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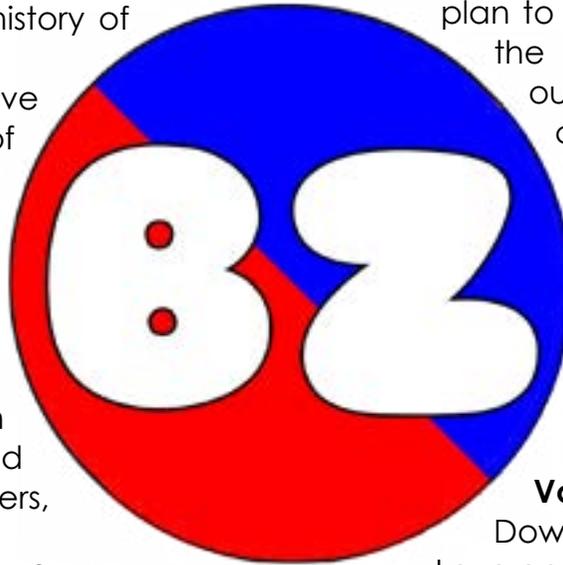
### **Hoppy Birthday Bunnyzine**

The start of year 5. It's always wonderful to mark a new milestone in the history of Bunnyzine.

We are very proud to have delivered 4 yeras worth of Bunnyzine issues to you and we look forward to bringing you more.

We're very pleased to be introducing our new year with an amazing feature: Valentine The Bunny who is heavily known for excellent photoshopped movie posters, game covers, album covers, and memes.

We also hope you will join us for our upcoming event on Nov 8th where we will live-stream our visit through virtual Midwest Bunfest! It should be very exciting.



Things are changing around for me in my career and once I get settled into my new position, I plan to refocus on bringing you a lot of the ideas we have been planning out over the year and have them come to fruition in 2019.

There's a lot of excitement brewing and we can't wait to share it all with you.

I hope you enjoy our Birthday issue and we hope you will stay for another exciting year of Bunnyzine.

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Love and kisses to your bunnies!

Binkies and Flops

-Dustin

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# BUNNGEDDON

VALENTINE  BUNNY



**Featured Bunnies: Valentine and Penny**

# FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA 2018



PENNY



VALENTINE THE BUNNY



VALENTINE THE BUNNY

Hello Bunnyziners! We are really excited to introduce Valentine and Penelope (Penny) as our first featured rabbits of our first issue in Vol 5 of Bunnyzine! With four years behind us, we are really excited to get started on our 5th year of publishing. Valentine and Penelope have acquired over 6,000 followers on Facebook and almost 16,000 on Instagram! Very impressive! And they've been kind enough to give us an interview that we will jump into right now:

**Bunnyzine: Congratulations on your social media success! How are you feeling about the large audiences you have gathered online?**

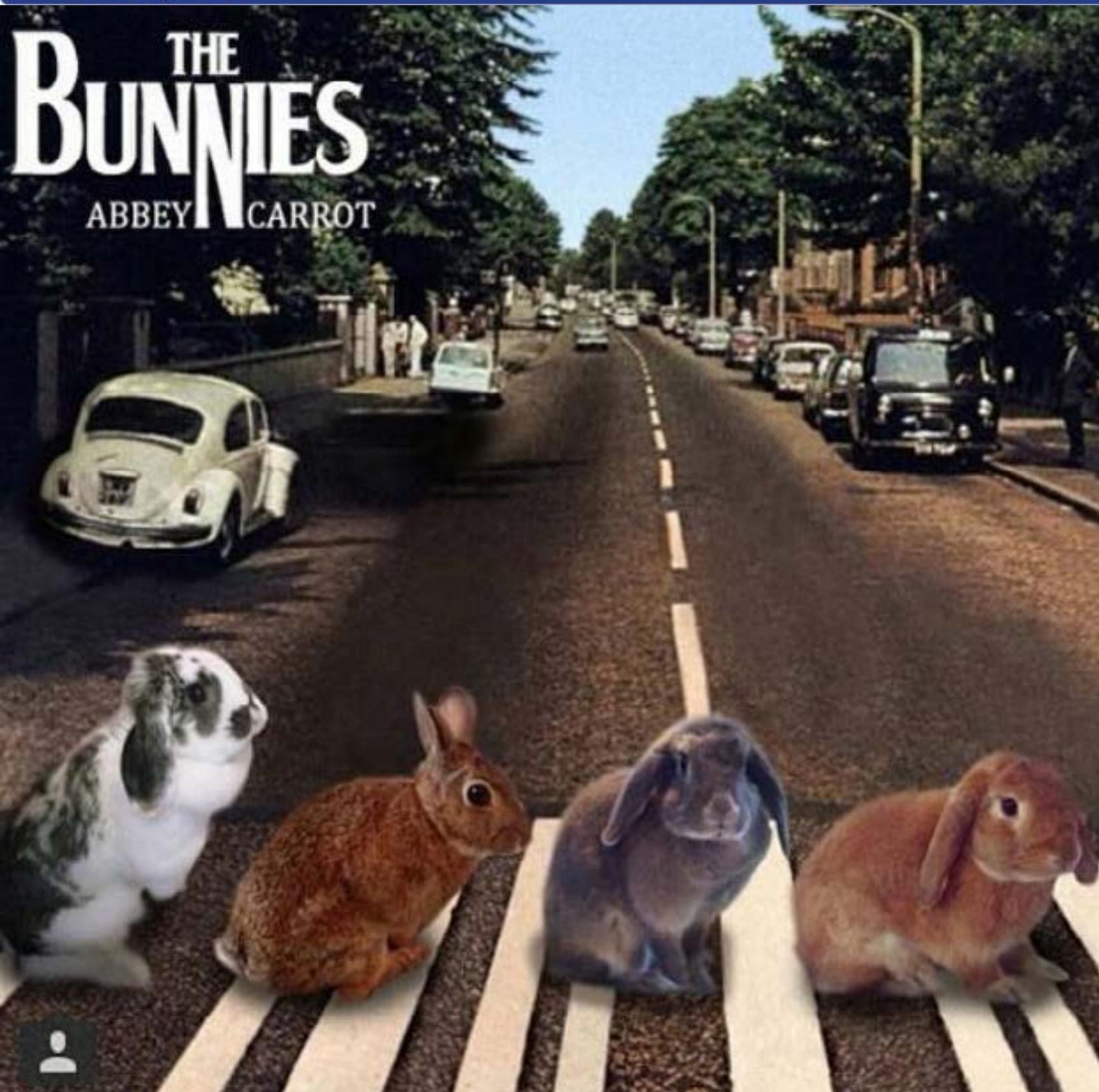
Valentine The Bunny: It's awesome, we never think about the impact we'll have with our followers.

**Bunnyzine: How old are you and Penny?**

Valentine The Bunny: I'm 5 years old and Penny is 2 years old.

# THE BUNNIES

ABBEY CARROT



**Bunnyzine:** How did you and Penny come to find your forever home?

Valentine The Bunny: We were both adopted in different circumstances, and both were a gift from my dad to my mom.

**Bunnyzine:** You have absolutely amazing photoshopped pictures! What kind of

response do you get from your fans about them?

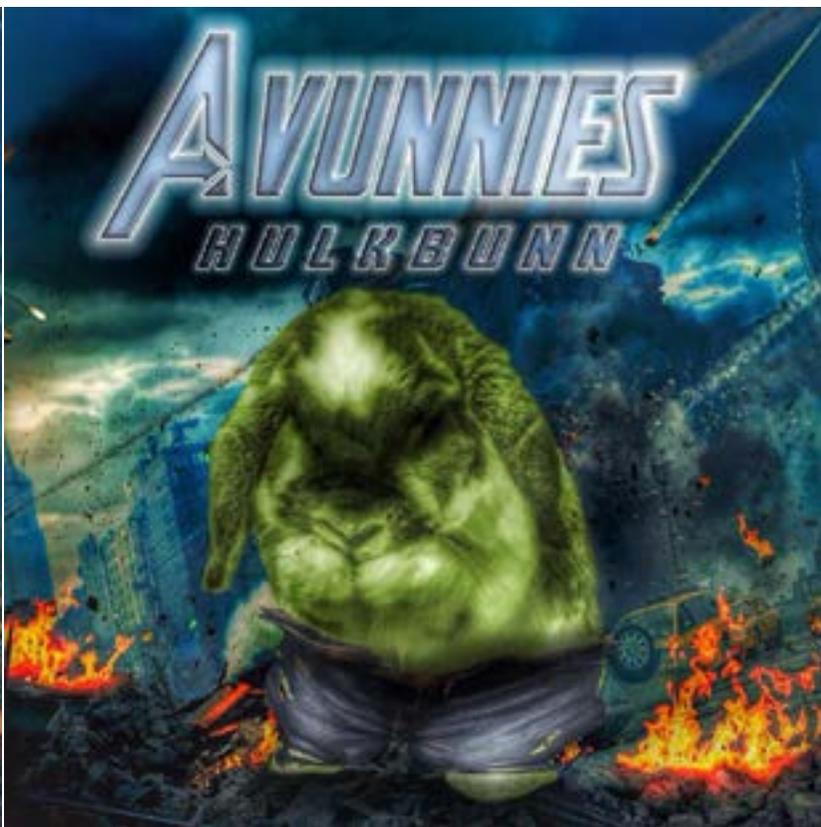
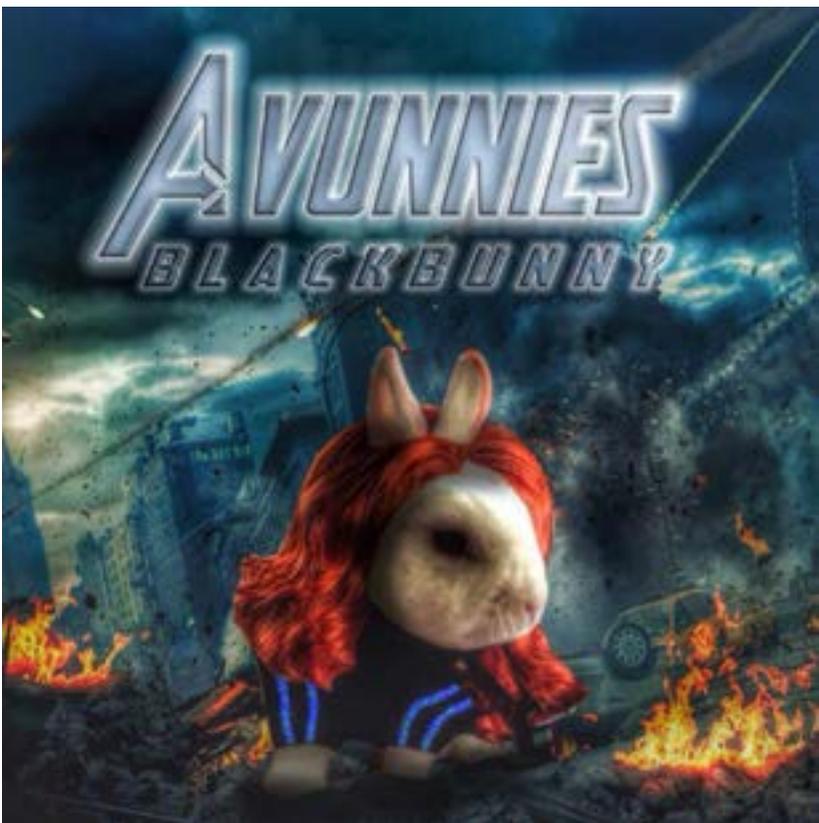
Valentine The Bunny: The response of the public has always been very positive. They love to see versions of movies, video games, or memes in rabbit versions, they even give us their ideas and interact with us.

Cute.  
Cleve.  
Mischievous.  
Intelligent.  
Dangerous.



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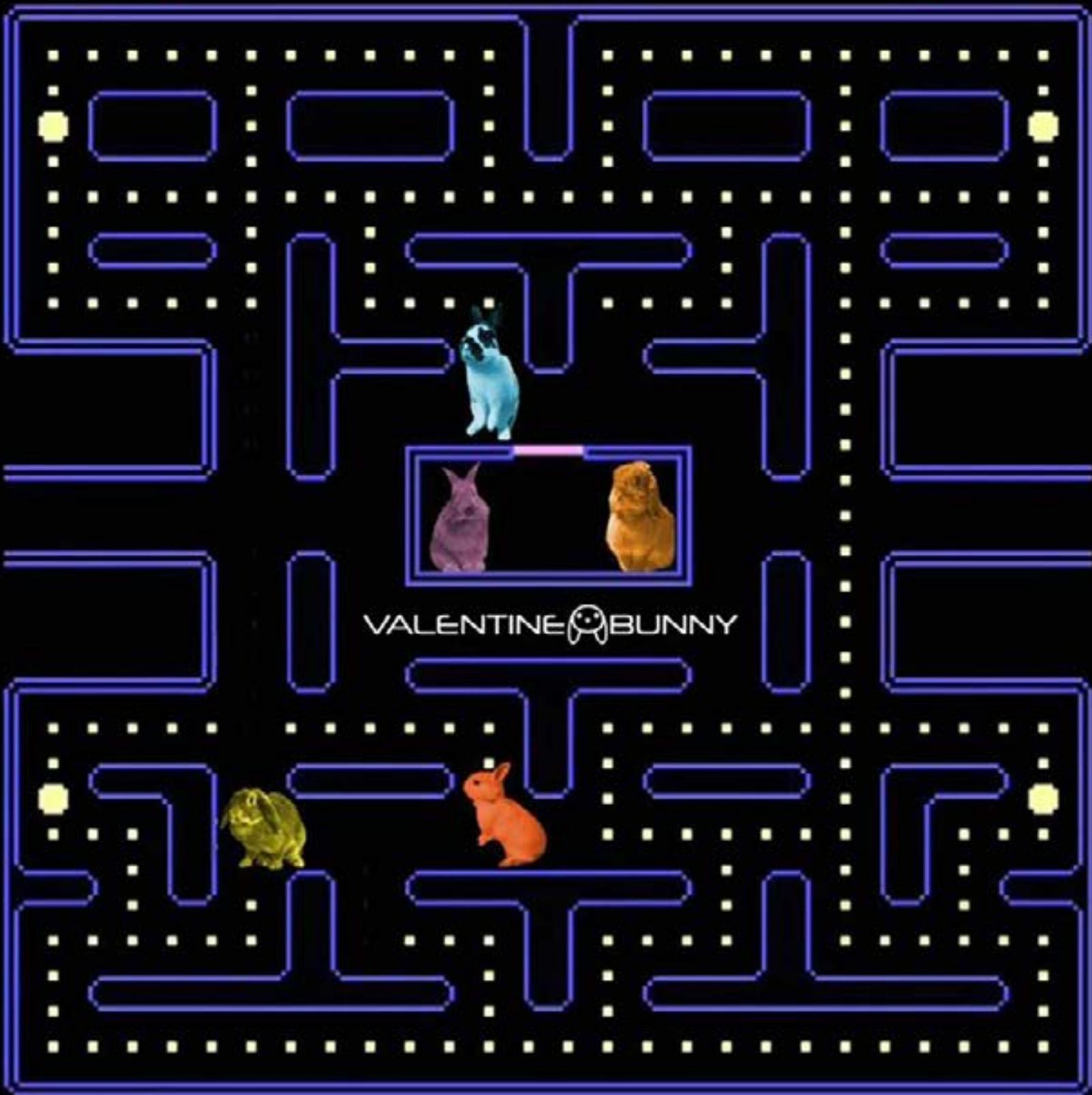
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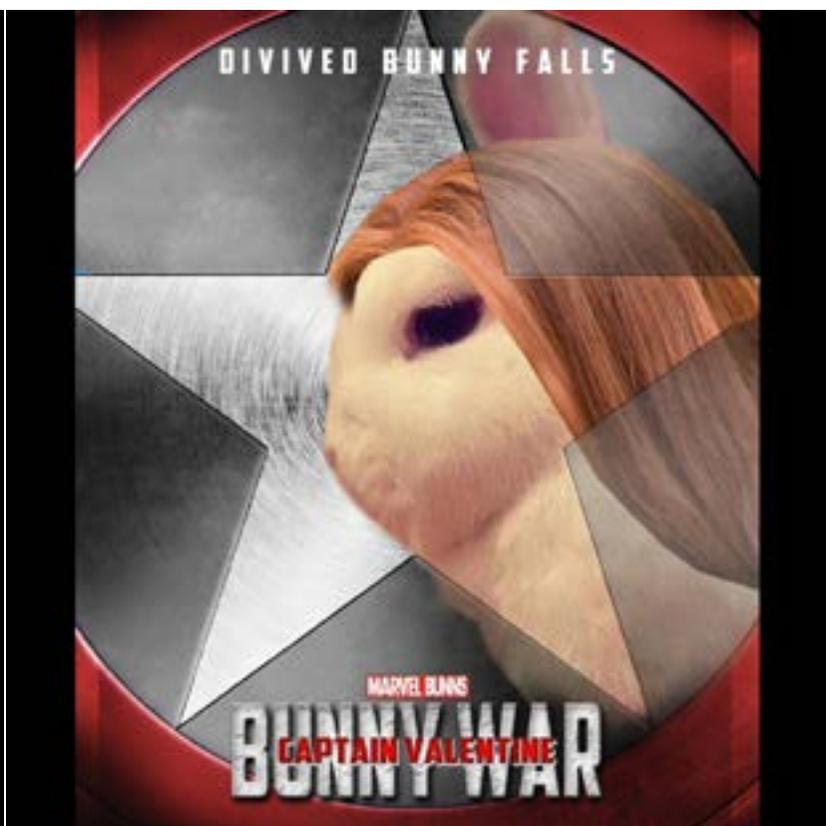
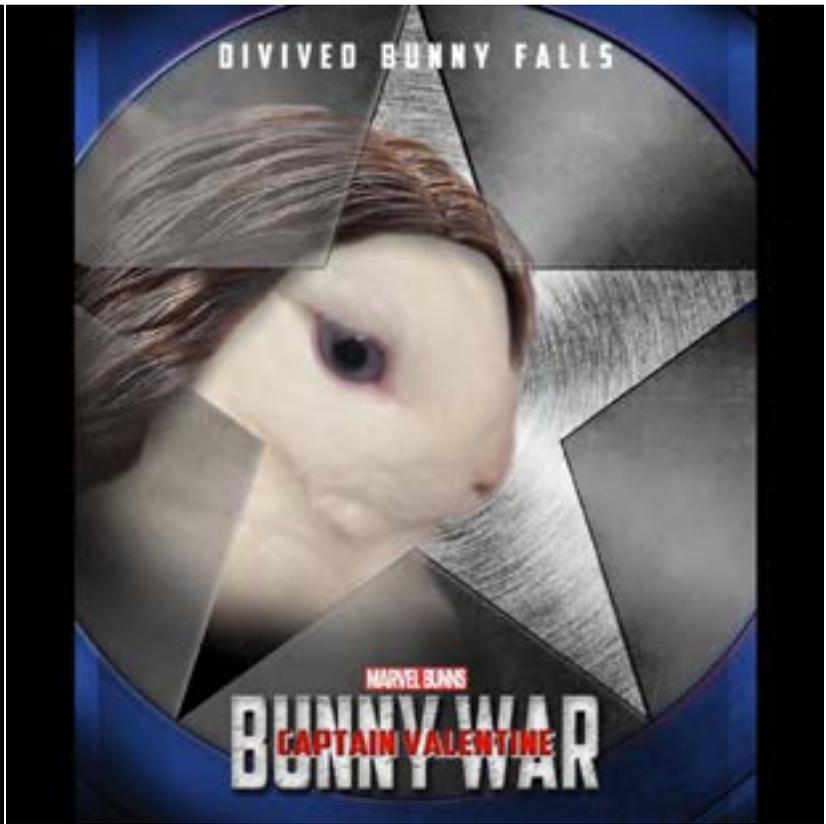
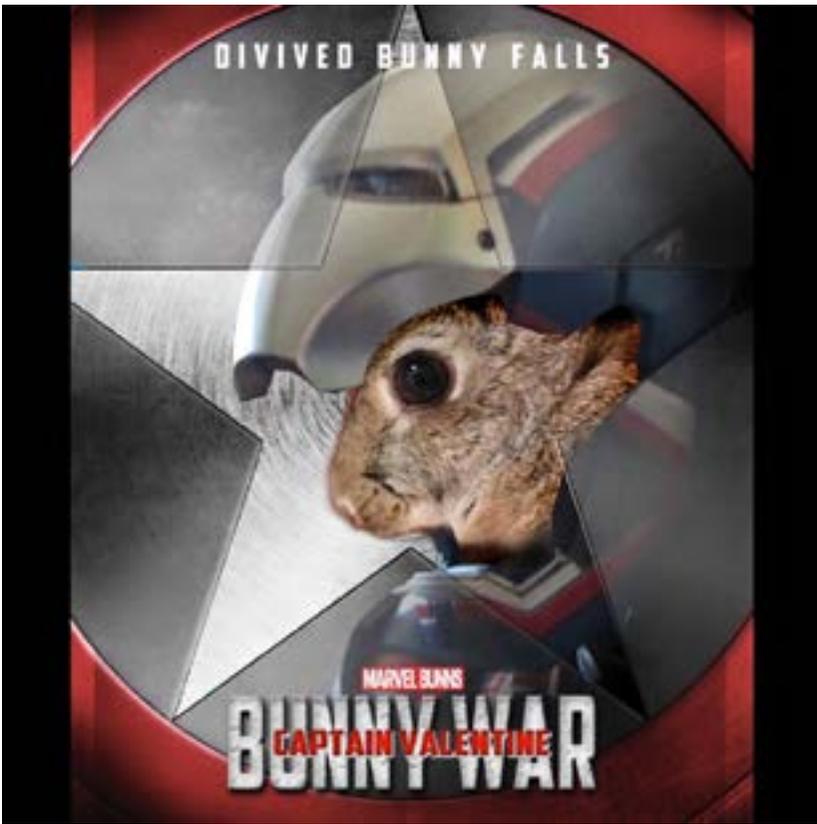


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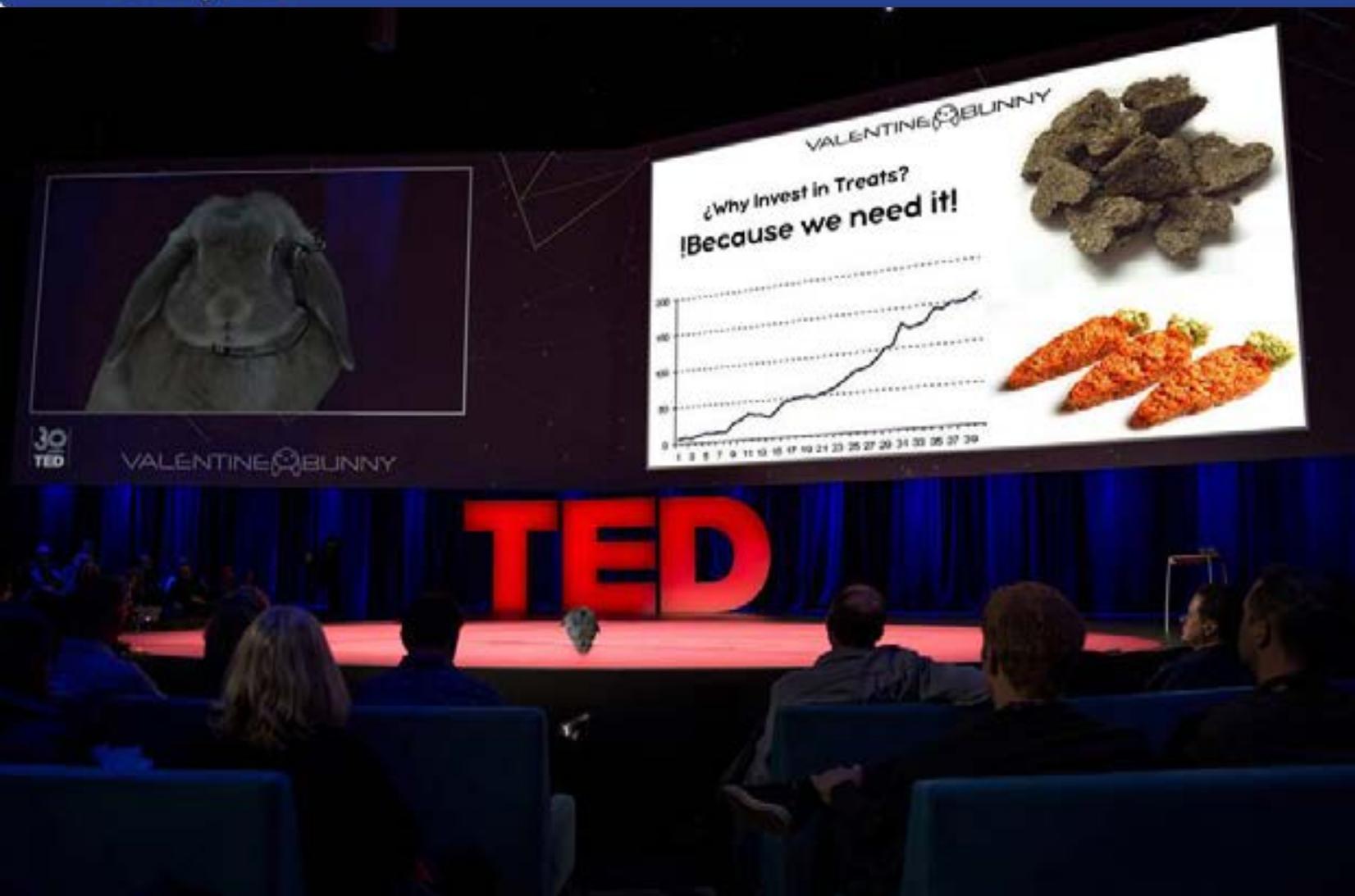
# PAC BUNN



VALENTINE  BUNNY







**Bunnyzine:** Tell us what the treat situation is like at home. Are you getting enough? Are there treats you want that you aren't getting?

Valentine The Bunny: The treats will never be enough, but our dads always try to give us what is necessary without excesses, even if we get mad. What can we say? We have everything we want when we want it.





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# saving private bunny

valentine penny sterlin pantufa camila

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VALENTINE THE BUNNY



# VALENTINE PARK



**Bunnyzine:** Usually, when there is a bunny pair..there is usually one that flops more than the other and one that zips around all over the place more than the other...between you and Penny, which one of you is the hopper and which one is the flopper?

Valentine The Bunny: Penny has always been restless, she likes to move from one place to another, to jump a lot, she is very difficult to keep her quiet, she is reckless. It has always been difficult to take photos. I am calmer, I like to sleep and eat, and sometimes do pranks.



**Bunnyzine: What is your favourite treat? What is Penny's favourite treat?**

Valentine The Bunny: I love carrot cookies and Penny loves everything, she loves to steal my treats

**Bunnyzine: Are either of you cuddly with humans?**

Valentine The Bunny: I am the most cuddly, I like to always be with mommy, when we got penny I was very jealous because they spoiled her, but it happened to me, she now wanders around the house, while I am with my mom



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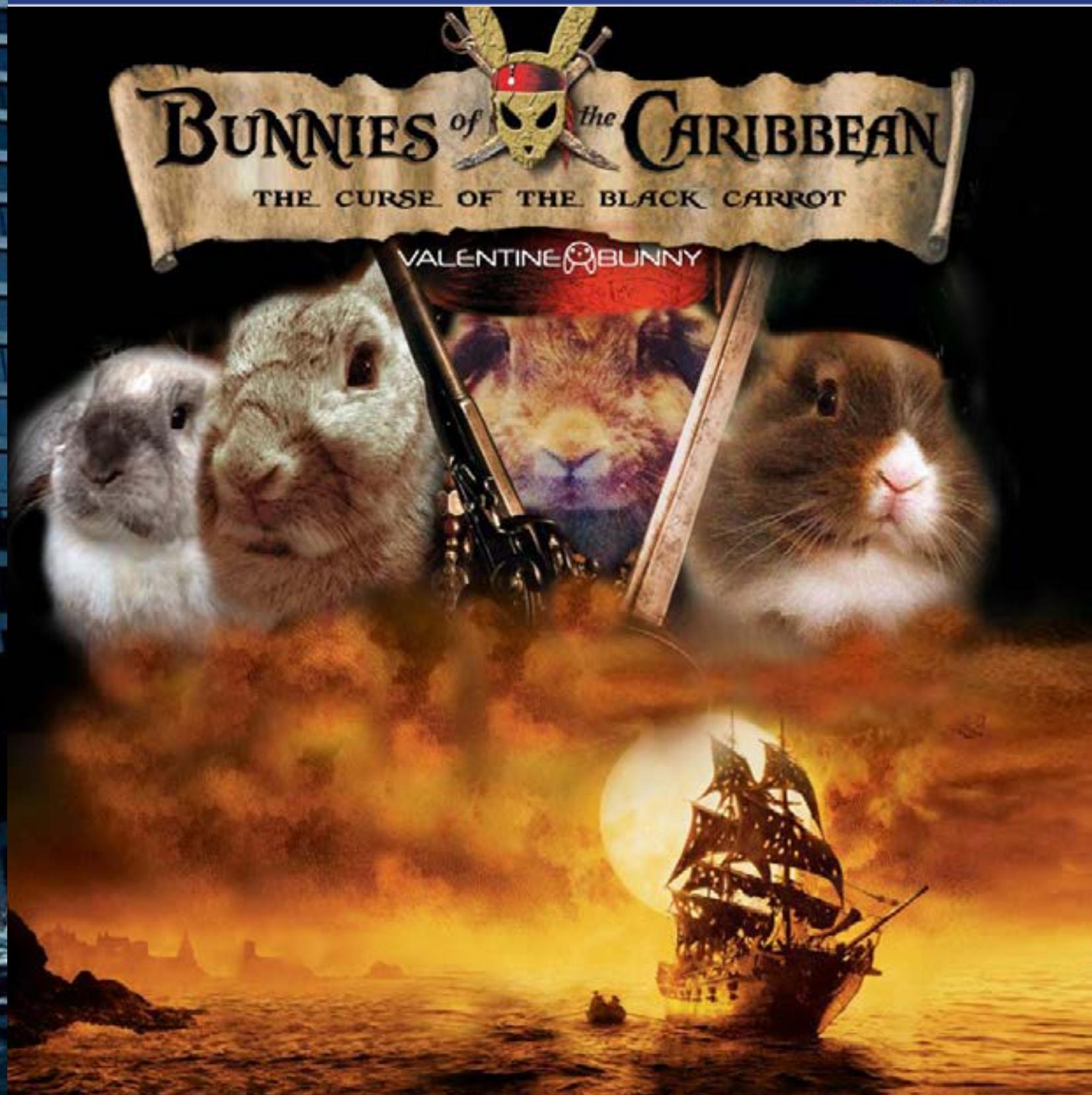
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# BUNCEPTION

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DARK BUNNY

PENNY WANDA LAVEN FINN PHILIPPE GASSON ALICE JAMES LINDA URALAB  
JUSTIN HOLLRIGL TOPI RAUTJOKI CONNIE CILESKI



**Bunnyzine:** I noticed you and Penny get very excited about Halloween. What are your favourite holidays?

Valentine The Bunny: Halloween and Christmas, we love horror movies and presents.

**Bunnyzine:** What has been your favourite memory in your forever home?

Valentine The Bunny: When we watch mom taking pictures of us and daddy making our editions, because we know they love us, that we are part of a family

# TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA BUNNIES

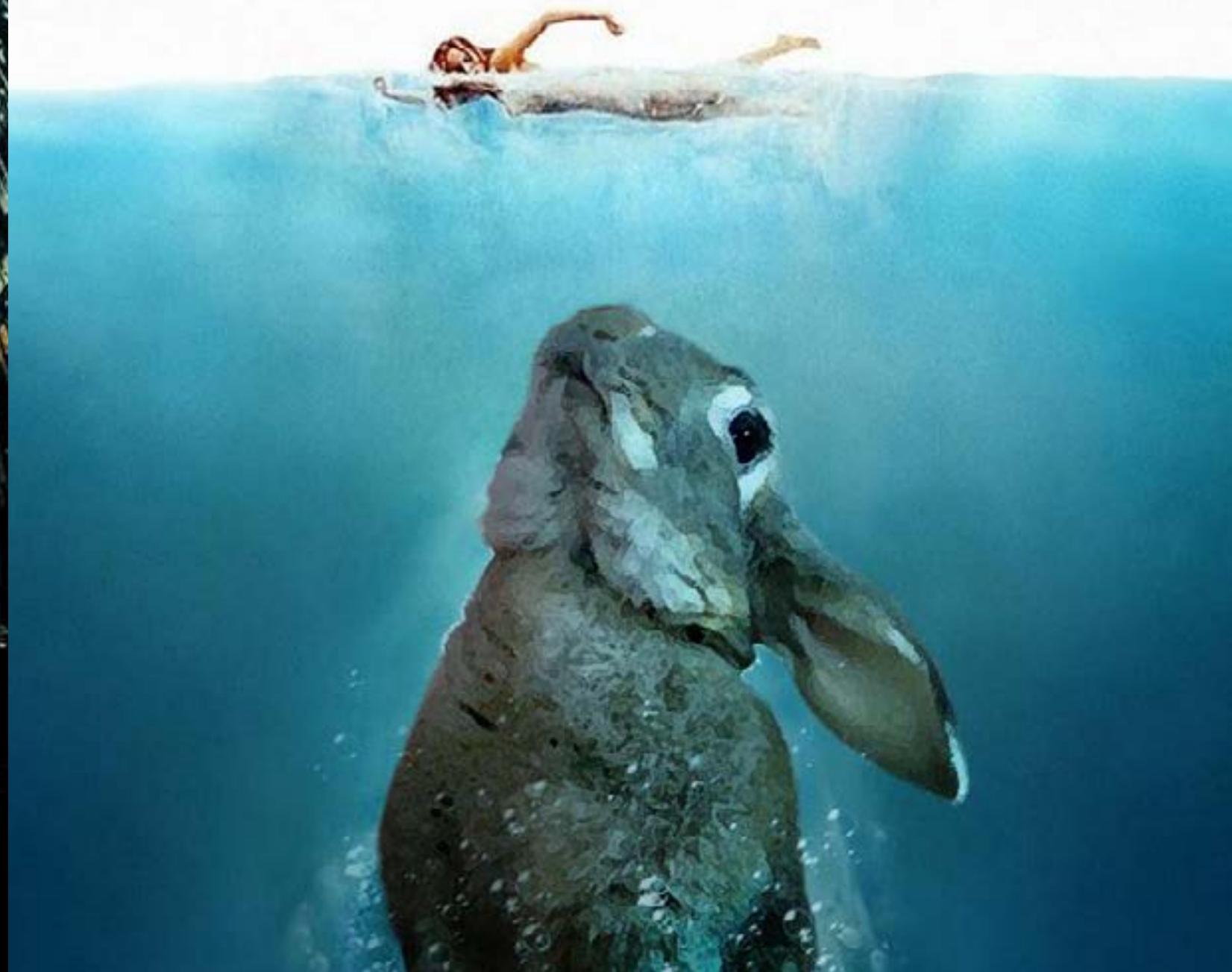
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PENNY COURTNEY FINN VALENTINE

VALENTINE  BUNNY

# BUNNS





VALENTINE  BUNNY



ALIEN VS VALENTINE

**COMING SOON**

**Bunnyzine: Is there anything you would like Bunnyziners to know about you or Penny that we haven't asked?**

Valentine The Bunny: We just want to say Thank you for dedicating your time, interest in our page, adventure and smiles to our followers. We are very happy bunnies, blissful of life, and we will continue to bring a smile to people.

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# RANGERS OF BUNNIES



THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE WORLD ASKED  
ORDINARY BUNNIES TO DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS.

**Bunnyzine:** Thank you so much for doing this interview with us and for letting us share your wonderful pictures with everyone. We definitely encourage our readers to follow you on Facebook and on Instagram and we will be providing the links to both of those at the end of this section. Are there any other links of yours that you would like to promote?

Valentine The Bunny: we can follow us too on our Instagram account: @vale\_penny\_bunnies  
twitter: @ValeTheBunny  
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THE MATCH GAME**

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1. ● **A+**  A. Sammy

2. ● B. Russette

3. ● C. Lance

4. ● D. Not my rabbit

5. ● E. Ms. Jackson

6. ● 6. Call the vet

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## *The poetry of Kansas*

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Magician breaketh out thee breakfast  
Mom-O doleth out ye dinner  
Bunny scarfeth thine goodies  
'N beith he thee winner

Now sayeth I to hither 'n yon  
When Maggy he rolleth ashore  
With luncheon bounty 'O Ye Olde Navy  
Magician's not just for breakfast anymore!

Me bunny lies o'er thee ocean  
Me bunny lies o'er thee sea  
He went a'lookin' for candy  
'N joined Ye Olde Navy

Me bunny he went a'sailin'  
Avast in thee windward lee  
'N found himself a Big Hunk  
'N a bit of Bit 'O Honey



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# Bunnyzine Turns 4 Years Old

by *Dustin Campbell*

Hoppy Birthday to us!! It's been 4 wonderful years and this issue marks the start of our 5th year and none of this could have happened without our readers and without the Bunnyzine Team.

Iris Klimczuk, Yolanda Boag, Randy Hayes, Monica Yokins, and KansasTheBunny have been very active and committed to bringing you fantastic articles, stories, artwork, and podcasts but those are just some of the visible things we see them produce, there is a lot of background work that they also heavily contribute to such as sourcing articles, setting up interviews, keeping our social media pages populated, participating in group discussions, contributing ideas and helping to implement those ideas...the list is almost non-stop. The amount of time and dedication they put in to bringing you all aspects of Bunnyzine is immense and Bunnyzine wouldn't survive at all without them. I thank them very much for keeping Bunnyzine going.

This year has been a challenging one. With two massive hardware failures (laptop and server) it was doubtful we were going to be able to pull through and continue producing Bunnyzine but through the strong support of you, our readers, we came out of it better than ever. We now run our website on a server we own which gives us the capabilities to expand and provide even more services for you which is being planned for deployment during our 5th year and we are projecting to start meeting our



readership target goals this year. It's time for Bunnyzine to grow and spread it's wings. We hope you will like the new changes we will be unrolling and hope that you will continue supporting Bunnyzine as we head towards fulfilling our dreams of having a big audience to draw in advertisers so we can use the advertising revenue in our issues to help fund rabbit rescues and rabbit related causes. This has been our dream from the start and we would love to see it happen.

Thanks for sticking with us over the years and we will continue to bring you more of all things Bunnyzine.

# Bunnyzine's Virtual Midwest Bunfest Live-stream

by *Dustin Campbell*



VIRTUAL

# Midwest BunFest!

As most of us are aware, Midwest Bunfest was cancelled this year over concerns of the RHD2 virus that struck Medina just a few hours away from where Bunfest was intended to be held. In lieu of the physical event, a virtual event was launched in it's place and Bunnyzine plans to attend with a live-stream exploration of the Virtual Midwest Bunfest.

The Virtual Midwest Bunfest opened on Oct 27th and will run for two weeks. This gives us a chance to still partake in the bunfest experience in it's virtual incarnate.

As an exciting treat, On Thursday November 8th, I will be hosting a live-stream event on the Bunnyzine YouTube channel (we'll post the link on our Facebook page). The live-stream will take you through the various posts on the Virtual Midwest Bunfest page and we'll explore the various vendors, sponsors, guest posts that are listed.

We are also arranging for interviews with vendors, sponsors, rescue partners, and organizers. We're also going to be holding auctions for participating vendors of Midwest Bunfest that will be hosted on the Bunnyzine website that will begin when the stream starts and end shortly after the

stream ends, and as an extra twist, we are going to be doing flash auctions which are similar to the regular auctions but they will be on-the-spot and bidding will take place in the YouTube chat so you will need to be watching to catch the flash auction deals.

It's going to be a fantastic time and we want to see you there so stay tuned to our Facebook page for the exact time of the live-stream. See you there.



# Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary

by Iris Klimczuk

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**Bunnyzine: Annie, when and why did you found Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary? How long from inception of the idea to opening your doors to receive the first rabbits?**

Annie (Antoinette) Monod: In 2005, Kelowna, BC had a feral rabbit problem. As a result, the city decided to cull them. Our initial thought was to save a few, but the need was so great we just kept going. Our doors opened in the spring of 2006 and the Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary has never looked back.

**Bunnyzine: How many rabbits currently make their home at Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary and where do they come from?**

Annie Monod: 250-300 rabbits call the Sanctuary home. Although most of the bunnies are local from the Okanagan to the Caribou regions of BC, it is not unusual for us to pick up bunnies at the airport from destinations farther away.

**Bunnyzine: Do you have other animals besides rabbits at Warren Peace? What kinds?**

Annie Monod: Yes, all small domestic animals are welcome here. Our residents include guinea pigs, chinchillas, ferrets, rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils, degus, hedgehogs, budgies, love birds, cockatiels, canaries, parrots, plus a few farm animals such as chickens, ducks, turkeys, pigs and our goat,

Bruno.

**Bunnyzine: How do you decide which animals to accept to live out their lives at Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary? Are you inundated with surrender requests?**

Annie Monod: The Sanctuary is lucky enough to be on acreage, so if the need is there, we can expand. Most of the animals that come to the sanctuary have run out of options. The surrender requests are fairly easy to deal with, but we also help

live trap feral colonies, which is much more challenging.

**Bunnyzine: How do you manage the daily care for so many Sanctuary animals?**

Annie Monod: The majority of our residents are not in cages, but in large enclosures built with their needs in mind. We have the most loyal and amazing volunteers who not only keep the enclosures clean, but also make sure the animals are fed, watered, happy, healthy, and loved.

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**Bunnyzine: The lethal Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus broke out earlier this year in British Columbia. How did Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary face this threat?**

Annie Monod: First, we made the decision to close our doors to the public. We then set

up biosecurity measures for the volunteers. A crew of volunteers, along with Women in Trades from Okanagan College, renovated the rabbit housing to make it as secure as possible. Then an incredibly successful GoFundMe campaign was created to raise the funds needed to vaccinate our rabbits. Vaccination day went smoothly, with 2 vets

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and a tech giving the health exams and vaccination shots on site. All of our rabbits made it through the ordeal, but we still decided to remain closed for the 2018 season, despite the loss of revenue.

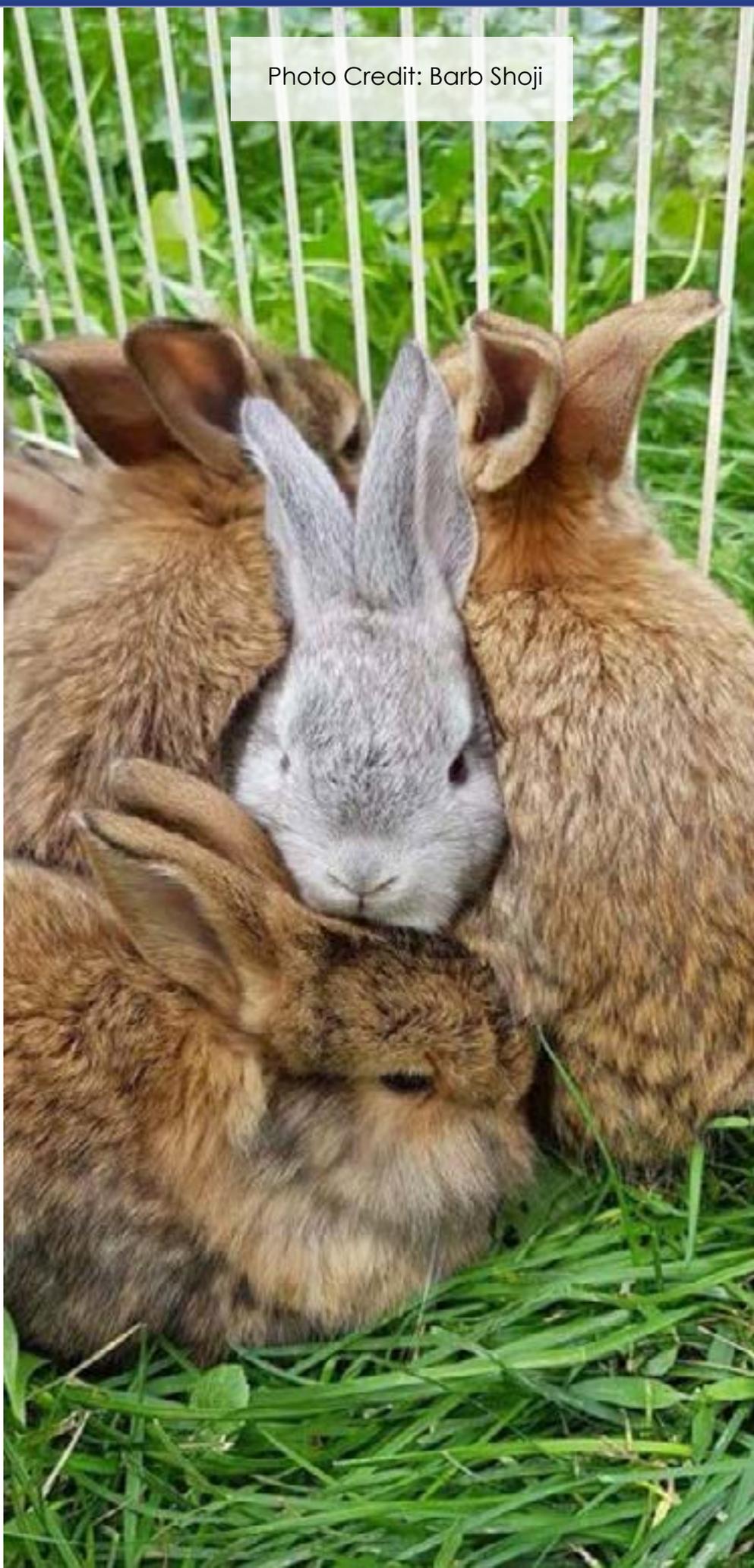
**Bunnyzine: How has closing the sanctuary to the public impacted your donations and fundraising this year? When do you envision re-opening to the public?**

Annie Monod: We decided to play it safe and remain closed under protective quarantine for the rest of this year and will open our doors again Easter 2019. When this RHD2 outbreak began, I was not sure how we would survive, since the cost of the vaccines alone for so many rabbits was staggering. A large number of donors, volunteers and local community businesses contributed money, supplies and services. Funds for the vaccines came in, people put money on account at our local feed store, or on our vet bill. We set up a donation bin at the bottom of the driveway which is always full of veggies, fruit and bags of feed. The response has been truly overwhelming.

**Bunnyzine: Your 'Boys with Buns' 2019 calendar is being released this month and is very popular. We were thrilled to learn this edition includes an image of Bunnyzine! Please describe how your calendar fundraiser came about and how our readers can order one.**

Annie Monod: We are always trying to be proactive in our fundraising efforts and 'Boys with Buns' seemed to be the

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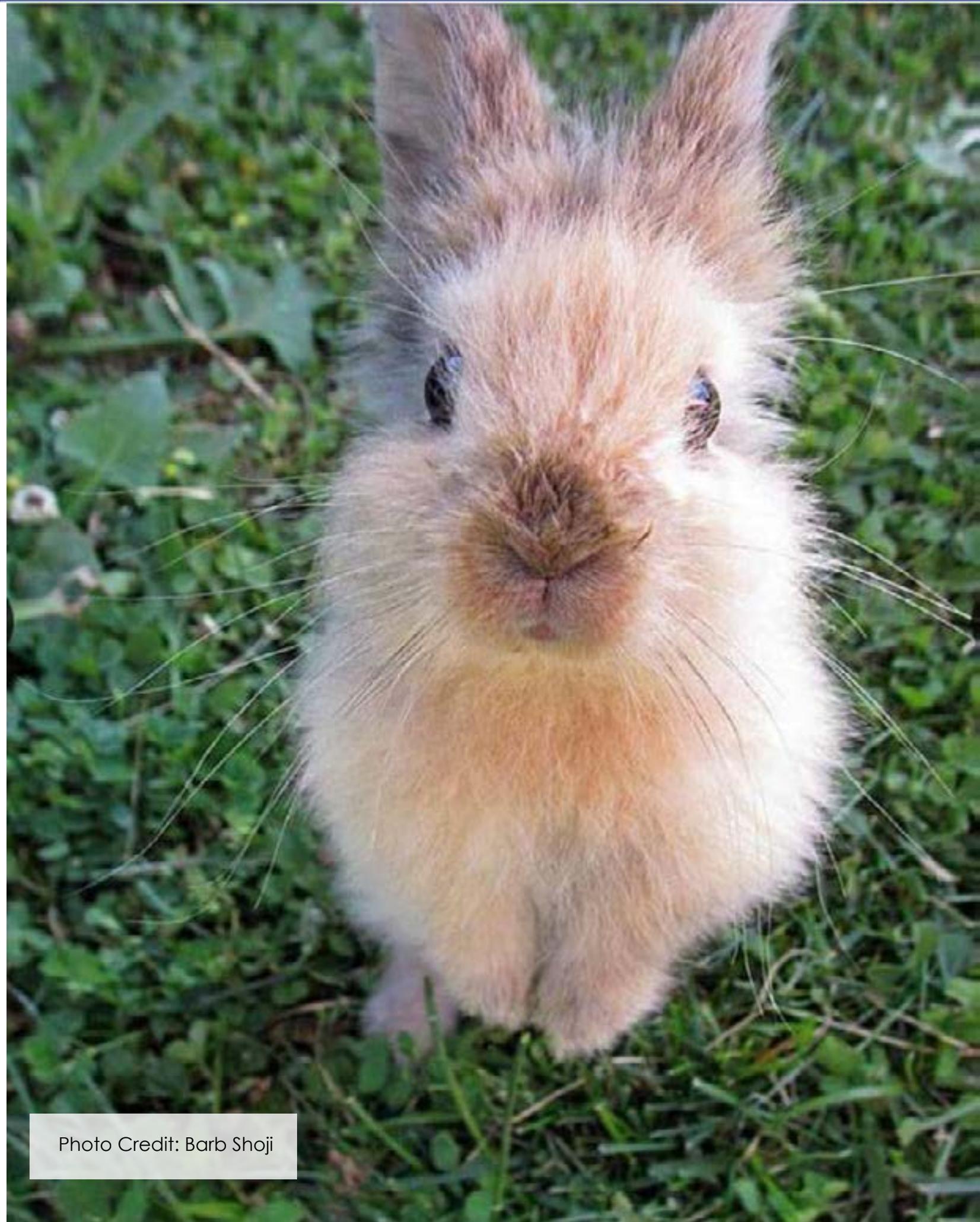
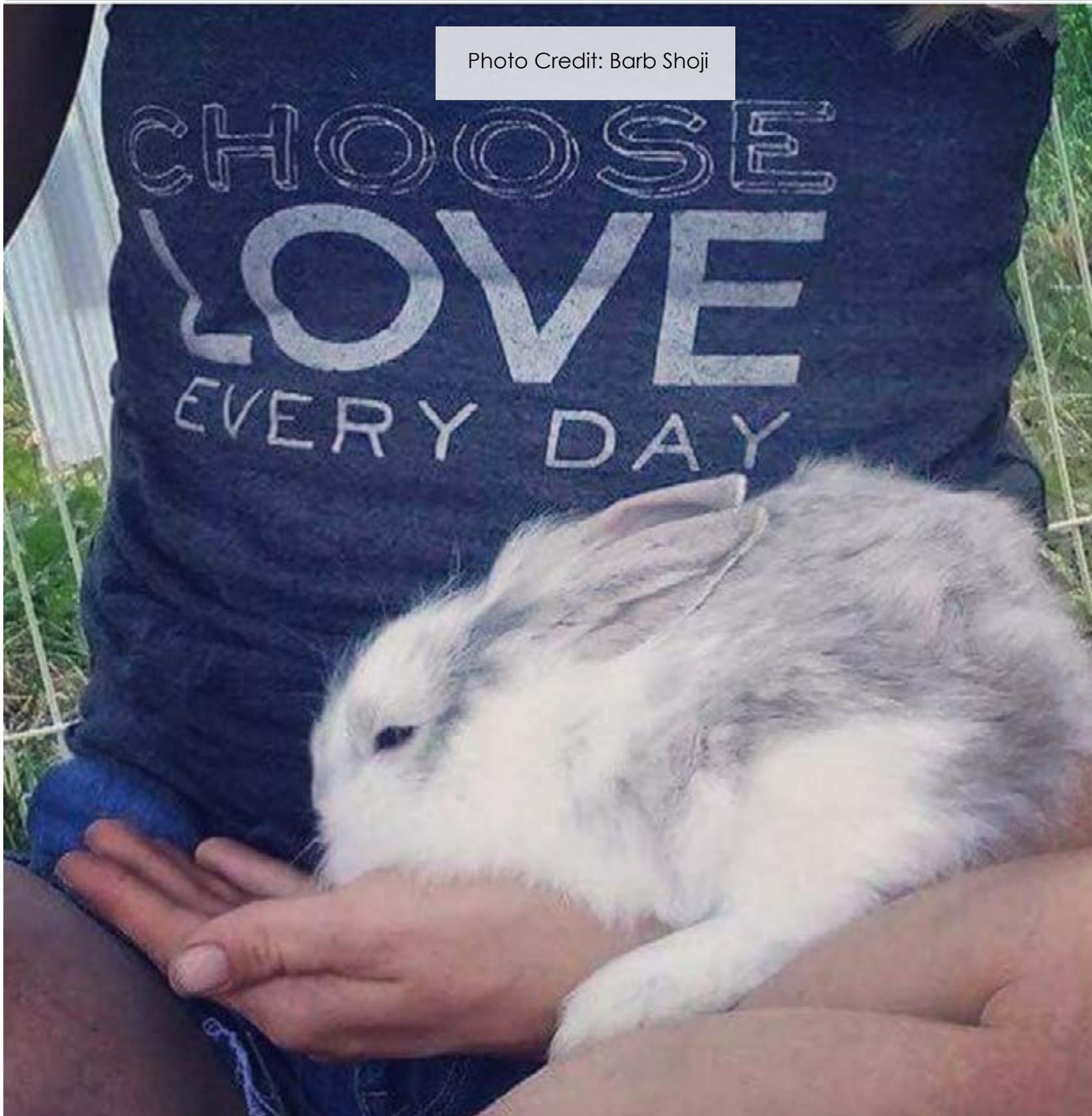


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perfect way to showcase the rabbits. Last year was our first attempt and the public loved it!!! We are now in the finishing stages of our 2019 calendar, which will be available soon in local stores or online through our Facebook page. We are thrilled to have Bunnyzine in our calendar — check out the month of May !!!

**Bunnyzine: If a generous donor sent Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary \$10,000 tomorrow, how would you choose to spend it?**

Annie Monod: Easy answer. It would go towards next year's vaccinations, as that is roughly the cost to have all the bunnies

vaccinated. The vaccinations only last one year, so this is an ongoing expense for us now.

**Bunnyzine: Fundraising must be a constant necessity for an animal sanctuary like Warren Peace. Tell us about some of your other fundraising activities.**

Annie Monod: Our online auctions

are always very successful and gain in momentum each year. WPBS attends local functions where we sell bunny-themed items and answer questions about the Sanctuary. Usually, we are open to the public on Saturdays from Easter through Thanksgiving, with large numbers of people coming to spend time with our bunnies and volunteers. This is by donation and at the end of the summer is a big part of our

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I hear the poop stealers are coming today .  
Now we will have to start all over again !!!



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funding which carries us through the winter months.

**Bunnyzine: If someone came to you asking for advice about opening an animal sanctuary, how would you advise them?**

Annie Monod: You have to be serious, and you have to be dedicated. You will need volunteers, lots of them.

They will be your lifeline, they will be your family. Never take them for granted and always let them know how valuable they are. You will need donors, lots of them. They will be your saviours, they will be your friends. Never take them for granted and always let them know how valuable they are.

The animals in your care will bring you the greatest joy and the greatest heartache. Each day will bring new challenges and learning opportunities, embrace both as they are of equal importance. Remember, the heart of the Sanctuary is the animals, always remember the animals...



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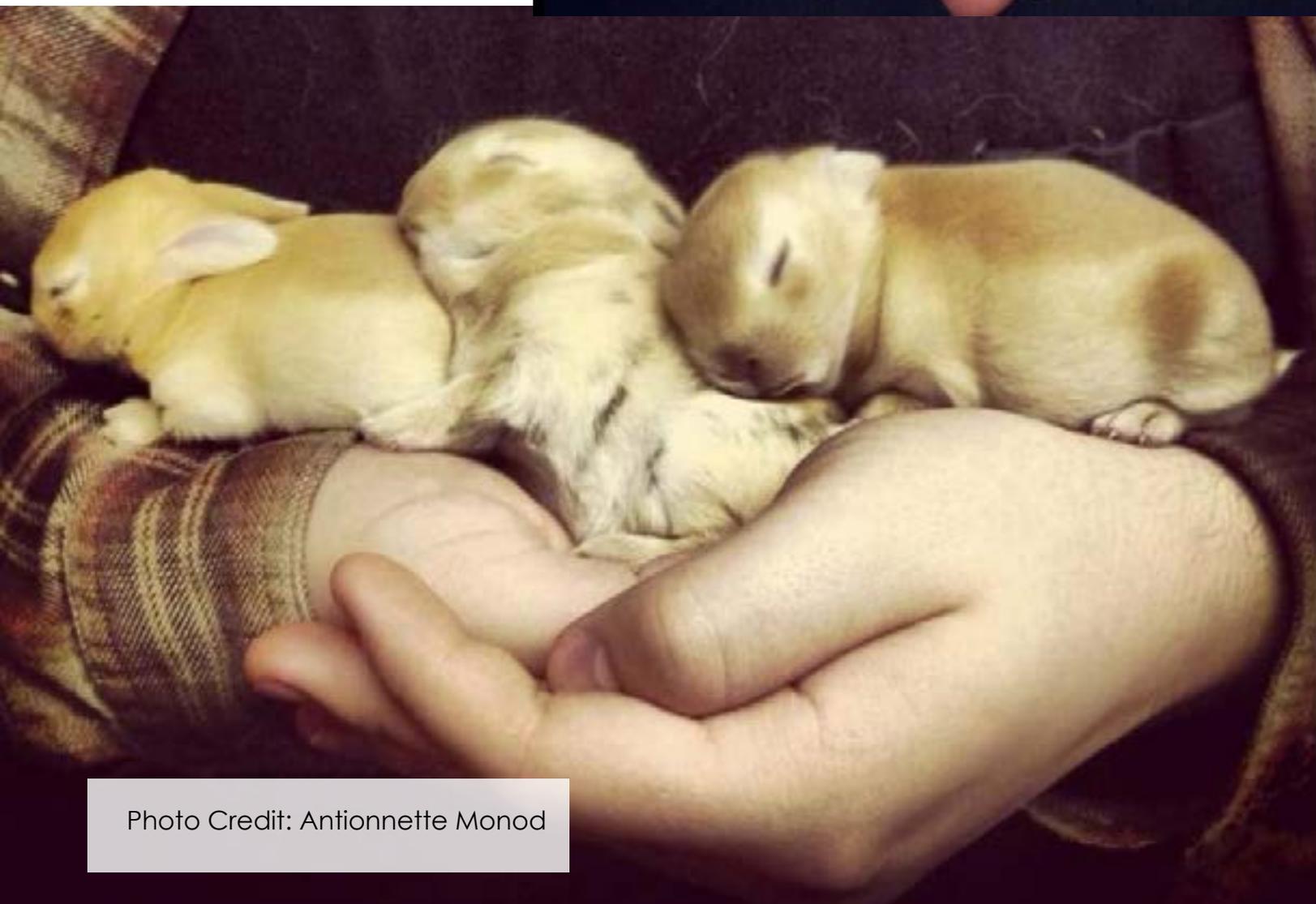


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**Bunnyzine:** What is the best part about waking up at Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary every day?

Annie Monod: Knowing I get to spend the day doing what I love, with those I love.

**Bunnyzine:** Is there anything else you would like to add that we haven't touched upon?



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Annie Monod: I would like to thank Bunnyzine for allowing us to share Warren Peace with everyone and hope you enjoy not only the month of May, but the entire 'Boys with Buns' 2019 calendar !!!

**Bunnyzine: Thank you, Annie, for telling us about Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary!**

## Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary

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# Happy Birthday Buttercup and Orie

by Alisa Navidad-Tesconi

A very Happy Birthday is in order for November. November 18th is Buttercup

College of Veterinary Medicine in 2020 after she finishes her pre-requisite classes. Her goal is to not only work with dogs and cats but rabbits as well. "There are not enough doctors out there that specialize with rabbits. Having bunnies has showed me how much goes into having one. They are complex animals and they are a challenge, but I love them and I wouldn't trade them for anything. Plus, who doesn't want to be a bunny doctor and learn more everyday about them." says their mom, Alisa Navidad-Tesconi.



and Orie's 3rd birthday. For those to follow @buttercupandorie via Facebook or Instagram know that Buttercup and Orie came from a hoarding situation when their now mom and dad adopted them. Buttercup and Orie love all their friends from around the world from @mrbeansandfriends in the United States to @carlo.the.rabbit in Denmark and so many more.

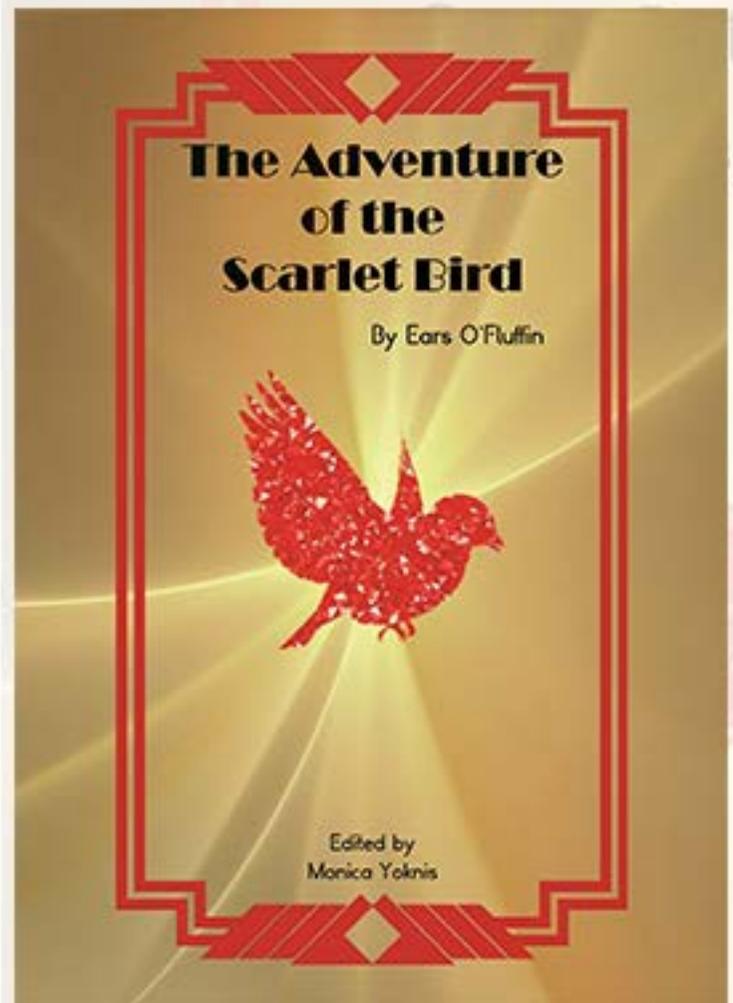
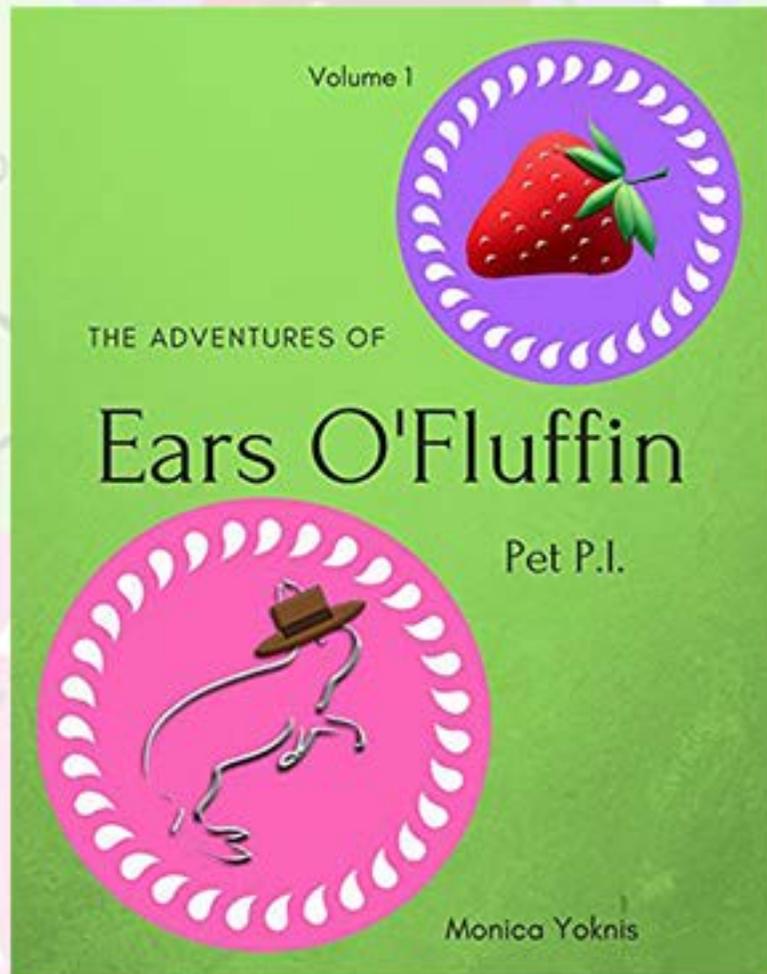
Buttercup is a Cinnamon Rabbit and Orie is a Polish rabbit. Buttercup, also known to some as Cuppy, is a very sassy independent girl who loves her daddy. While Orie is a mama's boy love to be held, kissed and pet. They currently reside in the DMV area with their mom and dad.

Their mom has always loved working with animals, learning about animals and owning them. She currently works for an exotic animal specialist doctor who has motivated her even more to apply to vet school. She will be applying to Virginia Tech

So please wish Buttercup and Orie a Happy Birthday on November 18th on:

Facebook: @buttercupandorie  
 Instagram: @buttercupandorie  
 Facebook Page with Mr. Beans and Friends: Black Bunnies Unite  
 And listen to their mom's podcast on her journey applying Virginia Tech College of Veterinary Medicine in 2020 as well as pet facts @legallyindian on the Anchor App and coming to iTunes soon.

# Two Ears O'Fluffin Books



Get them here: <https://tinyurl.com/yaxwltng>

# Saving Little Shrub Hare Francis

by Monique Goosen



It was about 15h00 when the chopper did a routine flight over the gravel taxi way at the Mossel Bay airport. Suddenly, pilot Stefan Fouche saw a little ball of something on the ground. The chopper blades' downward wind caused the little ball to suddenly roll over and tumble – and he recognized it was a little hare!

He backed away, jumped out and went to pick up the little hare before the aeroplanes that were supposed to follow on that runway to do Skydiving and training would harm it. Stefan looked around, but saw no other hares, no nest, nor signs of digging —

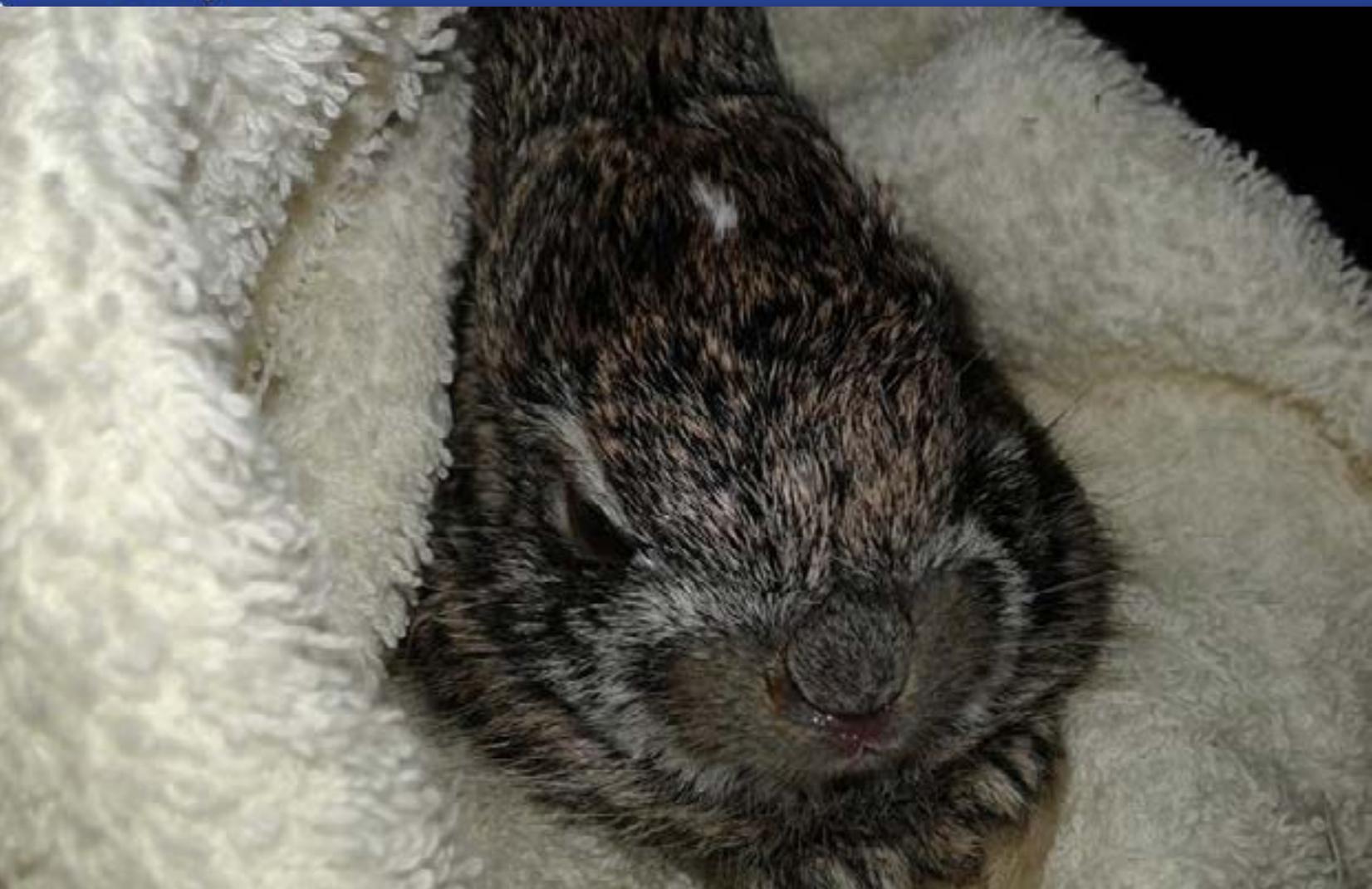
nor a mama hare. So, Stefan took the little one back with him.

Back in the building, Stefan gave the little hare to another pilot, Allan, who he knew had rabbits. As soon as Allan saw the little hare, he immediately contacted Southern Cape Bunny Haven, since he knew we dealt with special needs rabbits.

In a huge team effort, Alan's friend Inge-Liese bought the Royal Canin Kitty milk per instruction, and they headed out to the farm where the Haven is situated.

When little hare Francis came to us, she was very weak, had bumps all over, had a slight







respiratory infection and a weepy eye. Judging from her condition, Francis had been exposed to the wind and weather for a while. Little hares of 3 days old, as she was, normally do not leave the nest yet, so something must have happened to the mama hare or the nest was dug up and Francis escaped.

Francis is a Shrub Hare, which are actually quite scarce in the area where we live and the Cape Hare is predominant. Little Francis has a little white spot on the top of her head and just loves cheek-rubs!

After 3 days of milk and rooibos tea she is quite strong; the eye infection and runny nose have cleared up completely. She gets milk with rooibos tea every three hours, as the milk itself is too strong and the tea gives it the "wild" taste of the mom's milk. She refuses the milk if served plain.

We do pajama-parade, and her best playtime is from 12 -3 where she will amble along and even dig to get our attention to be picked up. Because she is solitary, we need to give her more human interaction, otherwise she will not develop her social skills as she should.

Once weaned, she will go to a suitable wildlife rehabilitation centre. To see video clips of Francis, visit the Southern Cape Bunny Haven FB page.

Little Francis also had a newspaper article written about her in the South African newspaper, Die Burger.

The story of little hare, Francis, has touched many in South Africa, and symbolizes the hope and empathy that still exist here, despite a difficult economic and political situation.

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# The Emotional Rabbit

by Monique Goosen

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Getting your rabbit to accept you may feel like a losing battle at first, if you don't have a very laid back rabbit. Rabbits that feel threatened

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will take on a "fight or flight" attitude, and may either attack YOU, or just flee. Scared rabbits that attack are often labeled aggressive, but really they just need more reassurance and time to adapt to their new situation.

Many rabbits end up dumped because they weren't given time to accept their new areas, or people just did not take time to build trust in their rabbits. Rabbits that did not have human interaction when they were small, or rabbits that had bad experiences with humans are the ones that often need more time to adapt and to learn to trust.

So, how do we build trust to the Acceptance

Gambit was fully trusting



phase? We start off like in the previous article, by not smelling of strange things, and not making lots of noise.

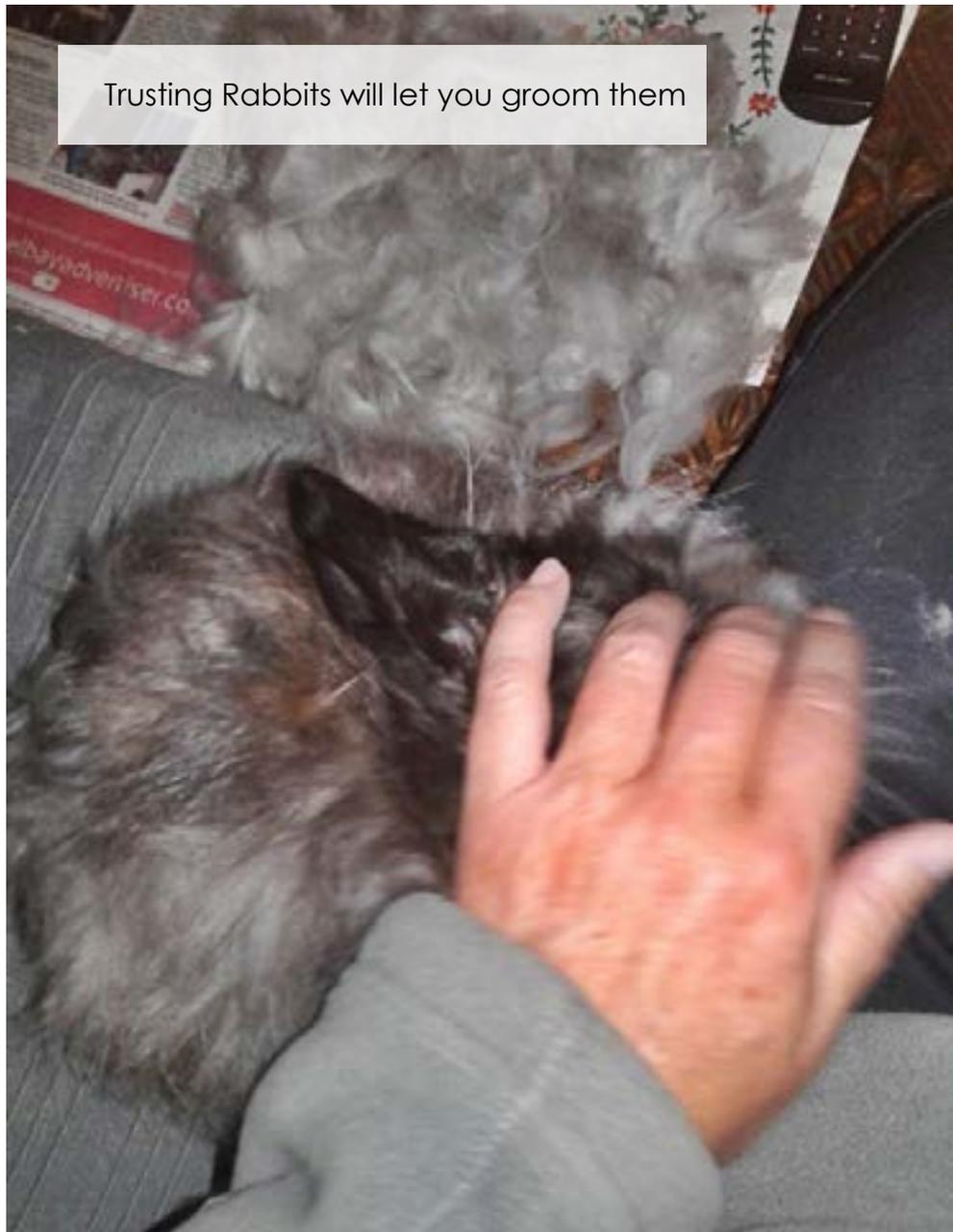
Now how to start interacting with your bunny:

Sit in the middle of his enclosure or play area with your cellphone or a book. Bonding cannot happen when the rabbit is in a hutch or a small cage (and your rabbit does not deserve a caged life.) Not talking of night times etc but when the bun has ample play time outside of the confined space, but of people that permanently want to keep the rabbit(s) in the confined space. A rabbit must be able to run at least 4 jump-lengths if they are only in one area.

So, it is Playtime, and you let the bun out into the playpen. Go and sit right in the middle of the pen, talk softly to the bun, sing softly, read out loud, or do anything that will make the rabbit used to your voice. Do not attempt to touch the rabbit at all, don't even make direct eye contact. The rabbit will then sense you are not a threat and will start to investigate you – come to sniff you, even jump on top of you. Don't make sudden movements, and don't raise your voice at all.

Your VOICE is the key to building trust up to acceptance and to love. The tone of your voice will tell a rabbit immediately what you feel, and how they need to react in future. If you yell at your rabbit – or even a house mate – your rabbit will sense the anger and frustration and will hide from you.

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When your rabbit starts to accept you, he/she will not run away or get aggressive the moment that you get close to it, but will start letting you touch it.

A rabbit that gains acceptance of his/her new environment will soon be a joyful rabbit!

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# I Gave Up My Dream Job To Keep My Rabbit

by *Anonymous*

For nine and a half years, I held my dream job as a cabin crew member for a major airline abroad. I travelled the whole world and was well-paid.

But...imagine living in a place where no pets are allowed in housing and people have to dump their pets outdoors for fear of losing the roof over their head. Lots of people must give up their pets because someone informed on them or they move away and can't take their pets along with them.

I found my Nini outdoors in the heat when she was about 6 weeks old. It was very easy to sneak her into my apartment because she was so tiny. My first flatmate didn't mind Nini living with us, even though it was technically against the rules. For two years, we all lived together contentedly. Then my roommate moved out. The next one was not so keen on Nini.

One day, Nini fell ill and had blood in her urine. It was really difficult to take her to the



veterinarian because she now weighed 5 kilograms, and I couldn't hide her to take her to the veterinarian.

The security guards in our building reported me to my employer as I was living in company housing. They made me place Nini on the internet for adoption, or risk losing my job and housing. I cried every day and every night. My heart was breaking because I was being forced to give up my beloved Nini — or to lose my job.

Two months passed by, and I couldn't find anyone to adopt Nini. I just couldn't do what most others do there and dump my pet in the street. So, after much consideration, I decided instead to resign from my dream job as cabin crew member for a prestigious airline and to instead return to my native country with Nini.

It cost me close to 3000€ to fly her home with me, but it was worth every penny! She had to fly in cargo because there was no option for pets to travel in the cabin. This was very risky, but one I decided I must take.

I had to fill out lots of paperwork in advance to be able to fly Nini home with me. On the day of our departure, I had to find someone to drive me and Nini to the cargo area before our flight, because





pets are not allowed to travel in public transportation, nor in taxis here. I cried the whole time during the flight, wondering if Nini would make it to our destination alive or not flying in the cargo hold.

Upon arrival in my country, I was thrilled to be reunited with my Nini, and I gladly paid the customs duty to allow her in. But, we were not home yet. From our port of entry, we still had to take an onward flight to the place I live. Once again, Nini had to travel in cargo. Again, I was worried sick that





she might not make it.

Finally, at great financial and emotional cost, we arrived safely home together! A few days ago, Nini celebrated her 4th birthday. I love her to the moon and back. Someday, I want to buy land and have animals and be able to save even more. But, at the moment, I am unemployed, so it's not possible.

And one more thing... If I had to do it again, I WOULD! I have no regrets for packing Nini up and shipping her cargo to bring her to a safe place where we don't have to live in fear. WE ARE HOME!

No one will ever ask me to get rid of Nini again! I sleep on my bed with her and she is a free-roaming house rabbit. Every morning, she wakes me up with 1000 kisses. WE ARE HAPPY!!!!

The End

Postscript: We hope that people will understand that our love is unconditional. Nothing could separate us! There is no difference between love between people and animals. Our love is forever.

A Novel By Monica Yoknis



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# Binky's Overseas Adventure: Canadian Prairies to Switzerland

by Ezgi Ogutcen

I was very happy to be accepted as a postdoctoral fellow in Geneva, Switzerland. Shortly after, my excitement was followed by panic. How would I bring Binky with me?! Binky is my 7.5-year-old rescue rabbit, so it was important to transport her with minimal stress.

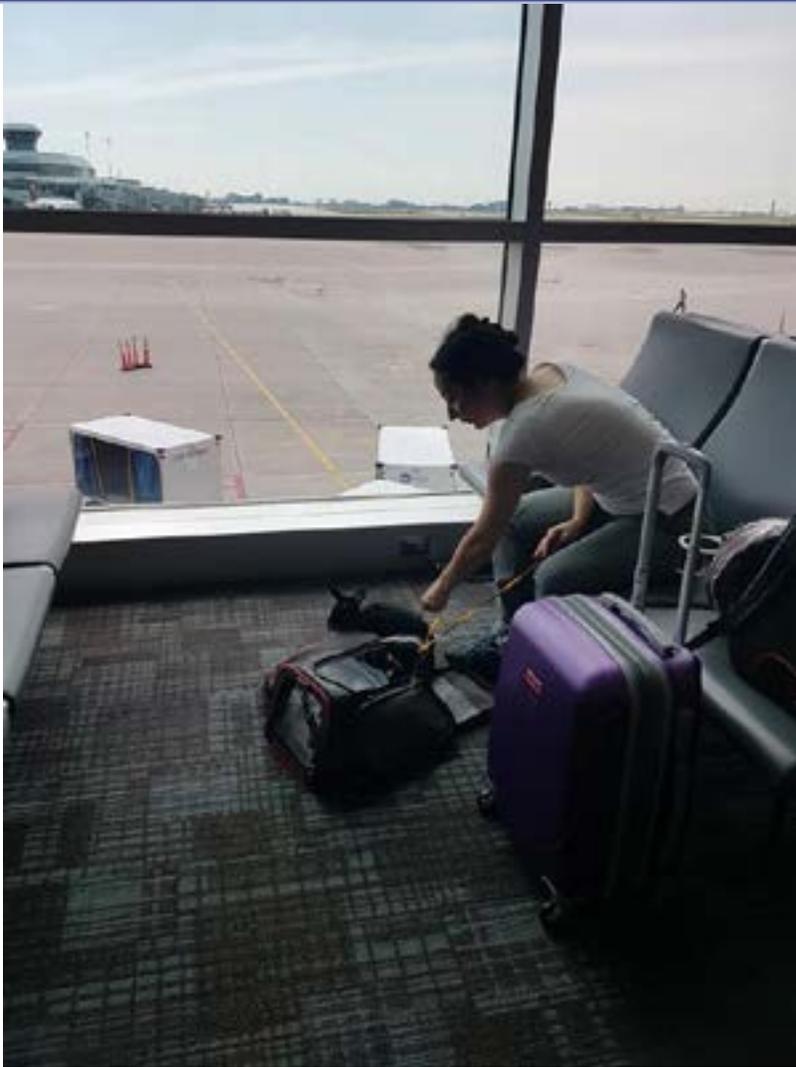
Here is the step-by-step story of our adventure from Saskatoon, Canada to Geneva, Switzerland in August 2018.

Step 1: Check the rules for bringing a rabbit into the country you are moving to. The rules are different for each country and the duration of your stay. For Switzerland



and France (my final destination was Geneva, but my port of entry into Europe was Paris), the only requirement for pet rabbits is a health certificate from a certified veterinarian.

Step 2: Find an airline that allows rabbits in the cabin. WestJet is a rabbit-friendly airline...except for their overseas flights! So, I had to find an alternative airline that would get me to... well, anywhere in Europe. Once in Europe, train rides are easy, and they all accept rabbits. My solution was Corsair, which has flights from Montreal to Paris. This was my 27-hour route: Saskatoon



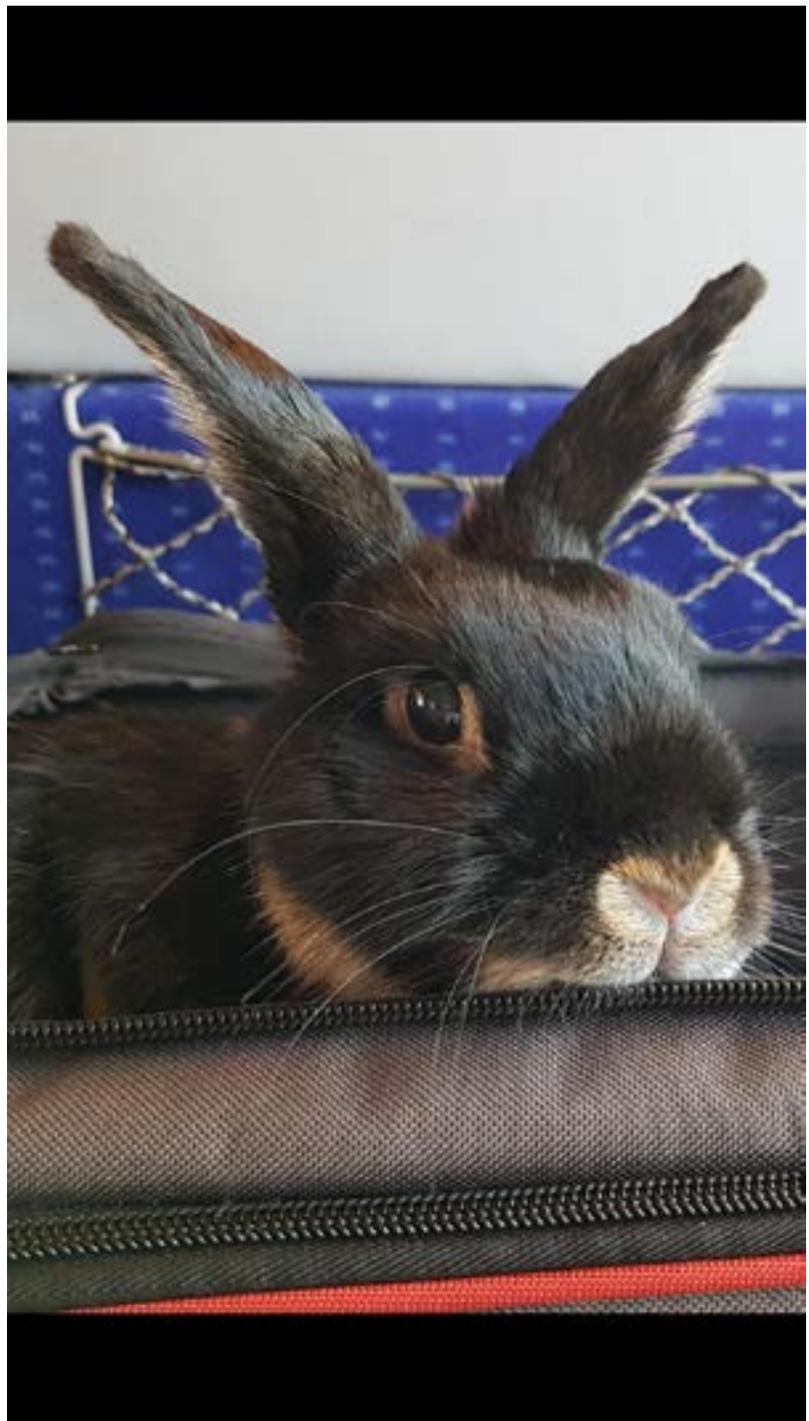
was very good at eating and drinking the whole time! During layovers, I took Binky out on a leash and she hopped around a bit to stretch her legs. I also opened the top of the carrier case often to pet her and let her peek around. All the flights and the layovers were uneventful. Close to the end of our journey, Binky was bored out of her mind, but overall, she was so patient and well-behaved!

It was a very stressful day for both of us, but I think it went much smoother than I had anticipated. Checking Binky every 15

to Toronto and then to Montreal with WestJet, and then on to Paris with Corsair, and finally, arriving in Geneva by train.

Step 3: Get ready for the big journey. I prepared Binky's luggage (yes, she had luggage!) a couple days before and made sure I had enough of everything that I might need, not only for the journey, but also for the first few days in Geneva.

Step 4: The big journey! I brought several puppy training pads with me. I lined the bottom of the carrier with one and changed it every 4 hours or so. I brought lots of fresh greens (kept in a plastic bag with water-soaked paper towels), pellets, and treats. I did not bother with hay because it is messy and I knew Binky doesn't eat hay when she is stressed. I also brought a plastic cup for water. I offered food and water every half an hour. Binky





minutes for almost 30 hours was very exhausting, but she appreciated my attention the whole time!

I want to emphasize that the whole trip was expensive. I spent an extra \$1000. This includes the detour we had to take (instead of much shorter, cheaper flight options), the pet fee for airlines, the extra luggage fees, the vet visits, the health certificate, and the things we bought for the travel (travel carrier case, puppy pads, extra treats...etc.). I would have spent another \$1000 if I had to, because leaving Binky behind was never an option for me. I was ready to decline the job offer if I could not find a way to bring her with me. Being a pet parent is a big responsibility and one of the most rewarding experiences in life. When you adopt a pet, they become part of your family. Forever.



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## The case of the missing pewps - Part 5

by *Monica Yoknis*

I tensed and gauged the distance to the top of the gate. I dismissed the idea of making it over in one hop, so I only needed to get to the top, not over it. I let my thumpers do their job and vaulted myself into the air. Three paws on the top frame, not bad, but one slipped. I caught a toe on the mesh, and paused to catch my breath.

"Oooh!" Snowy gasped. "Are you okay?"

"I'm good. No problem." I kicked off again, high to clear the trailing leg, and landed with a thud on the low pile carpet inside the room. I shook it off and turned to talk Snowy up the gate. He wasn't there. Before I could look up, he dropped onto the floor beside me.

"That was fun! What's next?"

I blinked a couple times, silenced the voice in my head lamenting growing older, and turned to the box of fresh hay. Probably not anything to find there, but assumptions can be dangerous.

"Now we use our noses. Since we're looking for pewps we can sniff them out."

"Ok." He wrinkled his nose, but didn't argue.

Our noses lead us to the center doors of the large dresser. It took both of us to open the doors, where we found a pull-out trash can. The pewp smell was mild here, but there was definitely soiled hay in the can.

More sniffing lead us to the bottom left drawer. That was a pain to open. The drawer was heavy, and had those tracks that pull it closed quietly. We got it open on the fourth try. I was too short to see in, so I had Snowy climb up on my shoulders and report what he saw.

"It's a plastic box, like the one that holds our pellets. I think it's empty."

"Anything else?" I grunted.

"Yes, there's a scoopy thingy. It smells like lots of pewps."

I was now pretty sure I knew what was happening to the pewps, but we needed confirmation.

"OK, Snowy, let's try to open that next drawer up. Hop into that drawer, and I'll come up, too."



The middle drawer was smaller, so it was much easier to open. I stood on the front panel of the bottom drawer so Snowy could climb up into that next drawer.

"It looks like weird slippery stuff in crinkly clear stuff."

Oh yeah, that was helpful. I hopped in next to Snowy.

"Plastic baggies. The hoomins use them to store things. See these lines here," I showed him the zip closures, "these things keep the stuff in the bag from falling out."

"There's a lot of baggies," Snowy observed.

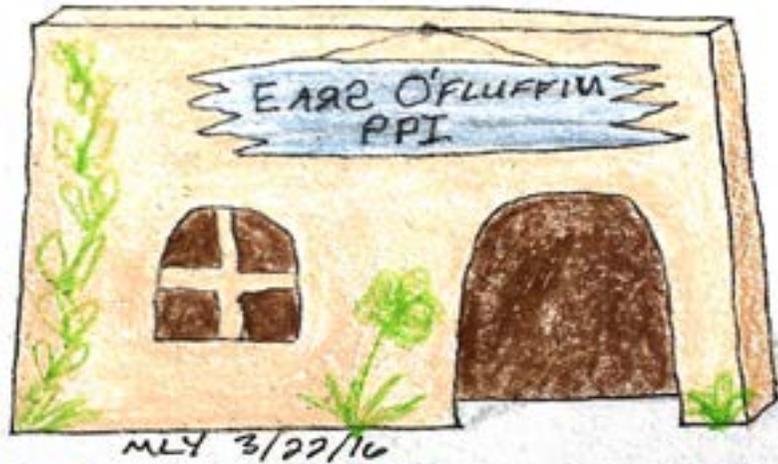
I agreed, there were three unopened packs. The label I could see listed "QTY 50".

"I think I know what is happening to your family's pewps, Snowy."

“What, what?”

“Let’s check this last drawer, to be sure.”

The third drawer up was shallow and opened easily. We could both peek inside to find preprinted package labels. The logo was a stylized angora rabbit, the border was a flowered vine, and the text read “Mama Marshmallow’s Garden Goodies”.



“Snowy?”

“Yeah?”

“Is your mama’s name Marshmallow?”

“Yeah.”

I chuckled. “Well, I know for sure where your pewps are going.”

“Where?”

“Your hoomin sorts them out from the litter and hay, puts these labels on those baggies, fills the baggies with pewps, then sends them to people to use in their gardens.”

Snowy looked at each of the drawers below us a few times. “Why?”

“Bunny pewps are good food for plants. My hoomin uses my pewps to feed his flowers and my veggies.”

“Plants eat pewps?” he screwed his face into a skeptical grimace.

I had to laugh at the image he must have had in his little mind. I really didn’t want to get into a discussion of plant anatomy and processes, so I just sighed, “It’s complicated, but yes.”

“Oh, ok.”

“Let’s close these drawers and go tell your family what we learned.”

We reversed our ascent of the dresser drawers and climbed back over the gate. We found Snowy’s siblings bouncing around with some toys. Mama Marshmallow was keeping a close eye on everybun and seemed relieved to see us. I played with the babies while Snowy recounted our adventures.

“Wow,” Mama smiled, “That was quite an adventure. Thank you, Mr O’Fluffin for helping us solve this mystery.”

“You’re most welcome, ma’am. I’m always happy to help a budding detective.”

Mama reached under her blanket and handed me two heart shaped cookies. I accepted the payment with thanks and stuffed them into my pockets. I declined her offer to walk me home, and said a warm goodbye to Snowy.

I munched one of the cookies on the way home, hoping to see Mama Marshmallow and Snowy again. Who knows what mysteries that brave little floof will come up with next

# The end.

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