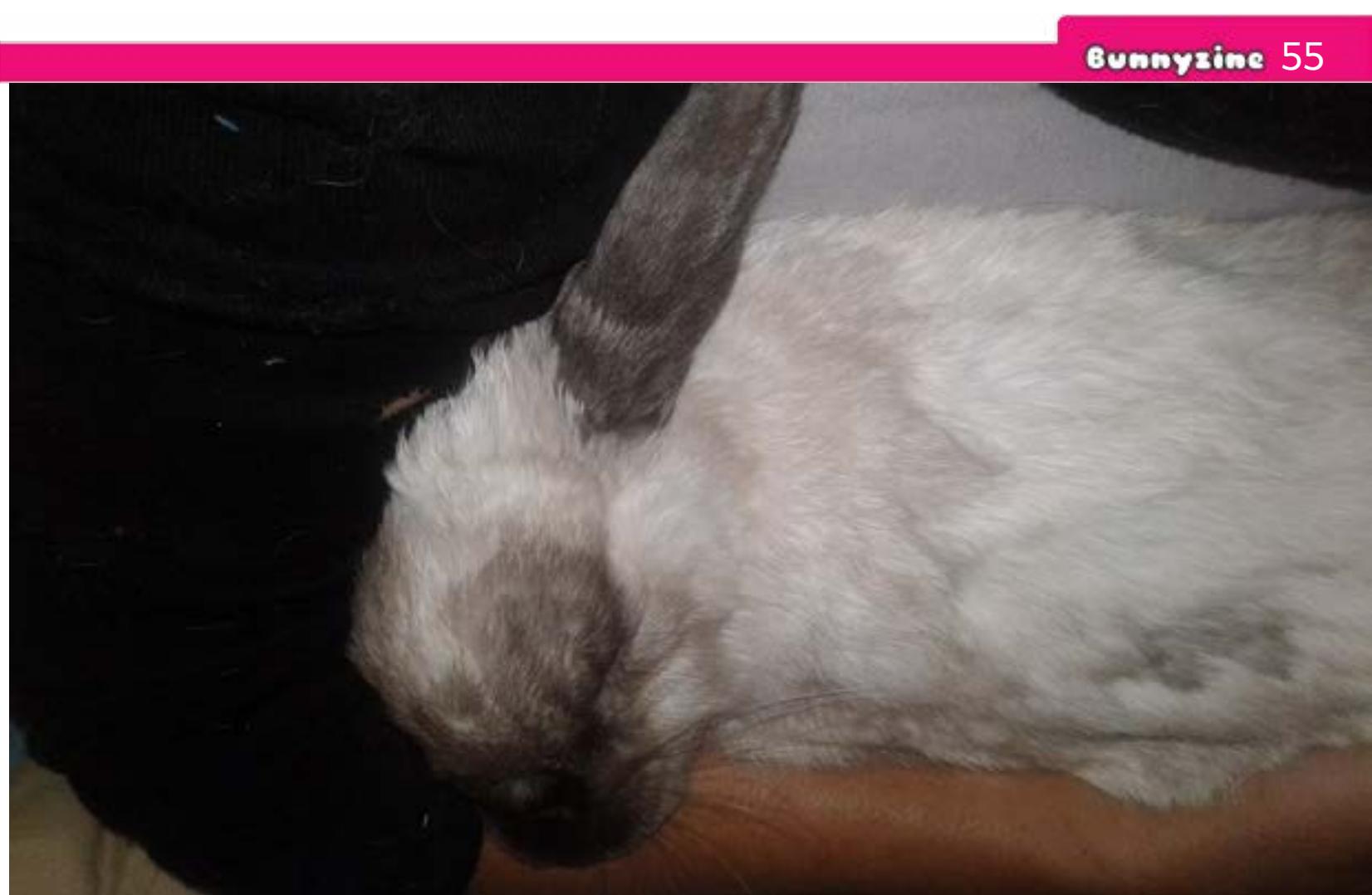
rabbit is chewing. Not normal gnawing or chewing to shorten the front teeth on boxes and wood, but rather the chewing of fabric, bedding, clothing, and more. This is not just chewing, it is nearly a panicky destruction of what is in front of the bunny, in an attempt to get attention focused on him/her in order to be noticed and reassured.

Freezing: An anxious rabbit may suddenly freeze for no apparent reason other than something in the rabbit's mind that went array. It could be that something is seen as a threat, that is not actually a threat. The rabbit will freeze, barely breathing, in order not to attract any attention. Most predators react when seeing movement, and the rabbit reacts by freezing in order to escape detection.

Screaming: The Banshee yells of a rabbit is one of the most terrifying sounds to ever hear... they only scream in extreme circumstances,



Smoky, the most anxious bunny at Southern Cape Bunny Haven



usually when faced with an immediate life-threatening danger. However, a rabbit with an anxiety attack may scream for “no apparent reason” and you will see nothing that could have threatened it.

So, what causes a rabbit to have anxiety?

- **A Traumatic Past:** Domestic Rabbits, especially indoor rabbits that are abandoned or let go outdoors, have a minimal chance of survival. In cases where they ARE rescued, the stress that they endured while living outdoors can instill lasting anxiety in them post-rescue.
- **Rabbits with eye or ear problems:** In many cases where rabbits have compromised senses, they tend to be more anxious, especially while learning to cope in a new, unfamiliar environment while losing vision or hearing.
- **Babies born to a mother that had a highly stressful pregnancy:** These babies will start showing the symptoms only from around 6 weeks of age, and being re-homed in that time-span can cause their hearts to fail from stress. Rescued mothers need to have their babies with them until around 12 weeks of age to show them to be trusting, as she settles in.
- **Other factors include:** genetics, predisposition,

and more.

What can you do if you have an anxious rabbit?

A New rabbit:

Do not attempt to touch or pick the bunny up, at first. Rather, go sit down flat on the ground with the bunny, and just talk softly, read out loud or even sing softly so he/she can get used to your voice and see that you are not a threat. Have treats like rolled oats or small pieces of fruit ready, and just place it halfway between you and the bunny, moving it closer to you in the days to come.

An established rabbit:

Be as supportive as you can, not making sudden moves, loud noises or using any different smells near the rabbit. The known environment is the rabbit's safe place, and any new smells may make the bunny feel threatened. If your rabbit likes to be held or stroked, start touching him/her as soon as you see he/she is starting to panic.

Smoky is often nibbling & chewing when he is not cuddling in his mother's arms



when I have to stand up to attend to the other rabbits, he will start chewing if my husband does not hold him. Smoky will even chew my clothes while lying in my arms when I am sleeping too deep to comfort him. Not even using the full lights in the room will calm him enough to stop chewing. Not even me in the room will stop him chewing... I have to be there.

Smoky also has leaky gut syndrome from anxiety, as well as years of improper diet in the many feral years.

The Medical side of an anxious rabbit:

It is not only physiological problems that manifest in an anxious bunny. These buns have a much higher stasis risk, they get diarrhea much easier, and their hearts can fail quite easily. Anxious bunnies are definitely special needs bunnies, too!

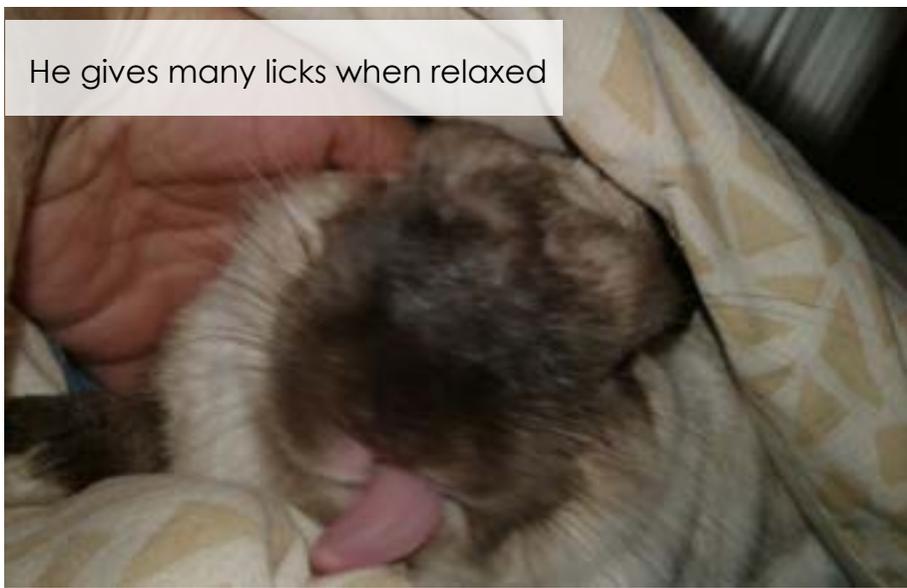
I have to hold him, kiss him, and stroke him before he will calm down. He will only relax while in my arms.

If you need help treating YOUR anxious bunny, you are welcome to contact us at sc.bunnyhaven@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at Southern Cape Bunny Haven.

Smoky is our rescue bun and has been with us for 2 years now. He is an extremely anxious rabbit and will have diarrhea or go into GI stasis for very little things that upset him. Smoky had been in the bush for about 4 years before we saved him, and was in a terrible way. He still gets violent nightmares where we have to hold him in order to stop him from kicking so hard that he could lphurt his back.

Smoky bonded with me quite fast, and I need to be present when he is experiencing an episode. He is absolutely terrified of the dark and the night, and we sleep with a night light. Smoky sleeps in the bed, in my arms. During the night,

He gives many licks when relaxed



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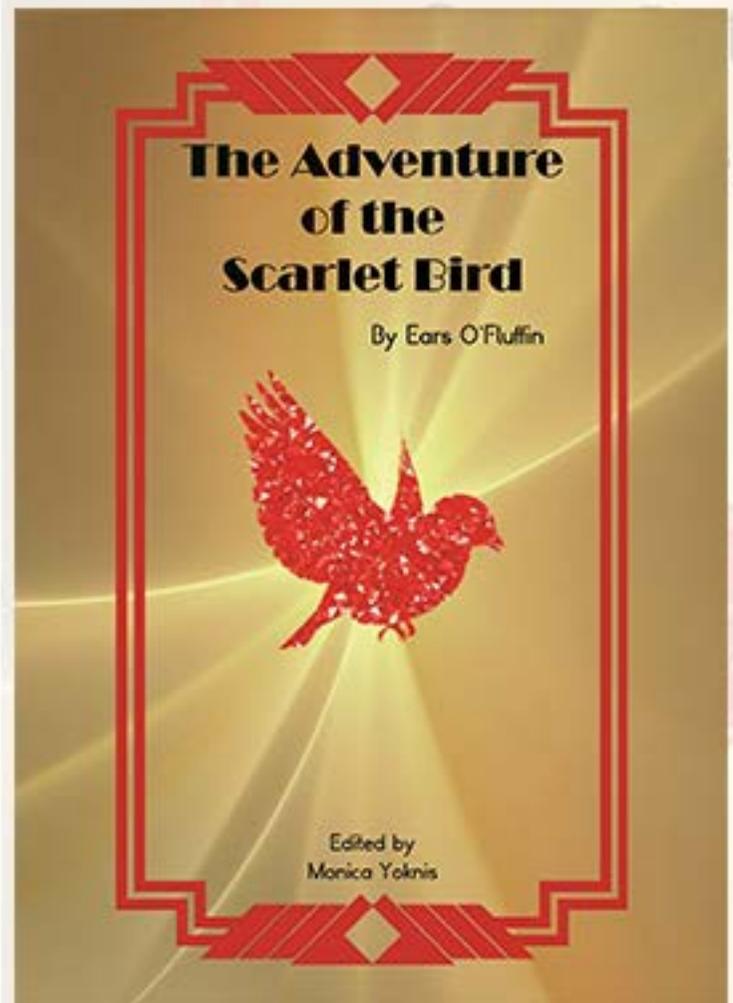
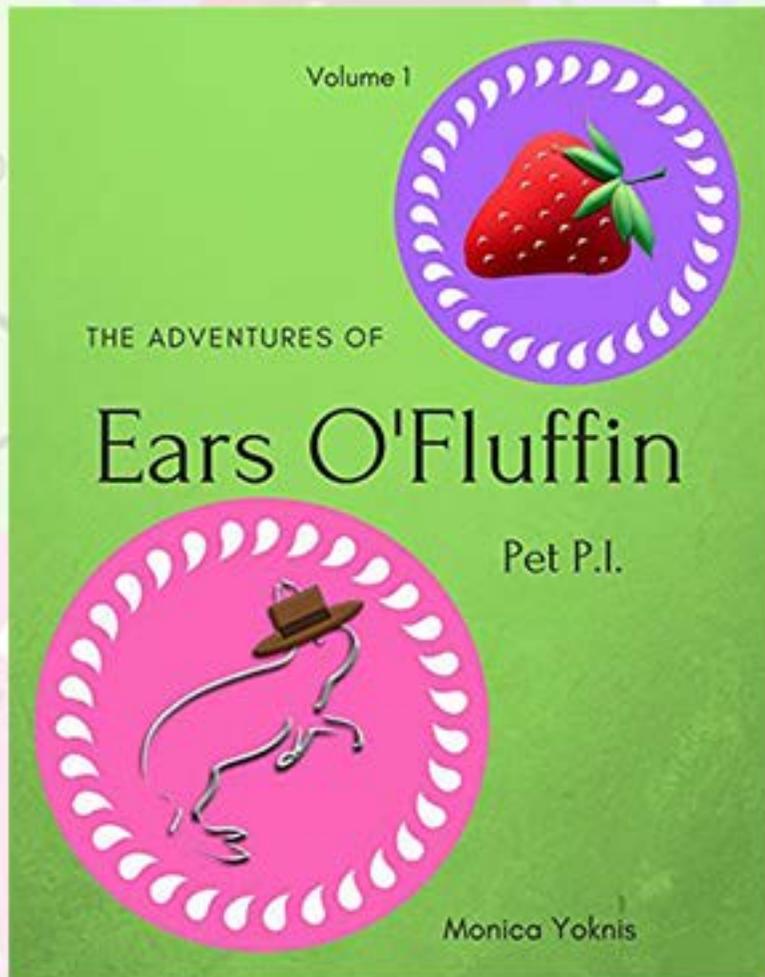


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