

# THE JUMP

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Soldado (in carrier) and his adopters, Vera Walcott, at right, with her granddaughter.

## New York Makes Huge Push to 'Clear the Shelters'

The "Clear the Shelters" event in New York on Saturday, Aug. 19, was part of a one-day nationwide effort to find homes for as many shelter animals as possible, with all adoption fees waived for the day.

Among those adopted at the Manhattan shelter were rabbits Daisy and Soldado. The adopters spent time with our rabbit volunteers to ask questions and learn about the personalities of these two great bunnies. Madison Green adopted Daisy, and Vera Walcott adopted Soldado. Congratulations!

Animal Care Centers of NYC said it did a total of 109 adoptions throughout the

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## Lucille Has Been My Motivation To Rescue Other Homeless Rabbits

By Mary O'Brien

I was your average teenager growing up. I went to school, had jobs, friends, etc. I was reliable, responsible, and never did anything crazy. I never dyed my hair a crazy color or got a secret piercing. I never ran away or even kept a "secret" diary. At the age of 27, I guess that all caught up with me. I saw a rabbit hopping around my yard for a few days, realized she didn't belong there, and then rescued and kept her. My life has turned completely upside down in the most amazing way possible ever since.

In July 2014, I was in Ireland with my family. We stopped at the Connemara marble factory and I was looking at all

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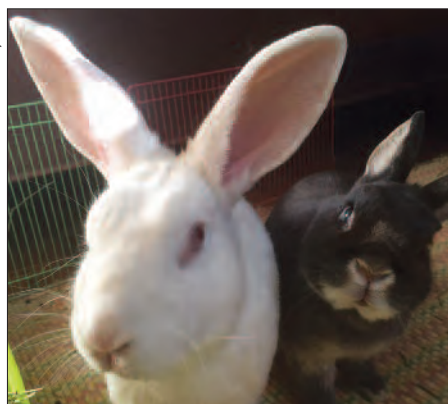


Lucille on her birthday.

the little trinkets to purchase. There was a small rabbit made from the famous

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Photo: Cindy Stutts



Jianna and Neville.

## Hello to a New Friend: Jianna Gets A Second Chance

By Cindy Stutts

First came the email describing a new rabbit at the shelter. She was in bad shape. From the looks of her picture on the kennel card, I knew the phone call would not be far away.

"Can you take this rabbit?"

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## Lucille *(Continued from page 1)*

Photos: Mary O'Brien



Lucille outside prior to her rescue.

green marble. It was 2 inches high, and flat on the bottom so it could sit on your desk. I immediately bought it. No rhyme or reason. Zero thought behind it. I just wanted it.

Fast forward to exactly two months later, and on Friday, Oct. 10, 2014, I saw a little black rabbit hopping around my neighborhood. She quickly ran away and I couldn't find her again that night. I was gone the entire weekend for work, and came home Sunday evening to my little friend. Again, she disappeared, but I knew in my gut this had to change. I saw her Monday morning yet again and started to Google "how to rescue a rabbit." I found contact information for Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group and I sent an email. Later that evening, a team of volunteers appeared at my house, with supplies. A giant bag of hay. And a cage. And cardboard. Oh, and pellets. A water crock, litter box, newspaper. The list goes on. My head was spinning. Numerous puppy pens. And a woman with a light on a headband like what you would see in a movie about coal mining. It took a few days, but I finally caught the rabbit, thanks to all the help I received. The rabbit liked to hang out under my back steps, and the LIRRG volunteers arranged pens so that I could corner her easily and get her into a carrier.

Now what? I was worried. What do I do? Is her cage set up right? Can I touch her? She has gunk in her eye, but should I remove it? Check out all of those poops! Can she be in the dark with the lights off? How much water should she be drinking? Fly strike? Heat stroke? Stasis? So much to learn about. Through the support of LIRRG and information provided on rabbit.org, I was quickly brought up to speed. I named the rabbit Lucille. I could tell she had spent time in a tiny cage because she had matted fur and some urine scald. But otherwise, she was vibrant and in great health, and she was spayed within a month of rescue.

Almost three years later, I now regularly volunteer with LIRRG, which I call the "Squad," and I have my girl, Lucille. I ask her about her day. Tell her she looks great. Adjust her box fan based on the weather. We hang out in bed and on the couch. I watch her ears twitch around to different sounds, especially the crinkle of the Craisin bag. And, of course, we have an annual birthday photo shoot. One year it was balloons and custom "Hoppy Birthday" biscuits. This year it was a jeweled crown.

My "normal" now consists of getting excited about poops, rolling around in dirt and grass for a LIRRG rabbit catch, and giving rabbit manicures and pedicures. I've helped catch over 15 rabbits, and co-host the weekly Tuesday night "poop party" at our main foster home where we help with bunny chores like changing litter boxes, rotating play time, and giving food, love and lots of pets. My



Lucille taking her first flop inside.

cell phone photo album is of rabbits and work, with a little "regular" life thrown in as well. I have met dozens of amazing people, some of whom I consider my closest friends. I have also seen dozens of rabbit lives saved. There is the good, the bad and the ugly with rescue. Loss always hurts, but there is nothing like seeing eight surprise babies from Levi and Ivy (a rescued pair) born, raised, neutered and eventually all adopted out to loving homes. There have been rabbits thrown from cars, or surviving outside in harsh conditions for weeks or months at a time, or so scared and neglected they live in their litter box for five-plus days straight. They all overcome and triumph in their own ways, and it's beautiful to see.

Photo: Mary Ann Water



Kingston.

## Our Masthead Bunny

The power of social media brought dear Kingston to safety. In late August 2015, reports of a stray rabbit in Suffolk County went locally viral. After searching for a foster home, one of Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group's long-time rescue partners was able to catch Kingston. The average Dutch rabbit weighs 4.5 pounds; Kingston weighs over 8 pounds – double-Dutch! His size and his bright blue eyes make him stand out as a true rarity. He is estimated to be about five years old and healthy. Kingston is neutered and looking for a forever family who will treasure his special look and love his spirited personality!

## Gianna *(Continued from page 1)*

Of course I would. I had already made a phone call to Catnip & Carrots Veterinary Hospital to find out if they could see her ASAP!

The prognosis was not good: severe dental disease; terrified of being handled. How was I going to give her the needed Pen-G shot when it was taking two techs to hold her?

But I wanted to give her a chance. Fortunately, one of Amy Odum's foster buns had just been adopted and I knew Amy had an open spot. So Gianna went to Amy's house, hopefully to mend both physically and mentally.

When my rabbit Rosa died, I knew I would need another partner for her sweet little husbun, Neville. Knowing that Amy still was caring for Gianna, with very little chance of finding a forever home, I emailed the head of our group and offered to give Gianna a home if Neville accepted her.

Photo: Cindy Stults



Gianna in her new home.

I had never met Gianna until Amy brought her over. It was love at first sight for me, and I was hoping it would work with my little man. Initially, he thumped and ran away, but gradually he warmed up to her and within a few days they were like an old married couple.

Every morning when I awake and she periscopes to make sure I am up, I am happy I made the decision to give her a second chance.

Photo: Neil Schaier



ACC photographer taking picture of Daisy's adopter, Madison Green.

Photo: ACC



Madison Green holding Daisy.

Photo: Samantha Bail



Neil Schaier with carrier.

## Clear the Shelters

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city. The breakdown was 56 animals at the Manhattan shelter, 39 in Brooklyn and 14 in Staten Island. A total of 77 cats and 30 dogs found homes, along

with our two rabbits. The shelters' New Hope partners placed 86 additional animals. Sponsors of the event included NBC New York, Telemundo and VCA Animal Hospitals.

Rabbit volunteers who took part in Manhattan included Amy Odum,

Samantha Bail, Neil Schaier, Cindy Stutts, Cathe Rekis and Jack Levitt. In Brooklyn, volunteers Cathy Zelonis, Chris Allieri and Farah Visslailli helped out.



Dee and Beardie.

## A Tale of Two Buns: Dee and Beardie

By Jill and Neil Velasco

In the fall of 2006, shortly after graduating from college, Jill came across a posting for a cute little Polish rabbit on Craigslist. The owner noted that “we’re moving and my kids aren’t really interested anymore.” At the time, being unaware of rescue organizations and the options to adopt a rabbit as a companion animal, Jill decided to reply to this listing. After exchanging a few emails with the family, and arranging to meet the rabbit, we became the proud parents of one tiny, two-year-old jet-black bunny we named Dee Dee.

Neil had prior experience with rabbits growing up, his first bunny being a beautiful big white bunny with ruby eyes named Snowball, who resided in the den at his parents’ house.

When we first met Dee, she was shy and almost afraid of people. She had lived in a small cage and would run and hide under furniture. While her living conditions weren’t the worst, she lacked the proper food and hay, and toys for mental stimulation. After reading as much as we could about house rabbits, we made all the recommended adjustments to her situation and in the days and weeks that followed, she blossomed into a loving and feisty 2.25-pound bunny boss. We knew she finally was comfortable in her new home when she jumped up onto the bed and flopped, claiming it as her own.

About a year later, we came across a four-month-old Lionhead rabbit with a full, fuzzy mane who was on display all alone in a local shopping mall pet shop.

We were saddened to see the small aquarium-like enclosure he was kept in with no hay. There were loud dogs nearby and children banging on his enclosure. We had discussed finding a partner rabbit for Dee and decided to bring the second bunny home, luckily before that pet shop closed down just a short time later.

After both bunnies were spayed and neutered, the process of bonding began.

Beardie was housed next to Dee Dee and they spent time with each other every day under supervision. Their years together were a wonderful period of private bunny meetings, grooming sessions and area-rug bunny 500s. They went through ups and downs with their health, spanning three cases of head tilt, a fractured femur, stasis, rhinitis, arthritis and a splay leg, bladder sludge and ultimately cancer. Even after trips to the vet and time spent apart recuperating, the dynamic duo was always back in position side by side, her 2 pounds to his 6.

After Dee’s passing just before her 11th birthday, we continued spending every evening together for our nightly “bunny time,” with Beardie hogging the chair and flinging the remote. At Beardie’s yearly wellness check at our vet, we discussed a lump we had found that caused us concern. Upon further inspection, it was determined to be a tumor in an inoperable location on his chest, fused to his ribs. It was not an easy diagnosis to accept at the time because he had shown no change in his behavior and habits. Going forward, we were determined to make any time he would have with us comfortable and enjoyable.

We sought out a nearby veterinarian who focused on integrative and holistic medicine along with acupuncture, which was suggested as a way to ease the spread and severity of the tumor while providing relaxation and a decrease in discomfort. Our time spent in the office during his acupuncture was that of

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# Leaving on a Jet Plane

By Shane York

It's vacation time again – but not for bunnies. They would in theory love to be with you on that surfboard or zip line, or maybe they dream about hopping around the south of France looking for fresh herbs and pastries, but when given the preference, they'll always choose home.

Feeling safe is a big priority for bunnies. For my bunny, Lola, a trip to the vet is just about all the action she can handle for a day, so when I leave for business or vacation, I try to make sure things will stay as normal as possible in her daily life.

We have a great bunny sitter who comes in and changes her hay, gives her new

Photo: Shane York



Shane and Lola.

food and water, and also spends some time with her to let her know she isn't alone. This gives me great piece of mind, and the sitter has emergency numbers (vets, bunny-friendly neighbors) and reminders about medications and treats.

Although bunnies are pretty independent creatures, they do miss us when we're gone. For some bunnies, (including

Lola) they're sometimes a little annoyed about being abandoned, and they let you know it the moment you're back. When I'm home after being away she gives me just a moment of happiness, which turns to the stink eye and then the inevitable spin to the bunny butt – a classic (and hysterical) show of bunny disapproval. I try to linger on that first moment. Eventually the cloud lifts and I can see that she's clearly very happy that everything has returned to normal.

Though I have places to go and things to do, I'm keenly aware of the stress that "change" brings to the daily life of my bunny when I'm away, so I try to manage it as best I can. It's sad to leave, but it's always so wonderful to come home to a healthy, happy bunny who doesn't care she didn't get a T-shirt – because what she wanted most was to have you home.

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## A Rabbit and Cat Begin to Forge a New Friendship

By Steffanie Blum

Getting a new pet is stressful regardless of what type of pet it is. After a certain grace period, most everyone adjusts and settles into a routine. Sometimes, though, another animal arrives on the scene, in desperate need of a loving home.

When my rabbit Tatum was 3, I rescued a cat. A year later, I rescued another cat. Two months later my Tatum died. And so I was left with two cats. Six months later, I developed a severe allergy to the cats and I had to give one away; the other one went to live with my grandparents temporarily.

I decided to adopt another bunny, and that's how I wound up with Piper. I missed having a bunny hopping around the house, but I knew that the cat was going to come home eventually. My grandparents and I were nervous about how Piper and the cat, Remy, would react to each other.

Piper settled in to his new home wonderfully. He was a little jumpy, but before I knew it he was hopping up on my bed and sleeping with me. I was afraid that when the cat came home, it would undo all of that progress. Seven months after we adopted Piper, my

allergies were under control enough for the cat to come home. Remy and Piper adjusted wonderfully at the outset. But after two weeks, they started to act out.

I've had my hands full since the middle of May with the two of them. Piper is very curious and loving and playful. He wants to be friends with Remy, but Remy doesn't want much to do with him. Lately, though, Remy is starting to want to play with Piper. Unfortunately his version of playing is swatting him on the head, which Piper isn't a fan of. In

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## Dee and Beardie

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bonding as a family, rejoicing in the little positive changes seen week to week. We began incorporating essential oils for his specific condition into his grooming routine, along with herbal supplements and traditional medications to provide

overall support for his body systems. We continued this treatment over several months. Despite our best efforts and treatment, at the age of 10, Beardie was welcomed at the Rainbow Bridge by his "best bun," Dee.

The joy and happiness our rabbits brought to our lives continues in our

work with Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group. It was because of our rabbits that we found out about this volunteer community of rabbit advocates and rescuers and have gone on to conduct rescues in the field and educate the public about our mission.



**Bunny-proofing reminder: cover electrical cords and outlets.**

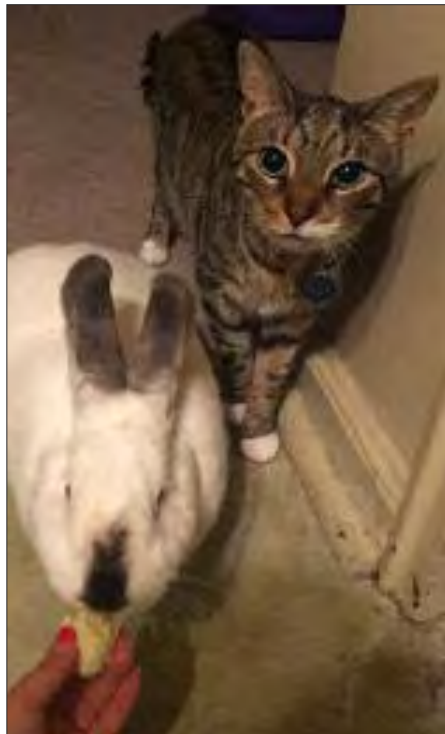
### Rabbit and Cat Friendship

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my opinion that is the hardest part of having both a rabbit and a cat: They often play differently and don't understand what the other one is doing or trying to do.

I am still in the adjustment period with the two of them, and it may last for a while. But they are improving every day and Remy is getting more receptive to having a rabbit brother. Piper is working on getting over his fear of approaching the cat and is doing wonderfully. We have been very careful about supervising them, and we know it is important to have patience. Life would be so much easier if we could just explain the situation to them. But then again, anything worth having isn't easy and they are definitely worth having.

Photo: Stefanie Blum



Piper and Remy.

## Donate When You Shop Online

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## Educators to Attend San Diego Conference

House Rabbit Society's second educator conference, “Growing Your Knowledge of Rabbit Care and Welfare,” will be held Oct. 20-22 at the Al Bahr Shrine Center in San Diego.

The conference will be hosted by San Diego House Rabbit Society and is being organized by the HRS Conference Committee. Speakers include Jason

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# Adopting a Bonded Pair Might Be Just Right for You

By Diana Kronenberg

Have you ever considered adopting an already bonded pair of rabbits? If not, you might be missing out. Most people looking to adopt a rabbit are interested in just one. They may only have the resources for one or are looking for a furry friend to bond to an existing pet rabbit. As a result, bonded pairs do not get adopted very often from rescues and frequently linger in shelters or foster care for years. If people only knew how wonderful an already bonded pair is to adopt, more might be willing to welcome them into their families.

Many bunny parents are familiar with bonded pairs and the benefits that come with your rabbit having a partner. Bonds can range from simply co-existing to constantly snuggling. No matter where on the spectrum the bond may fall, rabbits are generally happier when they have a friend. Some rabbits can be quite content on their own, before given the chance to bond. I thought my Charlie was a happy bachelor until I fostered a bun that eventually became his first partner. As soon as he saw her he was extremely excited that we had “gotten him a bunny,” and they fell in love instantly. Now that I have had bonded pairs myself and seen the love and affection they share, I recommend them to everyone.

Sometimes the bonding process is difficult, which can discourage bunny parents

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Piper and Charlie.



Hershey and Butterscotch.



Ruth and Pierce.

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Dickman, Linda Knox, DVM, Bill Guerrero, DVM, Linda Siperstein, DVM, Carmine Bausone, DVM, Kimberly Elman, Dawn Sailer, Debbie Widolf, Joy Gioia, Margo DeMello, Ph.D., Anne Martin, Ph.D., Sandy Parshall, Julie Smith, PhD, Suzanne

D’Alonzo, CAWA, Edie Sayeg, Jennifer Lee, Alison Giese, Kotoyo Hoshina, Ph.D., Koushi Takahashi, and Criss Starr. The schedule of presentations is at: <http://rabbit.org/2017-conference-schedule/>

Among the topics are behavior, medical issues, geriatric rabbits and community outreach.

All licensed House Rabbit Society educators and fosterers are invited at a discounted registration fee of \$25, while members of the public will pay \$50. To sign up, please use the registration form at <http://rabbit.org/2017-conference-registration-and-payment-form/>

For questions about the conference, email [conference@rabbit.org](mailto:conference@rabbit.org).

## Efforts Continue to Find Sunny

Sunny was stolen from a cage at Manhattan's Animal Care Center on June 14. She was with her sister, Honey, when the theft occurred.

Volunteers have put up posters in Washington Heights and appealed for help on Facebook and Twitter. Volunteer Chris Allieri organized a drive to raise \$1,000 in reward money for the safe return of Sunny to any of the city's shelters.

The thief entered the rabbit room at the East 110th Street facility and removed Sunny, leaving Honey behind in the cage. The theft occurred just after shelter personnel had turned down the man's

request for a dog because he already had two unneutered dogs at home.

The gray bunny's disappearance has been covered by the New York Daily News, the New York Post, the New York Times and the Gothamist, and on local television stations including NBC and CBS. Despite the media coverage and volunteer efforts, Sunny has not been found, and the 23rd Precinct has not made an arrest.

Animal Care Centers of NYC posted this message on Facebook about Sunny: "Surely there is someone out there that knows who has this bunny and can return her for \$1,000 no questions



asked. Sunny needs special care and an experienced bunny owner to care for her. Email: [BringBackSunnyRabbit@gmail.com](mailto:BringBackSunnyRabbit@gmail.com)."

## Bonded Pair *(Continued from page 7)*

from attempting it. Adopting an already bonded pair saves you the hassle and time-consuming process while giving you all of the benefits. You never have to worry about your bun being lonely or bored when you are not home because he or she has a constant source of love and attention from a furry companion.

The Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group has two bonded pairs up for adoption right now: Ruth and Pierce, and Chloe and Portia. They all have been waiting over two years for their forever homes. Ruth and Pierce are blue-gray Lionheads who were rescued in May 2015 at Heckscher State Park on the south shore of Long Island. They were found with two other Lionheads who had been rescued earlier in the month, but it took several more weeks before rescuers were able to secure Ruth and Pierce. They are so very much in love that they could never live apart.

Chloe and Portia may have an even harder time being adopted, because they are both nine-pound, ruby-eyed white New Zealands. The pair was rescued in Baldwin Park in March 2015 along with two more white siblings and another larger brown rabbit. The four white buns were very small at the time. Later

Photo: Diana Kronenberg



Portia and Chloe.

that year I adopted Chloe and Portia's sister, Piper, on the same day that their brother Mason was adopted as well. These girls are still waiting for their adoption day.

I believe that New Zealands are hidden gems. Large rabbits tend to be more docile than their smaller dwarf counterparts, and my own Piper is the sweetest rabbit I have ever known. She is more like a puppy dog than a rabbit. I find her red eyes to be beautiful and they sparkle like rubies. I also appreciate her big size and bright white coat. I can always find Piper, no matter how dark the room may be. She lives with her partner Charlie.

I learned firsthand just how tough it is get a bonded pair adopted when I agreed to foster two boys: Butterscotch and

Hershey. They had a loving family, but a daughter became highly allergic to them and as much as the family wanted to keep them, it was not a safe situation. Initially I was going to foster the boys, whom I nicknamed the "Dessert Brothers," until a forever home could be found. Many months and zero prospects later, my family decided we would make it work and officially adopt the boys. Now I have two bonded pairs, one living upstairs and one living downstairs. I love them all so much and could never imagine my home without them all now.

So if you are considering adopting, a bonded pair might be the perfect choice for you. If you think you might be interested in welcoming a pair into your home, contact the Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group to set up a meet and greet with Chloe and Portia or Ruth and Pierce. These two pairs have been in foster care since the middle of 2015. While many singles have all been adopted since then, they are still looking for their forever homes to flourish in. Rabbit Rescue & Rehab also has many bonded pairs available. I know that I would never want my home to be without a bonded pair again.



## Dental Disease in Rabbits: A Simple Overview

By Dana M. Krempeles, Ph.D.

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Even if your rabbit has perfectly aligned incisors (front teeth), it is wise for you to ask your rabbit-experienced veterinarian to do regular dental checkups as part of your bunny's wellness exam. Undetected dental problems in rabbits are a major cause of more serious illnesses that develop due to the pain and stress of sore teeth and jaw.

### Healthy Rabbit Teeth

Rabbits are hypsodonts, meaning their teeth grow continually throughout life. In a normal rabbit, the teeth are aligned so that they wear against each other as the rabbit chews. This maintains even, relatively flat surfaces (with some sharp edges on top) on the molars and relatively short, chisel-shaped incisors. The incisors are used only for cutting the food into manageable pieces. The molars do the grinding into fine "mash" that is swallowed and sent down the GI tract for further processing.

### Dental Disease

Dental malocclusion in rabbits is not uncommon, especially in the short-faced breeds produced via generation upon generation of inbreeding. This often causes harmful, recessive genetic traits to be expressed, and one of these is misalignment of the teeth because of abnormal bone structure in the skull.

Because it is primarily the wearing of the teeth (incisors and molars) against each other – not against items being chewed – that maintains their normal length and shape, neither chew toys nor hard foods will cure this problem. In many cases, a veterinarian will need to anesthetize the bunny to gain access to the spurs with tools designed specifically to cut off spurs and smooth the teeth.

### Incisor Malocclusion

If the teeth do not line up correctly, incisors quickly overgrow and can become unmanageable "tusks" that either snaggle up out of the mouth or curl back into the mouth, making eating nearly impossible. Although some veterinarians will be willing to regularly trim the teeth, this is stressful for the rabbit. Also, clipping the teeth rather than filing or grinding them down can be dangerous, since micro-fractures of the tooth from clipping can travel below the gum line, inviting bacterial infection that can ultimately be life-threatening.

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Your first sign of trouble might be something as subtle as a change in eating habits.

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Molar spurs.

Many rabbit expert vets believe that the best way to treat maloccluded incisors is to extract them. This is a surgical procedure that must be done very carefully and patiently by your rabbit-experienced veterinarian, to ensure complete, permanent removal. The rabbit will probably need to be on pain medication for a day or two after surgery,

but once the patient has recovered, the only adjustment the rabbit "parent" needs to make is to cut up fresh food into bite-sized pieces, since the cutting teeth (incisors) will be gone. Pellets and hay can be handled as before, without problems.

### Molar (Cheek Tooth) Problems

Many rabbits who have maloccluded incisors, and even many who have perfectly aligned incisors, still develop molar spurs. These are sharp points on the edges of the molars that result from uneven wear. Spurs that form on the lower molar arcade point inward toward the tongue, and are known as lingual ("tongue") spurs. Spurs that form on the upper arcade poke outward into the cheek, and are called buccal ("mouth") spurs.

These points can stab and abrade the tongue and cheek. Rabbits, being prey animals, do not readily show signs of pain. Your first sign of trouble might be something as subtle as a change in eating habits, and the nature of this change is unpredictable and idiosyncratic (unique to the individual).

In some extreme cases, molar spurs can actually grow into the tongue or cheek, causing extreme pain. There have been cases of a molar spur going undetected for so long that it formed a bridge over the tongue, preventing the bunny from eating properly.

Left unattended, the pain of dental disease can trigger a potentially life-threatening condition known as ileus: <http://www.bio.miami.edu/hare/ileus.html>. Before this happens, you surely want to get your bunny to a rabbit-savvy vet for examination and treatment.

### Dental Disease and Elder Buns

Dental disease can also develop as a rabbit ages. With advancing years,

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Armani.

## Forever Homes Found!

Rabbits adopted since the last newsletter include:

Rex, Butters, Rhea, Puddin, Oscar, Thaddeus, Spots, Nimmy, Scruffles, Butterscotch, Pumpkin, Sloan, Adelaide, Jane, Daisy, Soldado, Paloma, Armani, Toast, Carly, Origami, Lola and Pilsner.

## HEALTH ISSUES

### Dental Disease

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rabbits (like all of us) tend to lose bone density. When this happens in the already-delicate bones of the skull, the teeth can become ever-so-slightly looser in their sockets, and this can cause uneven wear.

Rabbit teeth do not have true roots, but the bases of the teeth can become infected when the teeth are loose, as bacteria from the mouth travel downwards along the gum lines. Swelling almost anywhere along the mandible (lower jaw) or maxilla (upper bones of mouth) can signal an infection that requires at least antibiotic treatment, and possibly surgical treatment.

The base of the rabbit tooth is the location of the constantly dividing tissue that gives rise to the teeth. In some cases, the bases of the molars and/or incisors begin to extend farther into the jaw bone than normal (this is far more common in older rabbits). These “rogue roots” may begin to impinge on the tear ducts, causing epiphora (runny eyes) (<http://www.bio.miami.edu/hare/weepy.pdf>). Sometimes, such “overgrown” molar

bases may even puncture the sinuses or the eye orbit, allowing intrusion of mouth bacteria into areas meant to remain sterile. Abscesses can result.

If you have an elderly bunny with any signs of dental disease, ask your veterinarian to do a complete oral exam including head radiographs to detect the extent of the problem and the appropriate course of treatment.

### Treating Dental Disease

Molar spurs can be filed smooth by your veterinarian, who may use anything from a Dremel tool to a blunt-tipped diamond file. The procedure ordinarily requires anesthesia (e.g., isoflurane or sevoflurane gas), but usually can be done relatively quickly.

Check for these signs that something could be wrong:

- Drooling.
- Runny eyes.
- Eagerly going to food, but then acting unwilling to actually take it into the mouth.
- Gradual (or sudden) change in dietary habits (e.g., refusing to eat pellets,

but happy to eat hay – or the other way around!)

- Unusual eating habits, such as a willingness to eat only one or two food items, and rejecting other types.

## Make a dental checkup a regular part of your bunny's well-bun exam!

- Excessive drinking (this also can be a sign of renal disease, but rabbits with sore mouths will sometimes drink constantly in an attempt to soothe the soreness).

If your bunny is showing any of the above signs, then it's time to get him/her to a veterinarian who is very familiar with rabbit dental disease. If your bunny does turn out to have dental problems, you'll be amazed at his relief once the teeth are properly filed and in the right shape. Make a dental checkup a regular part of your bunny's well-bun exam!

## We Are Looking for Loving Homes: These Rabbits Are in Foster Care

### Bowie

Bowie is a beautiful female Harlequin-colored Lop. She was rescued from a home where, in the first year of her life, she was kept in a cage in a kitchen with no ability to hide or even hop around, and she also had a seriously damaged eye. Unfortunately her eye was not reparable, so it was removed by a rabbit-savvy vet. She has adjusted wonderfully to life with one eye. She is shy at first and would do best in a quiet home with gentle adults who can give her ample affection and space to exercise. She is spayed and loves to snuggle with her stuffed animal friends, a sign that she likely would be a good partner for another rabbit. If interested in adopting Bowie, please email [nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com](mailto:nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com).



Bowie.

### Lex

Lex is a medium-sized male Harlequin Rex, approximately 2 years of age. He has a medium to high energy level. He is a shy guy when meeting new people, but quickly warms up. This sweet, gentle boy is very inquisitive, likes to play with his toys and due to his sweet demeanor, would make a great companion rabbit. Lex is an excellent eater, loves his greens and hay and has exceptional litter-box skills. He is very well behaved and enjoys petting and hanging out with his foster mom in her kitchen during playtime. Lex has been neutered. If interested in adopting Lex, please email [nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com](mailto:nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com).



Lex.

### Angelina

Angelina is a strikingly beautiful medium-sized Hotot who has been waiting for a forever home for over two years. She was cruelly abandoned outside in a cardboard box. Despite her prior mistreatment, she loves nothing more than to be petted by gentle humans. When you start petting her, she presses her head down, starts tooth purring and closes her eyes in



Angelina.



Mona and Iggy.

complete contentment. Angelina needs a peaceful and rabbit-experienced home with no young children where she can feel completely safe. She is a typical young, healthy rabbit with lots of energy for running, binkying and shredding cardboard! She does spectacular jumps and binkies! She is spayed and litter-box trained, and she is living in foster care. If interested in adopting Angelina, please email [nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com](mailto:nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com).

### Mona and Iggy

Mona and Iggy are a bonded pair currently residing at the Union Square Petco. Iggy is a small, gray Jersey Wooly and Mona is a large New Zealand White. Mona is easygoing and very approachable, and an all-around sweet girl. Iggy is sweet but very shy and should be approached gently – but when he's with Mona he's a little more outgoing. They will flourish as a couple in the right home. Iggy has been neutered and Mona has been spayed. For more information and/or to arrange a meeting with Iggy and Mona, please email [nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com](mailto:nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com).

### Flash

Flash is a beautiful medium-sized English Spot rabbit. He is very active and enjoys running around and chasing his toys. When he wants to relax, he likes nothing more than to snuggle up next to his human and soak in lots of petting. Flash has good litter-box skills, has been neutered, and is living in foster care. For more information, contact [nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com](mailto:nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com).

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#### Rory

Rory is an all-black rabbit with good litter-box habits. Rory is a smart boy, and while he enjoys playing with toys, he isn't destructive. This adorable boy loves to be the center of attention and is happy to snuggle up next to his human companion. His favorite pastime is having his head, cheeks and ears petted. Best is, he's a kisser. What's better than a kissing bunny? Rory is neutered and living in foster care. For more information, please contact [nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com](mailto:nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com)

#### Mandy and Cruise

Mandy and Cruise are a bonded mother-son pair of English Spot rabbits. Mandy is the larger bunny with lighter markings, and Cruise has the darker markings. They are curious, friendly, and enjoying being petted. Both are full of young bunny energy and need a home where they will receive lots of exercise time, enrichment and affection. Mandy and Cruise are currently living



Flash.



Rory.



Mandy and Cruise.

in a foster home. Mandy has been spayed and Cruise has been neutered. Both are small to medium-sized. For more information and/or to set up a meeting with Mandy and Cruise, please email [nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com](mailto:nyc.metro.rabbits@gmail.com).

### These Rabbits Are Available at Manhattan Animal Care Center (NYC ACC)



Gena.

#### By Kirsten Ott

##### Gena

Gena is a medium-sized black and white English Spot mix. This girl is very dear – she's fairly reserved and even a bit wary around people, but if you approach her calmly and gently, she loves having her



Cherry.

head stroked. Gena is quite striking, with jet black ears and eye rings, a broken line of black fur down her back, and three small dots that form a funny mustache. She has a pretty big dewlap – it doesn't bulge out, but it does look like a nice soft pillow. Gena appears to have very good litter-box skills.



Dream.

##### Cherry

Cherry is a medium-sized brown dwarf mix with a very sweet personality. Although the person who surrendered her claimed she was on the younger side, she appears to be closer to middle

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age. Cherry is quite mellow, and she loves affection – she'll start tooth purring almost right away. Her eyes are a bit weepy, so she would probably benefit from a bunny partner who could help to groom her face. She'd probably also do best in a bunny-savvy home.

### Dream

Dream is a medium-large all-brown Lionhead/lop male who was surrendered along with his large extended family. This guy is super chill and adores affection – he sprawls out hedonistically as you're petting him. He loves it all – nose, forehead, neck, ear rubs – and all that messing with his whiskers gives him a comically tousled look. Those whiskers certainly are impressive – they emanate from around his ears and neck, and he's got great fuzzy, jowly cheeks to boot. The combination of his coloring and fur make him actually resemble a lion. Dream is truly a dreamboat and will make a wonderfully cozy companion for his forever people.

### Silver

Silver is a medium-sized lop and Jersey Wooly or Lionhead mix who was surrendered along with his large extended family. This guy is super mellow and sweet. He loves to snuggle, hunkering right now for affection – and his gorgeous slate-gray coat is very snuggeworthy! Silver looks like a real-life plush animal – but that's real fur, and he'll need extra grooming to prevent tangles and mats.

### Creamy

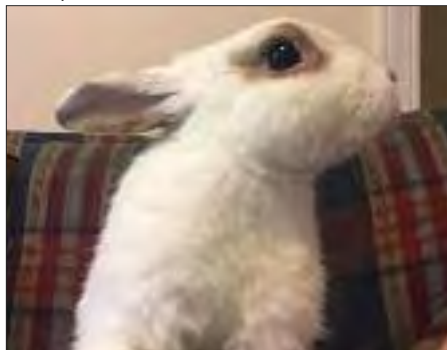
Creamy is a medium-sized black and white Lionhead/lop male who was surrendered along with his large extended family. This guy is both stunning and adorable. He has interesting jet-black markings, including black eye rings, black ears with white accents, an off-center smudge on his nose, and a beauty mark below his left eye. He also has sweet puffy cheeks, and black and white



Silver.



Creamy.



Chester.



Smores.

whiskers around his ears and neck give him a slightly ruffled look. Creamy isn't assertively outgoing, but he's easy to approach and pet. He loves head scratches and ear rubs, and he'll cutely press his face into the side of his cage or litter box as you pet him. The affection could go on all day! If you dare to stop, he'll look at you somewhat impatiently, nose wiggling



Rosie.

like crazy. Creamy would make a good choice for a first-time bunny owner.

### Chester

Chester is a medium-sized Hotot mix. This poor guy came into the shelter in very bad shape. He got medical care right away and was placed in foster care for a while. He's doing much better now, though he still has vestiges of his ordeal, such as some fur missing from his back (which will probably mostly grow back). Chester is rather shy, and doesn't approach new people readily, but he likes having his head stroked if he feels safe. His coat is white with beautiful calico markings, including calico ears, eye rings, and a nice fat smudge on one side of his nose. He would do best in a quiet, bunny-savvy home, and would benefit greatly from a bunny partner.

### Smores

Smores is a large brown female lop. She may have some Cinnamon blood, because she has darker brown fur on her face and ears. This girl is very feisty and extremely cage protective – she gets upset if you enter her space and will make it known. Therefore, she needs a home with patient, bunny-savvy people who will help her gradually build up trust in people. She'll likely always have that spunkiness, though! No pushover, this one.

### Rosie

Rosie is a striking medium-large lop who was surrendered along with her large extended family – each more beautiful

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## Dozen Rabbits Are Brought to Shelter

Twelve rabbits were dropped off at the Manhattan shelter on July 17. The owner had left the rabbits with a friend but then never returned. All are about 4 years old. Their names at the shelter are Smores, Mila, Midnight and Faith, Creamy, Silver, Oreo, Cinnamon, Dream, Rosie, Spots (already adopted) and Scruffles (adopted).



Midnight.



Cinnamon.



Mila.



Rosie.



Spots.

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than the next. Rosie is white with grayish-brown and light brown markings, including a sweet dappled pattern on her lower back, eye rings, and marbled-looking ears. From some angles, she kind of resembles a lamb or a goat. Rosie is a bit ambivalent about human contact at first, but is quickly coaxed into being petted and enjoys it. She'll likely open up quickly in a good forever home.

#### Leonora

Leonora is a gorgeous, stately-looking tan girl with a lovely, easygoing way about her. This girl is very snuggly, settling right down for petting and happy to stay there for as long as you are. She's very pettable, with a beautiful thick orange-y coat that has a bit of charcoal fur mixed in here and there. Her fur is a bit longer on the nape of



Leonora.

her neck and her cheeks, suggesting a bit of Lionhead ancestry. This chill

bunny would make a good choice for a first-time bunny home.

## Thatcher Is Laid to Rest

By Ryan L. Campbell

I wanted to share the news of the passing of little Thatcher rabbit (fka Cookie) on Aug. 15.

We drove him upstate and laid his remains to rest on my property in the woods, with his plot atop a little knoll under a canopy of pines overlooking a beautiful little meadow below.

We marked his grave with a handsome gray stone we found, which at the right angle looks like a rabbit standing at attention.

We shared memories, cried and lit frankincense in thanks for the presence and for the gift of such a great little buddy with much personality.

He was like a tiny stubborn mountain, with a tough start before he found his

Photo: Benjamin T. Johnson



Thatcher with Kennedy, his partner.

way to the shelter, but shared much love from then on.

I wanted to thank Cindy Stutts for all her help through the years – for introducing us to him, for the bonding sessions with Kennedy bunny, and the random email questions.

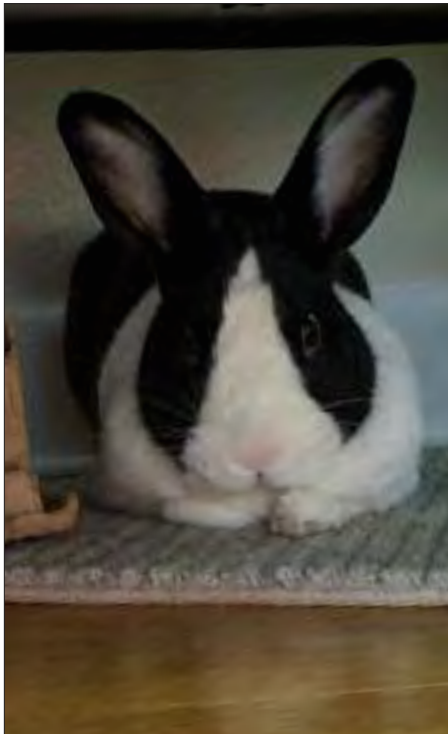
Thatcher's partner Kennedy played a HUGE part in healing Thatcher's fears and anger issues that he carried with him from before he entered the shelter. She always made sure he was taken care of.

We believe Thatcher was at least, or beyond, 13 years old. Kennedy had died back in May of 2014.

Jane O'Wyatt cared for him at times when I was away, and Mary Ann Maier cared for his sister Annette. Thank you so much.

## Letters From Adopters

Photos: Lisa Olivo



Juliet.



Juliet relaxing.

### Juliet's Letter to Us Celebrating Her Adoption

Dear Readers,

My name is Juliet, formerly Juliet of the warren they call Petco. And I'm delighted to announce I've found my new furever home, with a really loving furever family! Their names are Josh Grossberg and Lisa Olivo, and they adopted me a little

over a month ago. They're really tall, like most humans. I humor them by acting shy, just to get them to pet the top of my head.

They like to call me their "little Black and White" – you know, like the cookie? That is because of my coat, obviously, and my sweet disposition. I'm down with that. Oh, but I forgot to mention the best thing of all. I have a new buddy, Gnomeo! He's actually my boyfriend! Gnomeo Longbun Baggins! They got Gnomeo last year to be a companion for their beloved Bilbo Baggins who, sadly, passed away, after living a very long and healthy 16 years. Wow! Now that's an elder bun! It sounds like they took great care of him. In fact, they said they got Gnomeo to cheer Bilbo up in his old age as he wasn't doing so well in his last

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Photo: Lisa Olivo



Gnomeo.

few months. And a week after they got Gnomie, Bilbo died.

After mourning “Billy” as they called him, they decided they didn’t want Gnomeo to be alone like Bilbo was, which is where I come in. I remember the tall

male human, Josh, coming to Petco almost a year ago. He took one look at me and said something like, “Oh my God, you’re so cute! You’d be perfect for Gnomie!” Then he swore that he’d do whatever it took to bring me home, and he did! And apparently, I get to take Gnomeo’s last name when we’re officially bonded: Juliet Longbun Baggins (Josh and Lisa are keeping the last name Baggins for us in honor of Bilbo). Juliet of the Shire... I like the sound of that!

So Gnomeo and I hit it off right away when we did the speed date at Petco. He’s a hot bun – very outgoing and playful. Sometimes it’s a little too much, though. He tried to bite my butt the other day. But he keeps doing binkies every time we have a date. I think he likes me. And I like him! Especially his white coat with those soulful black eyes and, wow, that mustache! He’s a rascal. And he likes to play A LOT. I’m not quite there yet as I’m still getting used to my new surroundings. But it definitely beats living in a cage at Petco for a year. I loved the people who took care of me

there, but every animal deserves a furever home. And I can’t tell you how happy I am to be with Josh and Lisa. They make me feel so welcome.

I’m eating a healthy amount of greens now in addition to my pellets, and the hay they give me daily is straight from an organic farm. Silflay has never tasted so good! (In Lapine, silflay means the time of day us buns go to graze on hay or grass or whatever suits us... it’s very Zen... like bunny meditation!). Plus, now and then they give me these amazing banana treats!

I’m still playing hard to get with Gnomeo, but I’ll give in soon enough. And when we bond, we’re going to get married! Can you believe that? I’m going to have a life companion, a Hus-Bun in Gnomie! And they’re even going to let us be free range! I’m a really lucky bun. Being adopted has been a dream come true! I’d like to thank Marcie Frishberg and the rest of the wonderful volunteers at Rabbit Rescue & Rehab for making this all possible.

Love, Juliet

## Chili

*Glenda Chao adopted Chili in May, and she sent us this great update a short time later.*

Photo: Glenda Chao



Chili.

I am thrilled to have Chili in my life, and she is doing wonderfully. I think she’ll blossom even more once I’ve gotten her permanent free-roam home set up! She is incredibly sweet, and seems to recognize my voice and scent and touch. I love her to bits!

I have already set up her instagram account if you want to see pics immediately. Her handle is @chili\_the\_bun\_bun, and I anticipate updating her account frequently.

I look forward to getting to know other bunny-parents over the next several years!

Cheers,  
Glenda (and Chili)

Photo: Ivy Goodman



Rufus and Chewy.

## Rufus and Chewy

*Chewy was adopted as a partner for Rufus, and the two rabbits are now enjoying life as a bonded pair, according to their adopter, Ivy Goodman.*

Here is an update to let you know they are fully bonded!

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Chewy ended up being a bit skittish but she seems happy. Rufus has gotten much less skittish, though. He now comes out often and even lets me approach and pet him. (He used to just hide. There were days I wouldn't see him, and I would check under the bed to make sure he was fine.)

Chewy lives up to her name. I provide ample stuff, and she still finds the cardboard I have put away to bring out later.

Thanks to Thea Harting and the other knowledgeable volunteers.

Ivy Goodman

Photo: Melissa



Lindy Hop.

### Lindy Hop

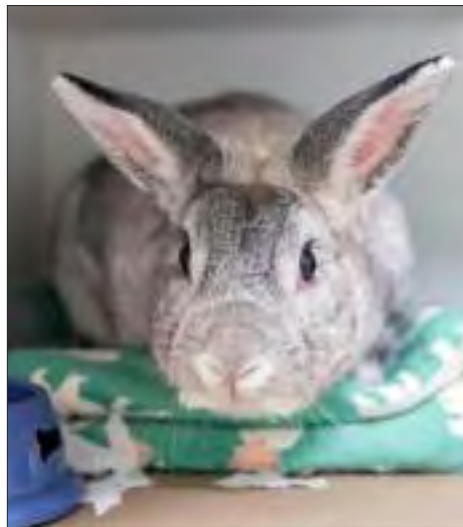
*Melissa adopted Lindy Hop, formerly known as Lola, last April. Here is an update on their adventures.*

I got Lindy Hop on Easter weekend, and I've been building new and improved tunnels, digging centers, cardboard roll mazes and hay bins for her to keep her excited about life.

She has always been curious, assertive and playful. She has free rein of my apartment and likes to jump on the bed, the office chairs and the yoga mat. She loves to stretch out to her full length or dig to her heart's content.

She's a joy! Perfect bunny-bean for me.

Melissa



Storm.



Momo.



Origami.



Lola.

Photo: Chris Allieri



Chris Allieri's bunny, Bean, was prepared for the Aug. 21 eclipse. (See him on Facebook @BrooklynBeanBunny)



Appa.



Rex.



Oreo.



Tina.



Mona and Iggie.



Rosebud.

## Rabbit-Savvy Veterinarians

Here's our recommended vet list for the New York metropolitan area. Please note that many clinics have multiple veterinarians, and our recommendations are for specific veterinarians in those clinics. If you can't get an appointment with a recommended vet at one clinic, don't assume (no matter what you are told by the clinic) that other vets in the same clinic can help your rabbit. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the vets on this list, please contact Mary Cotter at (914) 337-6146. When you make an appointment with any of these vets, please tell them you were referred by us.

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## Adoptable Rabbits

There are lots of adoptable rabbits available in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Westchester and Long Island.

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