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boy buns who were part of a larger operation the Suncoast House Rabbit Rescue handled.

We are thankful to the readers, the advertisers, and the rescues. All of whom play an essential role in the existence an purpose of Bunnyzine. I'm ecstatic to bring you this story and I hope you enjoy it. You are the reason these two bunnies had funding to be helped. You are incredible and you've made Bunnyzine's dream come true.

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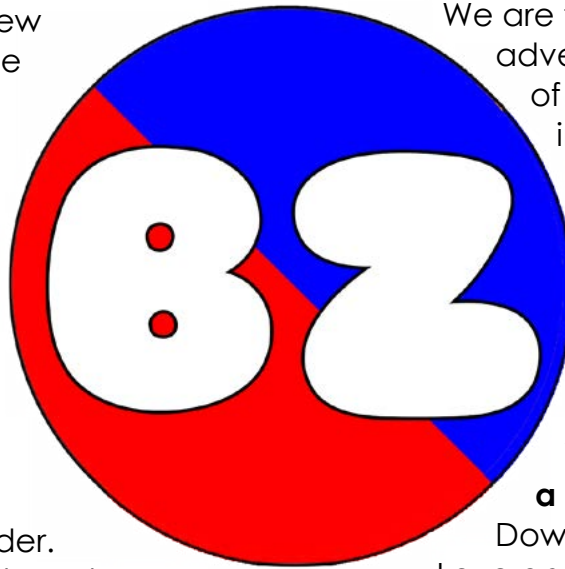
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# Nate's Hexadic Fluffle



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*This month, we are featuring Muffin, Bugs, Thunder, O'Conner, and Buddy whom all have claimed their furever home in the great caring hands of Nathan Oberski. We're also going to include Maria because, although she hopped to the rainbow bridge August of 2018, she is still a part of the family. Some of you may know Nathan from his excellent, high quality, bunny products (playsets and habitats) from The Bunny Barn ([www.bunnybarnmi.com](http://www.bunnybarnmi.com)), so, if you see any of his wooden creations in the pictures of this feature that you are interested in getting for your bunny, feel free to reach out to Nathan. We'll provide his website info at the end of the article.*

**Bunnyzine:** Hi Nathan, I'm happy you are letting us feature your fluffle of bunnies in this issue. Can you give us an introduction to your buns (including Maria) with their names and a little bit about what makes them unique to the others?

**Nathan:** Muffin: Muffin is a harlequin, and was born in May of 2014. (She just celebrated her 5th Birthday!) She comes from a rescue litter of 8 bunnies, and was the last of her siblings to be adopted. She my first of many rabbits, and she was not a planned adoption. I saw

here there, all alone in the cage, and I just couldn't leave her there. I had to take her home with me. And that there is where my rabbit obsession began. Muffin has a bit of an attitude, much like a spoiled teenager. She always demands head pets and treats, but can be super sweet as well, if she wants to.

Maria: my second adoption. I'm not exactly sure of Maria's past, but she was sadly one of the "my child is bored of the rabbit" cases. I found her via Facebook in April of 2015. It was a friend of a friend, and they were giving her away. I believe the post read something like "If she doesn't find a home by Monday, we are just releasing her in the yard." Of course I rushed over to get her, thinking she would make a great companion for Muffin. That did not work out, as Maria and Muffin had a severe hate for each other, so they remained separate. Maria was a sweet lop eared bunny, who loved attention and head pets. She was always very sweet and loved her Orchard Grass. She sadly passed away in August of 2018, due to unknown circumstances. I miss her daily, but I believe she is watching over









the other bunnies, keeping them healthy and safe.

Thunder: the 3rd addition. Thunder became part of the family back in 2015 as well, sometime in June or July. I was looking at purchasing a condo, and we were visiting a few that were for sale. I happened to see some people with a bunny in their fenced in patio area as we were walking by. I stopped to say hi and pet the bunny. The lady explained that she works at one of the outdoor storage rental facilities, and had found Thunder in a small plastic & wire pet store cage, sitting next to a unit. Her bottom of the cage was completely filled with water. Thunder had no food, and was soaking wet. These people were not equipped to continue taking care of Thunder, nor did they really want to. I could not let this poor bunny continue to suffer, so I brought her home and gave her the life she deserves. Unfortunately, due to the situations she has experienced, Thunder does not like interacting with people, especially if she is being picked up. She does allow the occasional head pet, but not from strangers. I am looking at possibly adding as part of a bonded trio, with Muffin & Bugs who are already bonded. I think this may help her calm down and begin to trust people again.

Thunder will be celebrating her 5th

O'Conner: Number 4. O'Conner was a pet store bred bunny, and I got him when he was only a few weeks old. (He was born in August of 2015) Normally I would never support people who breed bunnies for profit, but he was the last bunny, and I felt bad for him. He was being kept in a wire cage, with little food or hay. He also looked like our Maria, and I thought they could possibly be bonded as a pair. It was very amazing to watch this little ball of fluff grow up to become the amazing boy he is today. While he is not the most energetic bunny, he does enjoy the occasional binky. He is definitely a #Foodie and loves to eat greens.

Bugs: Unlike the other 5 bunnies, bugs was not adopted by me. He was actually adopted by my Finance, Kristin, from the Michigan Humane Society back in 2016. He was 2 ½ at the time, and super affectionate. He was a great addition to the family, and loves being petted and hang out on my lap.

Buddy: Buddy was the 6 addition, but he was originally meant to be temporary. We got him from a lady who was unable to care for him due to allergies. He was a Valentine's









Day gift from her husband, and they tried to make it work for a little over a year, but it was always an issue. We picked him up, and my plan was to rehome him with a new family, mainly because I did not have the room for a 6th rabbit. We found a lovely family who wanted him, and off he went. I would occasionally get text messages from the lady asking questions, and everything seemed to be okay. Late last year (2018) she contacted me, saying it wasn't working. He was peeing all over the place, biting, and acting aggressive. We worked through each issue, and I gave her a workable solution. For example - for the peeing and biting, get him fixed. It will reduce his hormones. For the biting on the cage bars, add an ex-pen so he can run around and exercise. She made it seem like she would do everything, and

correct the issues. Of course, a few months later I got another call... It's still not working. She ignored all the advice I had given, and just didn't want the hassle of a bunny anymore. I offered to take him back, and we met up. After that encounter I decided that I just needed to keep him and add him to the family. He had been scheduled for his neuter in the coming weeks, and he now calls The Bunny Barn home.

**Bunnyzine: Whenever two or more bunnies live in a house, we start seeing differences between the levels of activity or interest in bunnies. Some are more affectionate than others. Some binky more than others. Some flop more than others. If you were to give out awards, who in your house, would get awards for: 1) most hopping (being active)**

**2) most flopping 3) most kisses given 4) most attention seeking (by people or by other bunnies) 5) most thoughtful 6) most binkies?**

Nathan: This is a tough one because they all do these things, it just depends on the day and their mood at the time. (1) Most Hopping, I would have to choose Buddy. He's always running around and moving. (2) Most Flopping goes to Muffin. She's really the only one who flops. The others lay down, but she just flops on her side. (3) Most Kisses Given would go to Maria. She was always giving us kisses. Muffin is a close second in this category, but she really only gives me kisses. (4) Most attention Seeking is definitely Muffin. She will come right up and jump on my lap, or put head under my hand, asking for head pets. She also requests grooming from husbun Bugs quite often. (5) Most Thoughtful would be O'Conner. He is a very gentle bunny most of the time, and he's always coming over and checking on me when I'm in the playroom with them. (6) Most binkies would be a tie between Bugs and Muffin. Whenever they are out they binky off the walls. They love exploring and running around all the hides in the playroom.

**Bunnyzine: Do you have any particular favorite memorable moments that you can share with us?**

Nathan: I believe that every moment I spend with them is special, but there are a few moments that are really memorable. The first is when I first brought Muffin home. I'm not sure how long she had been in the small cage at the rescue, but she ran all around my apartment that night, jumping on all the furniture, and exploring her new home. Another amazing memory was from earlier this year, during the process of bonding Muffin and Bugs. It was so amazing to watch them bond and finally groom each other. I was overjoyed when they were finally able to begin spending unsupervised time together, because I felt like they finally had a friend to share their life with. I also have countless memorable moments over the past few years where I brought the bunnies outside in a

makeshift pen, and let them run through the grass and bathe in the sun. That's probably one of the major reasons I want to get the new permanent outdoor pen completed. They absolutely love being able to run around in the sunshine.

**Bunnyzine: Do you give your new designs a "satisfaction test" by your bunnies' reactions to them? If so, what reactions (positive or negative) do you look for?**

Nathan: Most definitely! Whenever I build a new prototype of a new product I always let them test them out before it goes up on the website. I always try to ensure they are exploring the entire product, and fit into all of the areas with ease. The biggest positive reaction is when they flop or lay down in a new hide, which tells me they love the hide, and are very comfortable in it. With most designs, it looks good on the computer but when they finally get the prototype, it's much too small for them to comfortably use. It's nice to be able to see the size comparison and be able to see how the bunnies act and how much room they actually have in a hide. This way I can make the necessary adjustments before putting it up on the website.

**Bunnyzine: Does watching your bunnies play with your creations result in sparking up ideas for newer innovative things?**

Nathan: Yes, it definitely keeps the creativity flowing. As I design new products, I look at my existing creations and try to improve upon them and make them more interesting for the bunnies. More areas to explore, more areas to climb on, and lately I have been trying to add hay managers into more of our products to encourage more natural foraging.

**Bunnyzine: Tell us about Maria. I'm sorry to hear she is no longer with the group and we'd like to get to know her more.**

Nathan: Maria was a very gentle bunny, with a great personality. She was one of the sweetest rabbits I have ever met and loved people's attention and getting head pets.



🕒 3 YEARS AGO



Maria outside in her tube ♡  
Summer 2015





She was not the most active bunny, but she loved to flop down and take naps. There were several occasions where I nearly had a heart attack because of her flops and naps. I was with her when she passed away, and that was a very hard to watch her take her last breaths. The cause of her death is unknown, and there were no signs that anything was ever wrong. She was buried on our property, and has a beautiful headstone with her picture engraved on it. She may be gone from this world, but she's still in my heart.

**Bunnyzine:** What would be the favorite treat of each of your bunnies?

**Nathan:** I try not to spoil the bunnies with too many treats. Because most of the

commercially available treats are not good for rabbits, I usually stick to homemade treats, or those produced by Doctor Doogs's Bunny Pharm and Flophouse. I usually pick them up during Midwest Bunfest in Ohio. They also love to occasional carrot slice they get with their daily greens.

**Bunnyzine:** Your work is incredible, and I've seen your bunnies enjoy your builds. How have the reviews from your clients (and more so, their bunnies) been to your work?

**Nathan:** I absolutely love getting reviews from clients and their bunnies. We ask customers to add photos to their reviews, and we have been very pleased with the results. You can see some of the photos that customers have submitted on our website.



**Bunnyzine:** Were you always into rabbits or was there a turning point where you got hooked onto them? If the answer is that it was a turning point, could you share that with us?

Nathan: There was definitely a turning point where I got hooked on rabbits. I had never had any pets growing up. I got Muffin almost 5 years ago now, and she was the first pet I have ever had. I had a friend who had a pet rabbit, and he was a very friendly animal and he was super cute. I was living in my own apartment at the time, and was looking into getting a pet. As most people, I looked into the obvious 2, dogs and cats, first. I had actually stopped at a pet store to look around when I found Muffin. As I explained earlier, she stuck a cord with me, and I just had to take her home.

**Bunnyzine:** Is there anything we haven't

covered that you would like to share with the Bunnyzine readers?

Nathan: The Bunny Barn recently went Solar! We had 30 Solar Panels installed on our property this past month. Everything we make will now be created using clean natural solar electricity! We have also been adding a large outdoor run area for our bunnies. We are basing it on an old western town, with building and a water tower.

There is even a covered bridge for the bunnies to go in and out as they please. We even got Mr. Bigglesworth on board, and he will be the "town mayor" for what we are currently calling Fluffleville. We are planning to have everything completed by the end of the summer, so the bunnies can enjoy the fall weather outside. We will continue to post updates on our progress on both our Facebook page & Instagram







(@thebunnybarnmi). We will be attending Midwest Bunfest later this year, where we will be selling some of our products. There will be a limited number available, but we plan on offering pre-ordering prior to the event, where customers can save on

shipping by picking up their orders at Midwest Bunfest. We will also be offering a special Midwest Bunfest discount for any orders placed with us at the event. Readers can always check our website for details and additional information.

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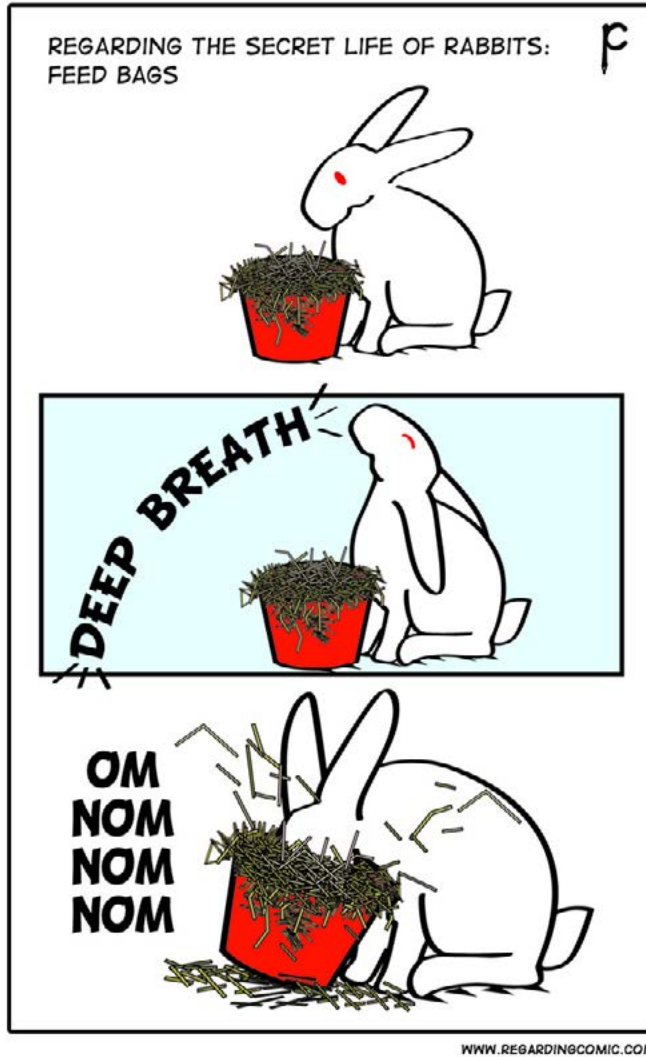
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Singed the whiskers on my nose  
Shook my ears down to my toes  
Magician 'n his belly achey fart

Crossed JoJo Da Doggo's eyes  
Had him barking at the skies  
Magician 'n his belly achey fart

Mom-O had to flee  
'Cos Maggy's wind could part a sea  
Magician 'n his belly achey fart

Hop into tomorrow  
Hop back to today  
International Dateline bunnies  
That's the way they play!

Mo' JoJo.....

JoJo turns the bluegrass brown  
Down in Ole Kentucky town  
Kicks his legs 'cos he don't care  
Watch your step 'cos Jo's been there



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# Bunnyzine Helps: Donation to Suncoast House Rabbit Rescue

by Dustin Campbell

*Well Bunnyziners, this marks the first monumental step in completing our first reader-to-advertiser-to-rescue-to-reader circle. As a refresher, back in May, Bunnyzine sold ads which have been appearing in June's issue and this issue. Which gave us \$200 USD to donate to a rescue and bring their story back to you. We had a lot of potential considerations of where to donate and I thank you for all of the suggestions. After some discussion, I chose the Suncoast House Rabbit Rescue to receive the \$200 USD donation. They are in a unique situation of having rescued 27 rabbits, referred to as the Bradenton rabbits. With me are Sünje Schwarz a d Kathy Bunker Goetschius with an interview about the rabbits and the impact the Bunnyzine donation.*

**Bunnyzine: Thank you for joining us Sünje and Kathy. Just for a bit of context, can you tell us the story behind the Bradenton rabbits?**

Sünje: We were on our way to Miami and had just passed the Bradenton exits when we received a message alerting us to a situation of many rabbits roaming and dying in the streets of the neighborhood. As much as we wanted to check out the situation, we had to delay it until we were on our way back the next day. The person who alerted us took it upon herself to catch a few of the rabbits without knowing much about rabbits or having any necessary supplies. So we asked a friend and fellow board member if she could check into the situation and provide the basic supplies until we could check out the situation ourselves.

Kathy: I had gotten a message from Sünje and Kurtis to go and check out a bunny situation in Bradenton the beginning of May. My friend



Kelly Montana, who ran a rescue in Kentucky, was visiting me at the time. We went over to the address given to us.

This address was a neighbor that had been catching up these bunnies and had them all in her bathroom. According to her, there were bunnies running all over coming from the house across the street from her. 100 or more she said! I had brought over an expen, we set it up and Kelly helped me sex the rabbits she had in her bathroom. 5 very pregnant females, 4 or 5 intact males and 2 kits (the kits came home with me). All the females went into the expen in her living room and she set the boys up back in her bathroom in separate carriers. She had pellets and water, but no hay. I let her know we wouldn't be going across the street as it was getting dark.

I honestly didn't have bail money.....

I did call Kurtis and Sünje to let them know what was happening, what I told the woman







to do for food for the remaining bunnies across the street and that Kurtis would be out to bring supplies and talk to the man across the street. The condition some of the bunnies were in was concerning. There were several bite marks, ear mites and pregnant babies. Thank goodness for Kelly, otherwise I would have been at this woman's house till after 10 that night.

Sünje: On our way home the next day, we stopped by and discovered that the situation was a bit different from the initial report. The rabbits were not the result of hoarding but rather the lack of knowledge and unwillingness to properly care for the rabbits. A family had taken in 2-4 rabbits to help out another family that had to move. None of the rabbits were spayed or neutered, so of course they did what bunnies do, and soon there were 40+. Thankfully, we didn't see any rabbits just laying dead in the streets, but since all the rabbits had to live outdoors without proper shelter or food, they were easy prey for all the predators around: stray cats, raccoons, owls, dogs, etc. After a first evaluation, we decided that the females had to be the first ones to be rescued and spayed. We rightfully expected them all to be pregnant and stopping the reproductive cycle was important to us. One of the rabbits the lady rescued before we could get there, gave birth to a litter of babies. She didn't know which rabbit gave birth, so she decided to pick one as the mom. Sadly, the rabbit she had assigned to be the mom was not and all the babies perished.

We went back a few times to gather up more

bunnies and had to discover that some rabbits we saw one day but were unable to catch were gone the next day.

Meanwhile, we kept our vet busy spaying the girls old enough and neutering the few boys. Altogether, we were able to save 16 juveniles/adults and 11 babies.

**Bunnyzine: Now, we know our donation isn't large enough to help all the bunnies but we are curious which bunny (or bunnies) the money will help. Can you tell us a bit about what you know about their story and their personality?**

Sünje: The donation will help two of the babies Kathy took home the first night.

Kathy: Baby Smokey Joe was maybe 3 weeks old and the smallest. Bandit was maybe 2 to 3 weeks older. Both were understandably very scared, clearly very hungry and thirsty.

After The next round of babies were rounded up, 2 more were dropped off with me. So now a total of 4 (3 male, 1 female) fosters at my house.

As far as their personalities are concerned, the smallest of the bunch has a personality that won't quit. All are getting used to everyday



noises...except the vacuum cleaner. They are all very loveable and are hopefully young enough to forget the trauma they had to endure.

**Bunnyzine: How will the donation help that specific bunny (or bunnies?)**













Sünje: We will use the money in large part to get the two boys neutered. Since the boys can be neutered as soon as their testicles drop, they take priority over the girls. The rest will be used to get them food and hay.

**Bunnyzine: Can you share with us your plan for the bunny (or bunnies) for the near future?**

Sünje: As soon as the boys are neutered, we will evaluate if they would like to stay with the girls they are currently with. If so, they will be available for adoption as soon as the girls are spayed. If they don't want to be with the girls, they will be available for adoption as single boys as a partner to a bunwife.

**Bunnyzine: As we had discussed before, this donation was part of the Bunnyzine strategy of getting enough readers to draw in advertisers to give the revenue to rescues to bring the story of how the donation impacted the rescue back to the readers. Is there anything you'd like to tell our readers about how their support for Bunnyzine was able to make this moment happen?**

Sünje: We are eternally grateful for Bunnyzine and its readers and are very grateful to have been picked by the Bunnyzine team as the first recipient. This means a lot to us, especially since we are so small and still relatively unknown. Without the Bunnyzine readers and their support it is much, much harder to raise the money for the bunnies, their medical care

and day to day needs.

**Bunnyzine: Let's talk about the rescue. The Bradenton bunnies are 27 but the rescue has an additional 14 bunnies. In what ways can readers help the rescue?**

Sünje: If you happen to live in the greater Tampa Bay Area and have about 16 sq ft to spare, please consider fostering. We will provide you with the basic supplies (exercise pen, litter box, water feeder, hay, food and litter for the duration you foster). If you live farther away, please spread the word that we exist, like our page and share our posts. If you have any creative fundraising ideas, we would like to hear them, too!

**Bunnyzine: Aside from money (which is on**



**every rescues wish list), what other items are on the Suncoast House Rabbit Rescue wish list?**

Sünje: The bunnies need to eat, too. While we have a feed store that has great hay, we can always use pellets. The bunnies aren't too picky, and we usually feed a mix of Oxbow and Sherwood Pet Health. The bunnies also like Small Pet Select. We are constantly checking Chewy and Amazon for the lowest price for the 25 pound bag of Oxbow food. Of course they also like Supreme Selective, but we feed that more as a treat.

Another thing that always seems to be short in supply are toys. We make most of the toys ourselves, but they would also enjoy some toys



we cannot make ourselves.

**Bunnyzine: How are readers able to donate to SuncoastHRR?**

Sünje: Readers can take advantage of our Amazon wish list or donate via PayPal (donate@suncoasthrr.org).

**Bunnyzine: Can you give us some history about SuncoastHRR?**

Sünje: Suncoast House Rabbit Rescue is a new rescue in Florida. We just incorporated in January 2019 and recently were approved as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Our foster homes stretch all the way from Pasco County down to Charlotte County. However, most of the rabbits are with Kurtis and me. We tried to fill the gap between TBHRR, who is really focused on the Tampa area and Southwest Florida Rabbit Rescue. Seeing the need for rabbit rescues ever increasing, we decided there is definitely enough room for another rescue. We are working on name recognition right now and developing positive relationships with the shelters and veterinarians around us.

**Bunnyzine: Is there anything you'd like to talk about that we haven't touched on already?**

Sünje: The one thing that really sets us apart from other rescues is that we will not adopt a rabbit to a single home. We discovered that this is something that is done in Germany successfully and given how social rabbits are, it

made perfect sense to us to implement a similar process. Interested parties can either adopt a pair or a single rabbit as a partner for their existing bunny. Since our adoption process is foster to adopt only (with very rare exceptions for really good friends, where we know the bunnies will be in good hands), it gives people the opportunity to find out if rabbits are the right pet for them. If a rabbit is to be bonded to their existing rabbit, it provides plenty of time and opportunity to find out if the bond is going to work.



**Thank you for being our first recipient of the Bunnyzine Cycle. For us, this is a celebratory monumental occasion because this cycle completion has been what Bunnyzine has been striving for since it's inception, and although I realize how self-promoting it is. We've finally done it. We've finally built a readership over 1000+ strong that has enabled us to sell ads to donate to bring stories like this one back to our magazine. From Bunnyzine's side,**

**we've accomplished a long-running dream and we only plan to get better from here. Grow our readership, get more money, make bigger impacts. Bunnyzine readers, I hope when you've read Sünje and Kathy's words about our impact (keeping in mind that \$200 is a nominal amount) that this impact was directly because of you. The bunny/bunnies this money helped was just from you downloading, reading, and supporting Bunnyzine. I thank you and I thank Suncoast for being part of the cycle in bringing this story home to our readers.**

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# Bunnyzine Colouring Art By Yollie

by Yollie Boag



Here is July'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.

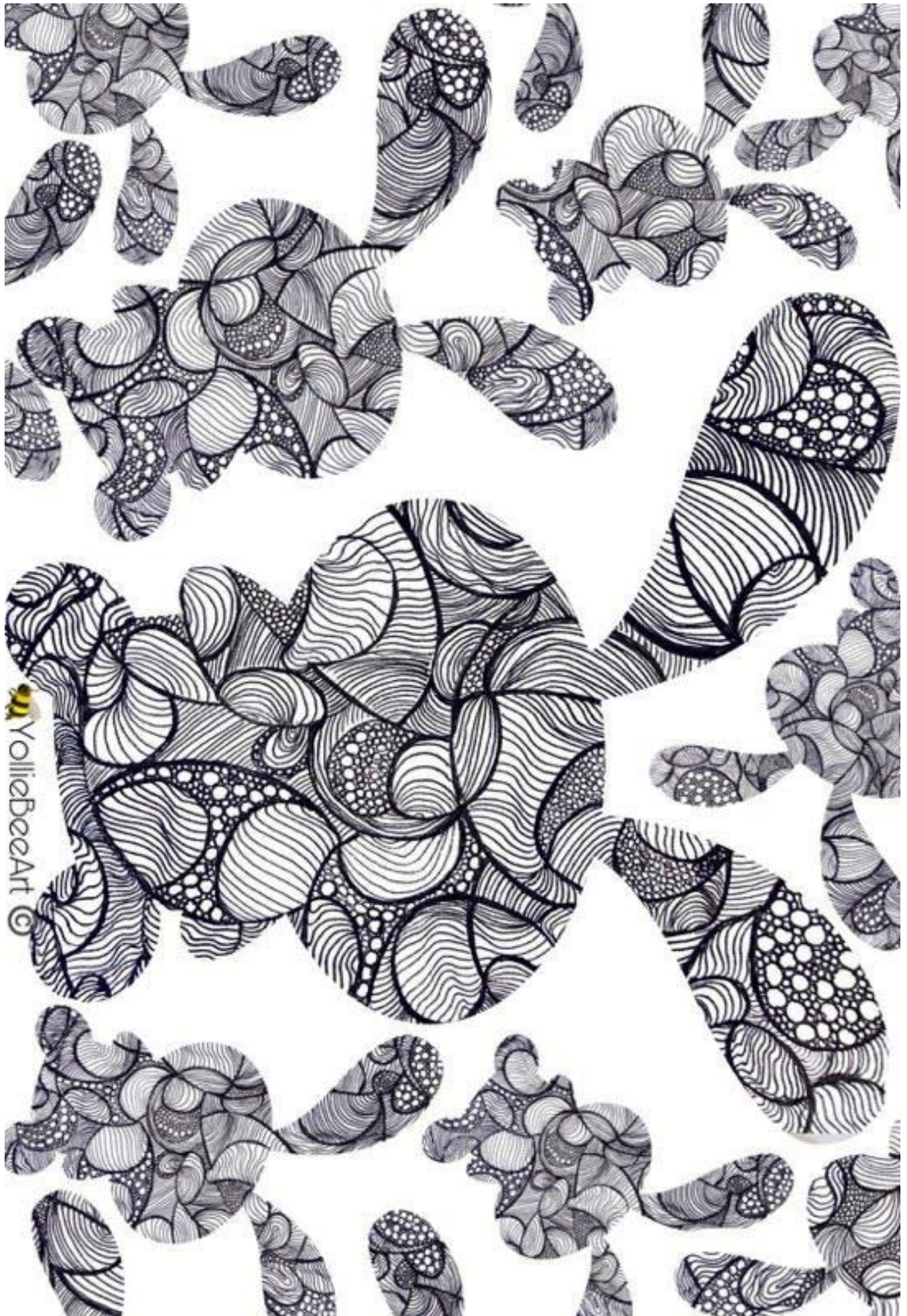
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# Interview with Linnaine Hubbard Illustrator of Sushi Buns

by Dustin Campbell

*I'm very pleased to be bringing you this interview with Linnaine Hubbard. Her illustrations have a great flair and her Sushi Buns are so adorable! I hope you enjoy our interview and become a fan of Linnaine Hubbard*

**Bunnyzine:** How long have you been in, pardon the phrase, the art of art?

Linnaine: I've been drawing since I was 12. I'm now 27, so it's been a while. I've had a love-hate relationship throughout the years with art, but it's always something I come back too as I enjoy seeing people's reaction to my art.

**Bunnyzine:** What (again, pardon the pun) drew you to having rabbits as a common theme in your art?

Linnaine: To me I enjoy drawing rabbits, so I am always on the lookout to put them in interesting scenarios such as mermaids, sushi rolls, witches and lately even zodiac signs. It



all started when I got my first little white lop eared rabbit named BunBun. She became a common inspiration in many of my drawings since she first came into my life.

**Bunnyzine:** How did the concept of Sushi Buns come to be?

Linnaine: I was eating some delicious sushi rolls during a lunch break at work when I saw cats in little costumes and decided bunnies would look cuter. Since the original sketch I've released a zine every year for 3 years, but I've not released any new ones in some time.

**Bunnyzine:** Are Sushi Buns or any of your work available to purchase?



"If I can't see them, they can't see me!"





Linnaine: Yes, I've released quite a few things for sale from my Etsy or RedBubble, that I've posted up to Instagram.

**Bunnyzine: Do you have a favourite Sushi Bun?**

Linnaine: Tempura Bun is my favourite. It's the first one I designed after a real life girl named Tawnie, but mostly because Veggie Tempura is the best kind of sushi out there, in my opinion.

**Bunnyzine: Have you developed personality traits for your Sushi buns? If so, could you give us an introduction to them?**

Linnaine: Four out of the six buns were based on real bunnies and each have distinct personality traits. Tempura is a bit of a cranky one, Maki very social and sweet, while Miso Soup likes to eat a lot because she's the biggest out of all of them and Futomaki is a bit skittish and shy.

**Bunnyzine: What has been the response from your fans been like?**

Linnaine: I've done a few shows here and there and the response has been pretty positive from people. I'm always excited to see people come back a year later for the next issue.

**Bunnyzine: Do you have a favourite illustration of yours?**

Linnaine: An unreleased piece of my husband and I on our wedding day. It sits on a wall in a frame next to our marriage certificate.

**Bunnyzine: Do you have plans of turning Sushi Buns into a storied series?**

Linnaine: I've had ideas of mini comics with silly scenarios about a hipster mad scientist feeding a bit of rabbits radio-active seaweed that turned into Sushi Buns. The comics would follow the misadventures of the Sushi Buns.

**Bunnyzine: Is there anything you'd like to let readers know that we haven't covered?**

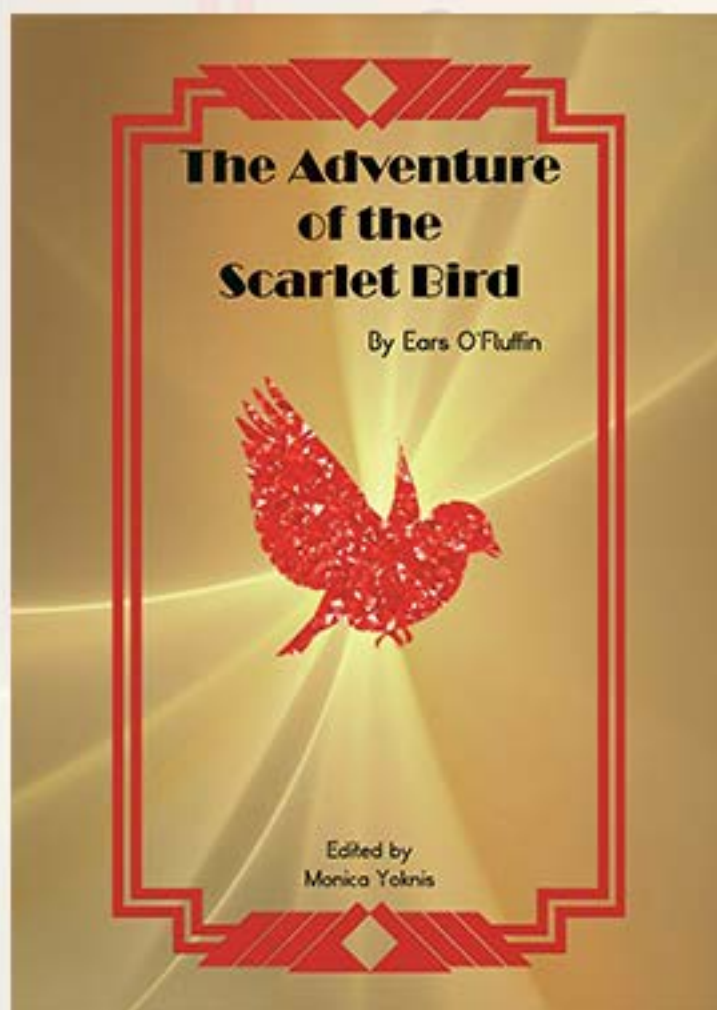
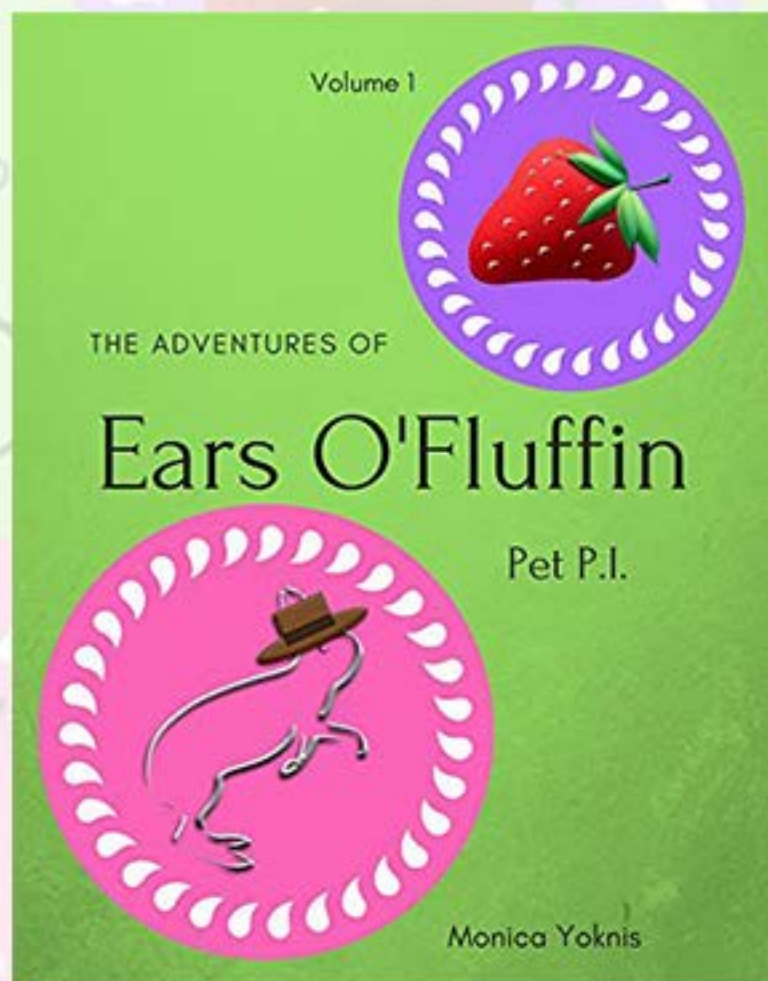
Linnaine: I'd really like to illustrate a book one day and have more of my work out there to be enjoyed by others.



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# Ears O'Fluffin in: The Case of the Missing Case. - Part 4

by Monica Yoknis

"Who would steal a baby tortoise?!" Penny's jaw dropped.

"Someone who would sell it to another zoo, or maybe a collector," Kimba sighed.

I pulled the page out of my pocket, unfolded it, and held it up for Kimba to see. "We found this sheet among some unrelated notes pages this morning".

"With nothing else about it, and Ears doesn't remember writing it!" Penny added.

"That is interesting," Kimba cocked her head and studied me for a few minutes.

Well, it felt like several minutes, but was probably only a few seconds.

"Jed is one of our sea otters," Kimba finally explained. "He's a chronic insomniac, and their pool is right across from the nursery".

"So he saw the break in?" I refolded the page and stuffed it back in my pocket.

"He did. Raised the alarm, too". Kimba nodded sagely.

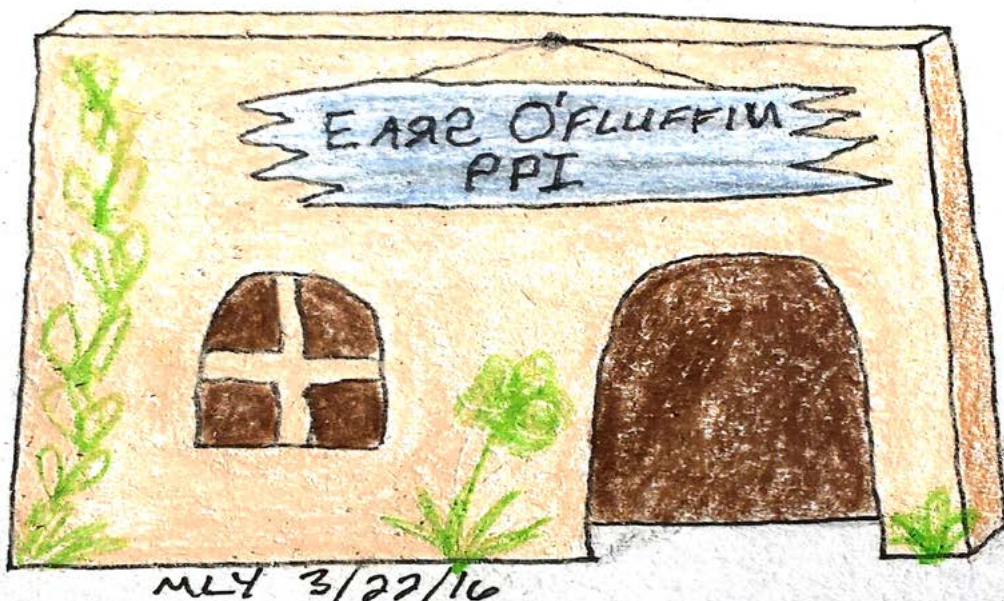
"Then we'd best go have a chat with Jed".

We started out of the bush but Penny stopped. "Why doesn't he sleep?"

Kimba laughed and leaned in conspiratorially, "Because he sneaks out at night and eats the coffee grounds they use for the plants".



## To be continued...





# Abandoned Rabbits

## Part 2

**Populations of abandoned pet rabbits and their feral offspring are exploding all over North America. Rabbitat's founder Sorelle Saidman explores the issue for Bunnyzine.**



In Victoria, BC, 2000 rabbits were estimated to be inhabiting the University of Victoria campus at its peak in 2008, following a population explosion that started around 2005. By the time the creaky wheels were set in motion for a rescue, it was 2010.

UVic initially paid \$20,000 for a failed rescue/research program, then ordered a lethal cull. After the first 100 rabbits were killed, protests, injunctions and provincial regulations delayed the project, allowing rescuers to find sanctuary space and raise \$125,000 (including a \$50,000 grant for spays and neuters from Fur-Bearer Defenders).

Rabbit fans travelled to the campus picking up and taking home as many as they could handle.

Three official rescues applied for and were granted permits to relocate the remaining rabbits. The surviving 903 remaining on campus were all successfully re-homed.

The majority of rabbits went to the EARS sanctuary in Coombs, BC, on a property that had previously occupied by a petting zoo. Only additional fencing was required, and over 600 rabbits were cared for by one woman, Susan Vickery, with limited assistance. The project was funded for life (in advance) via donations, grants and investments. Seven years later, the surviving 300 hundred were relocated to a doctor's hobby farm in Alberta.

Roughly 225 spayed and neutered rabbits were taken to an existing sanctuary in Texas and housed in a barn and purpose-built pens.



Another 50 Uvic rabbits went to a family farm in Cowichan Station with a couple with small children and full-time jobs, who easily took the rabbits housed in a converted pig barn and run, with no additional support required.

Fifty also joined a feral colony at the Rabbit Haven in Washington State, and another 50 went to the nearby Precious Life sanctuary along with a one-time \$5000 donation.

Several entities wanting Uvic rabbits didn't receive any either because of the arduous government process involved in getting a permit, or there were no more rabbits available.

#### RICHMOND AUTO MALL

Rabbitats was looking for an inaugural rescue project at the same time the Richmond Auto Mall was looking for a solution to their rabbit infestation problem.

Rabbitats approached the Richmond Auto Mall Association, a body representing the 14 dealerships on site. The proposed budget was arrived at by interviewing the property's landscaper, assessing the costs of the damage

done by the rabbits and estimating the costs of further damage if the rabbits weren't controlled. The dealerships may not have related to animal rescue, but they certainly related to costs!

The rescue negotiated five years of ongoing support to be split amongst the businesses, public donations and event fundraising.

The Auto Mall provided a holding space in an empty dealership slated for demolition. It took three years before that work was started, at which point another garage in a similar situation was found. Neither option came at a cost to the Auto Mall or the rescue.

The five-year program eventually involved well over 400 rabbits, including the loose adults, the offspring born after they were rescued, and some preventative owner surrenders.

Permanent space was offered by another rescue in South Surrey and three enclosures were built to house 120 of the initial 250 feral rabbits. The remaining rabbits were relocated in smaller groups, including ranging from eight to 40, or to individual homes. Some remain at











the Rabbitats shelter, now based close by at a farm in Richmond.

#### DELTA, BC

The Corporation of Delta, a city south of Richmond, successfully trapped and sterilized hundreds of rabbits and released them into a naturally contained park. The provincial government fought the rescue, concerned the rabbits would damage the park's eco-system, but that appears not to have happened.

A budget of \$60,000 came in much lower thanks to volunteer labour and veterinarians discounting their services.

The municipality noted that cost of the rabbit management program was also far less than the annual costs of repairing the damage caused by the rabbits in the civic precinct.

Prior to the round-up, Delta had incurred approximately \$350,000 in costs to repair

damages caused by the rabbits to the buildings and grounds in the civic precinct.

Similarly, in 2011, the Delta Hospice spent approximately \$70,000 to repair landscape damage caused by rabbits.

A spay/neuter law and diligent animal control have kept the rabbits in check.

#### A NOT SO SUCCESSFUL RESCUE FAIL: CANMORE, ALBERTA

In 2011, the town of Canmore became concerned their burgeoning feral rabbit population was attracting predators and causing wildlife conflicts. Their solution was to budget roughly \$50,000 per year tendered to a trapper.

The town invited a rescue (only one met the town's criteria) to take rabbits, but not share the budget. The first four months, the trapper received \$29,680 and the rescue received 189



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rabbits, which then needed to be sterilized and cared for out of the rescue's pocket.

Eventually, the rescue's funding and patience ran out -- rabbit fans were at odds with the town and the rescue, and the rescues were at war with each other -- and subsequent rabbits were gassed by the trapper and the bodies sent to a wildlife centre.

While the numbers were reduced, many feral rabbits remain.

The trapping was woefully incomplete -- residents not in favour of the lethal cull denied permission to trap on their property, and the rabbits continued to multiply.

The total bill has so far surpassed \$350,000, with the a \$50,000 annual contract again up for grabs.

The goal is now to reduce, but not eliminate, the rabbit population.

Be a part of it and spread the word:  
<https://www.abandonedrabbits.com>



# 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

June 29 at 1:37 PM · 🌐

Daisy: What bees goings on wivs Daisy's tea Mummy?

Mummy: Nothing Daisy..... it was on time, what's the problem?

Daisy: Where bees Daisy's Cavalo Nero?

Mummy: There wasn't any at the shop baby, I'll try to get some tomorrow

Daisy: Shop? How many shops did you looks in?

Mummy: Just one Daisy.

Daisy: Just one!!! Yous mean you busn't cares enoughts about Daisy to looks somewheres else?

Mummy: But, well, we..... do you really want me to go out looking now Daisy?

Daisy: Does yous needs to asks Mummy?

Mummy: I'll just get me shoes Daisy.....

Daisy: 😊



Ocean

June 28 at 2:53 PM · 🌐

Daisy: Moves over Minion!!! It bees so hots.....

Minion: .....

Daisy: Daisy knows yous bees hits too, but what abouts Mees and Hoppy?

Minion: .....

Daisy: Dis bees a good Plan Minion! MUUUMMMMMMY! Wees needs mores freezy pads!!

Mummy: You want me to get up in this heat to get more freezy pads for your stuffed animals?

Daisy: Dems bees Daisy fwiends Mummy!!! Does yous wants us all's yo overs heat?

Mummy: \*Sweeting like a pig\* Fine Daisy, you all just lay there and keep cool, don't mind me.

Daisy: Fank yous Mummy.....

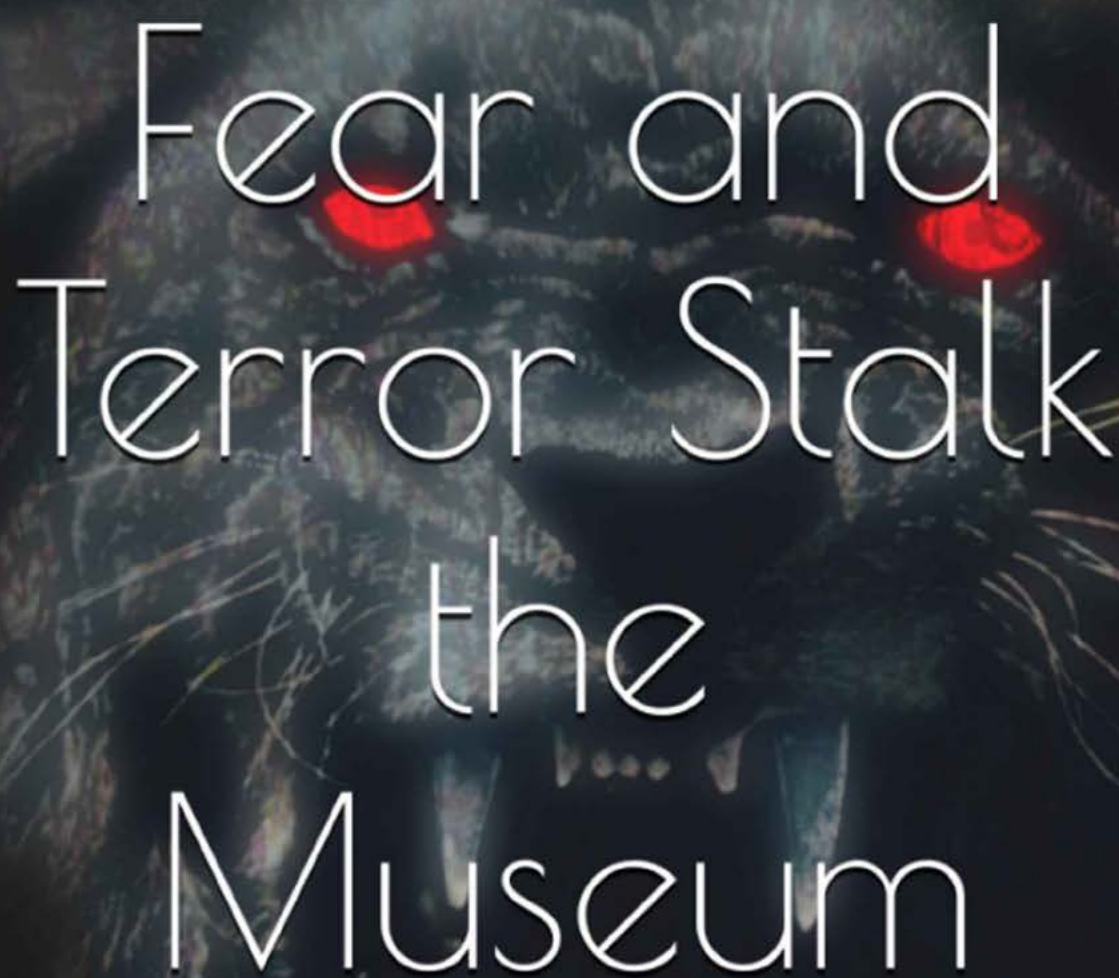
Minion: 😊



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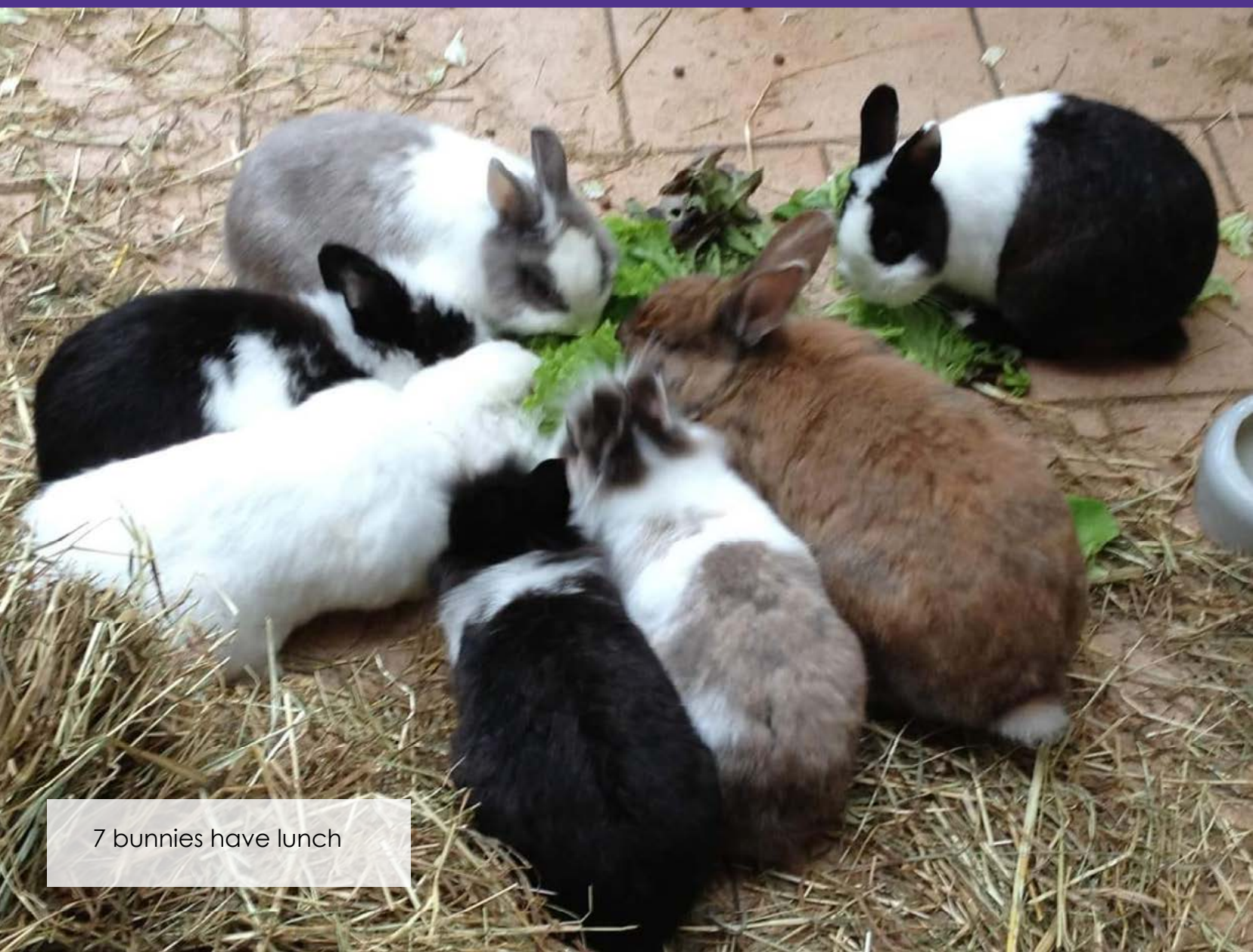


# Blissful Life Pictorial

## Part 3

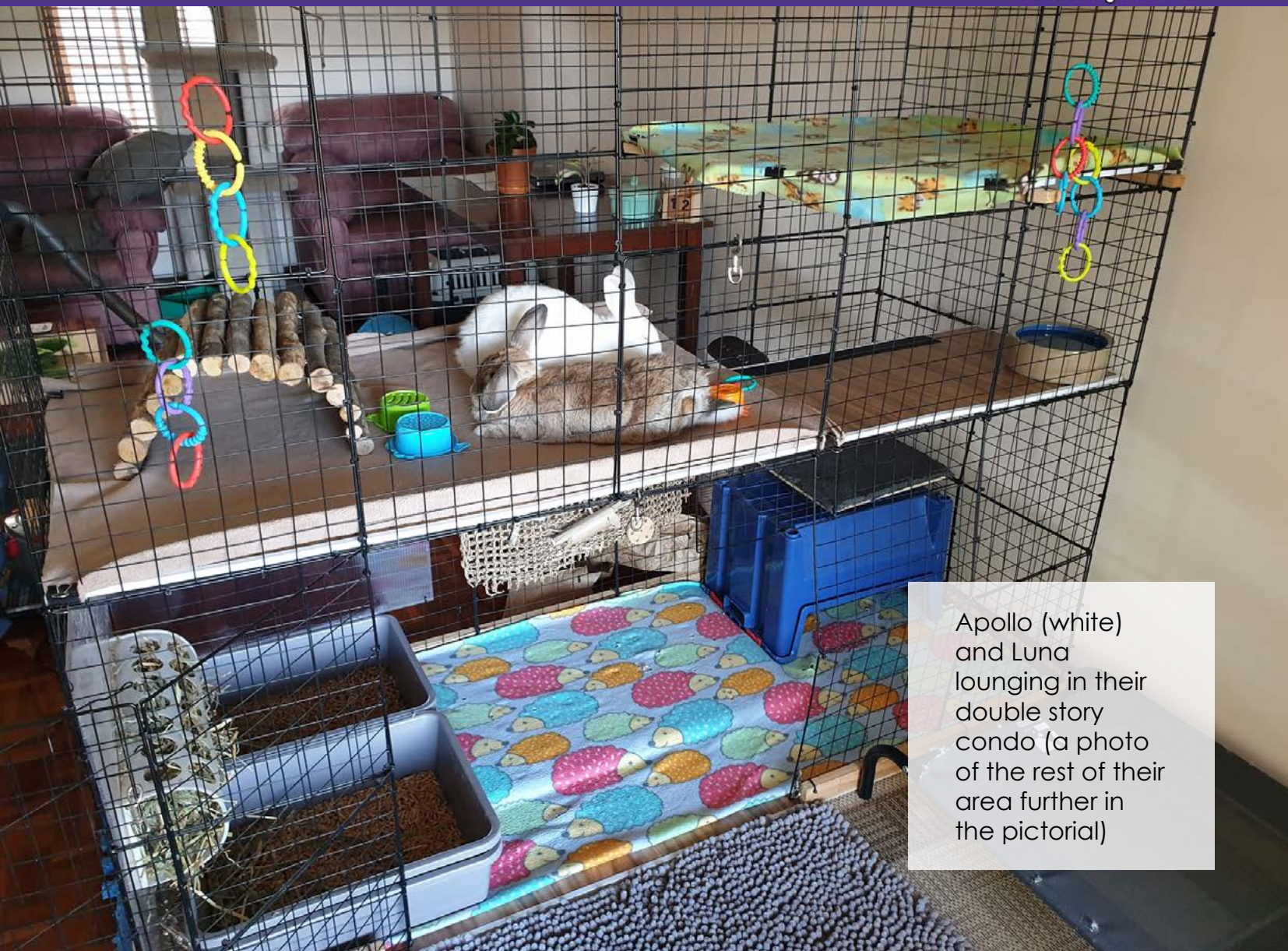
Easter had passed and it hurt my heart to think of the bunnies who have ended up in unfit homes from impulse purchases of bunnies.

Feeling down, I asked you to submit pictures of bunnies living the blissful life. The freedom, the care, the love; everything a bunny could want. You responded to my request so much that we've had to make this pictorial into 3 parts. With over 150 pictures submitted, We've finally made it through with the last of the photos. Your submissions carried us through May, June, and now, July! We love you for it. Enjoy part 3 of our Blissful Life Pictorial



7 bunnies have lunch





Apollo (white) and Luna lounging in their double story condo (a photo of the rest of their area further in the pictorial)



Hermann flopped





Bartholomew, resting against the display cabinet after an energetic binky show



Binx and Sweetpea



Cookie & Binx



Cinnabun & Caramello getting lots of attention while they snuggle in bed with bundad



Binx & Lily

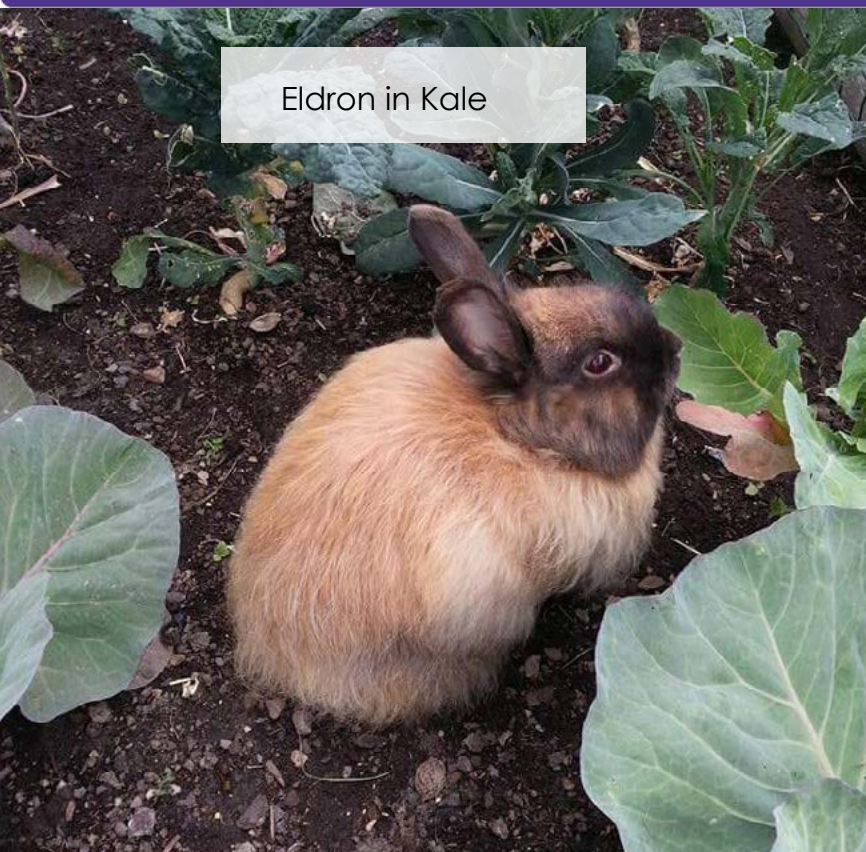


Yoshi





Eldron in Kale



Farimir enjoying being on his Mom's bed



Moo and Al napping







Gigi



Harley Quinn and Poison Ivy



Mr beans, Malcolm,  
WinterBerry



Neville in his favorite spot!







King of the bed







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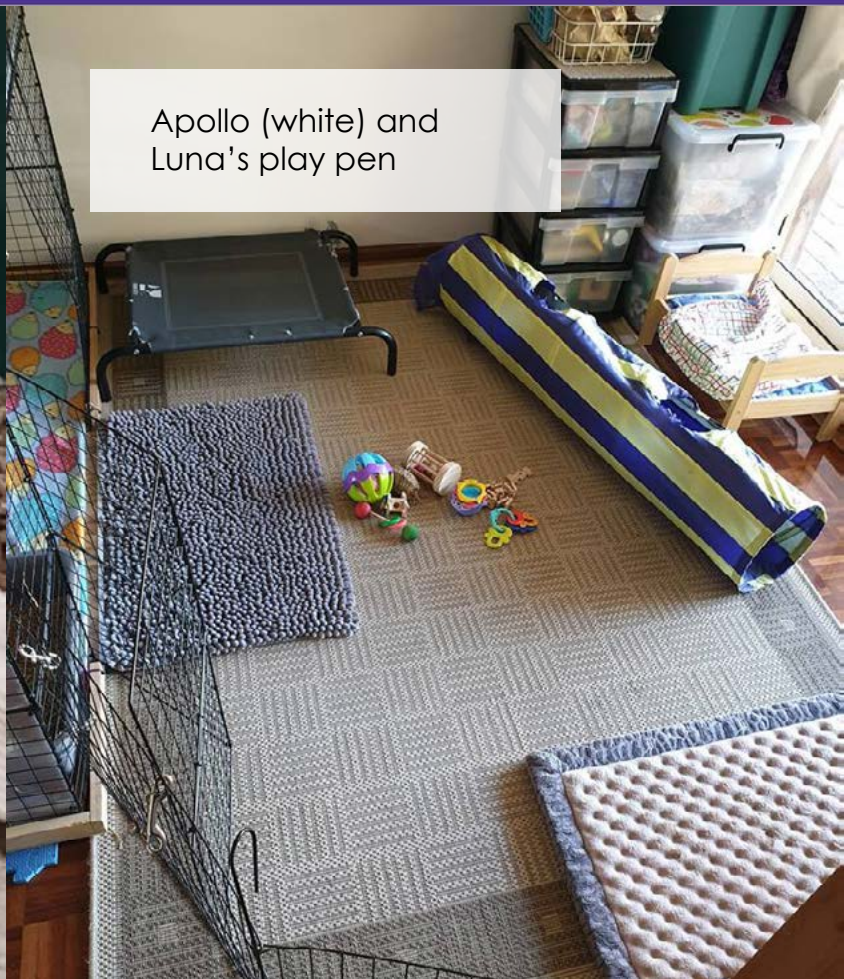


Millie



Looking for groomies





Yay! She filled our plate!









Spirit and Sawyer











Dodo - rescued on a rainy winter day by a garbage dump looking for food. Now, he's got a family loving him, unlimited hay and attention from his mom, ME



Chillin in bed, maybe a nap too



Peanut Penuche







Our boy Skeletor - very fat and very spoiled!! Has free roam of the entire house (trust that he has chinned EVERYTHING)



Yoshi







Penny, the Flemish Giant, who is almost 6 years old with her best friend, Paddington.



Penny in her furcedes.







Stanley



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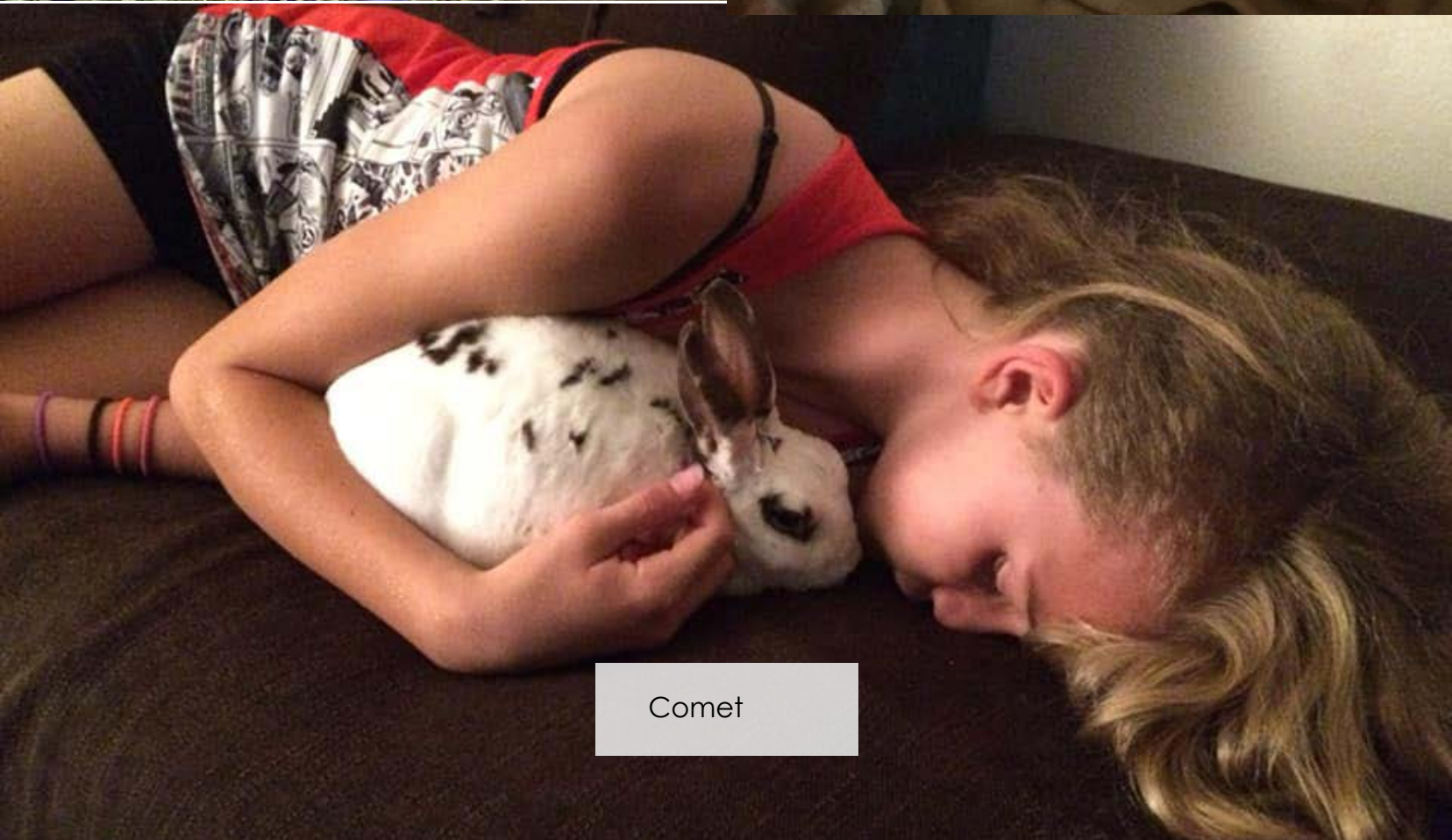
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Franklin, Eleanor, Rick, Rosie, Lucy, Wicket, Nosey, and Pumpkin




Comet







A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a small white rabbit with black spots. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt with white stripes on the cuffs. The rabbit is looking towards the camera with large, dark eyes. The background is a textured, reddish-brown fabric.

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