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# NYC METRO RABBIT NEWS

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The author with Lucky.

## Lucky In China

Cindy Stutts

Last year during a business trip to Shanghai, my hosts decided to take me out to dinner. As we arrived at the restaurant, I noticed a large pen off to the side. In it, I could see various types of fowl and...a pair of rabbit ears! Sure enough, there was indeed a large brown rabbit in the pen. None of us could understand why he was there, but whatever the reason it could not have been any good.

All during dinner we agonized over what we should do about the rabbit. By this point in the trip, my hosts were well acquainted with stories about my own furry horde. In fact, I had even shown them my bunny photo album that I usually took along with me on trips. As it turned out, one of my hosts, Johnny, was not only an animal lover but had a degree in animal husbandry from the University of Taiwan. *(cont. on p. 2)*

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## Rabbit Stops Subaru in its Tracks

### *Car manufacturer gains unexpected insight into the plight of abandoned rabbits*

On June 3, many rabbit caretakers got a very unpleasant surprise when they turned on their televisions. Subaru's newly released commercial "Outside the Box" depicted a mom and schoolchild releasing a domestic rabbit into the woods. Here's how Subaru's press release described the commercial: "In "Outside the Box," a Forester owner covertly picks her daughter up from school to help release the class bunny back into the wild where he belongs." This description is a perfect example of a common misunderstanding concerning domestic rabbits, who are poorly adapted to surviving on their own out of doors.

The timing of the commercial's introduction compounded the problem: early summer is typically "dump season"—a time when many parents who bought "Easter rabbits" for their children a few months earlier simply release these rabbits out of doors when warm weather approaches and the rabbits, now grown to adult size, are no longer "cute" to their children. Rabbit owners and rescue organizations across the country jumped into action. *(con't. pg. 2)*

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## Aging Bunny, Aging Bladder

Gil Stanzione, DVM

Everyone wants their bunnies to live to a ripe old age, and to stay as healthy as possible for as long as possible. As rabbits age, many begin to develop specific clinical conditions that need to be addressed. Some of the most common clinical problems we see in aging bunnies involve their urinary tract, and may be related to improper diet along with inadequate exercise.

### Bladder stones ("uroliths") and sludge

Rabbits are often fed free-choice alfalfa pellets and alfalfa hay, which are high in calcium. Calcium absorption in the intestinal tract of rabbits is much higher than in some other species and does not depend on vitamin D, so high-calcium diets may lead to increased blood calcium concentrations. Most mammals excrete only a small amount of calcium in their urine. In rabbits, however, urinary excretion of calcium is much higher, *(cont. on p. 2)*

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(Aging from p.1)

and can range from 45% to 75%. This calcium load in the urinary tract can, in some rabbits, lead to the production of thick, sandy urine (*hypercalciuria*, commonly called “bladder sludge”) or even small stones (“uroliths”) in the urinary tract. A sludgy bladder may palpate like a wet bag of sand. Even a rabbit who always produces clear normal-looking urine may have a sediment precipitation that is undetected until a clinical exam is done.

**How do we diagnose urinary tract problems in aging bunnies?**

In addition to a thorough clinical exam with manual palpation of the bladder, urinalysis and urine culture/sensitivity tests are usually the first steps in identifying problems in your older bunny’s urinary tract. These procedures can help diagnose the presence of bacterial infection (which often accompanies bladder stones or sludge) and determine the composition of suspected uroliths or sludge (rabbits usually form calcium carbonate crystals, but they may also form calcium oxalate, ammonium phosphate, or monohydrate crystals). Your bunny’s vet can suggest specific techniques for obtaining free-catch samples of urine from rabbits at home, or s/he can obtain a sterile sample in the veterinary office. Abdominal ultrasound and/or radiographs (xrays) will help confirm a diagnosis, demonstrating mineral opacity within the urinary tract consistent with calcium sand or stone (urolith) formation.

**What can be done to help with urinary tract problems?**

In rabbits, early stages of hypercalciuria can often be satisfactorily managed by increasing the amount of fluid a bunny gets. The most efficient way to do this is usually by administering subcutaneous fluids (“diuresis”), although encouraging a bunny to drink more can also help. You can flavor the bunny’s water with a small amount (a few drops) of fruit juice, as long as you change the water frequently to prevent bacterial growth in the sweetened fluid. Manual bladder expression can often help eliminate accumulated crystalline debris. Owners can learn to give subcutaneous fluids at home, and even to gently express their bunny’s bladder, as instructed by their veterinarian. Potassium citrate is sometimes administered to help reduce some kinds of crystalline accumulations. Limiting the alfalfa-based pellets in the diet and avoiding or discontinuing mineral supplementation can reduce the amount of calcium excreted in the urine. Providing good-quality grass hay, leafy greens, and fresh vegetables will ensure adequate vitamin intake without creating calcium excess. And providing plenty of exercise can help to keep the bladder healthy as well. When the bunny moves, the bladder contents also move (picture shaking up a bottle of sandy water to distribute the sand throughout the water), and this can help a bunny to excrete excess calcium more easily and efficiently.

Since rabbits are herbivores and have alkaline urine, urinary acidifiers are not effective in dissolving the calcium uroliths. Therefore, in advanced cases where bladder stones have already formed, surgical removal of the uroliths is typically the treatment of choice. The surgery is straightforward, and recovery is usually quick and without complications. 

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# December ~~May-December~~ Romance: Bunny Love, the Second Time Around

by Amy Odum

It is August 1993. I’m sitting on the kitchen floor of a house in College Point, Queens. Perched on my lap is the reason for my visit—a small white female rabbit who had been rescued from the streets just days before. It was clear that her rescuers, with one infant, two preschoolers, and at least three dogs that I could see, were in no position to keep her.

I had been contacted through a network of acquaintances, and now I was here to meet her as a prospective mate for my male bunny, Potter. (This was years before I knew the advantages of prearranged “meetings” for prospective bunny mates.) Eventually little “Lily,” so named for her perfect white fur, was bundled into a carrier, and off we went for the meeting with her intended and the beginnings of what I hoped would be a long and happy life together. (cont. on p.3)



Geezer, left, and Lily, right.

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**Subaru (from p.1)**

They flooded Subaru with letters, phone calls, and emails, expressing deep concern that the commercial glorified an act that was, in essence, animal abandonment. Fearing that viewers would emulate the behavior shown, they requested that the commercial, created by Dallas agency Temerlin McClain, be taken off the air immediately.

The response from Subaru was at first very disappointing. In a form letter sent to protesters, Mark Darling, Vice President of Marketing for Subaru of America, stated that “the rabbit featured in the commercial is a cottontail, which is commonly found in the wild. We intended that our mother and daughter’s actions in this spot be seen as admirable, as they are releasing a wild animal which was inappropriately caught and brought (cont. on p 4)

## VHD Update and Warning

In Dec. 2001, rabbit hemorrhagic disease ("RHD," aka viral hemorrhagic disease or "VHD" — see Metro Rabbit News, 2000) was discovered in an animal facility in the NYC metro area. This disease, which some have called "rabbit ebola," is highly contagious and easily spread. Help protect your companion rabbits by keeping them indoors and preventing contact with any rabbits whose background is unknown to you. As an extra precaution, do not bring toys or clothing trimmed with rabbit fur into your home. You can read more about VHD, and this metro-area outbreak, at [www.rabbit.org/health/vhd-ny\\_dec2001.html](http://www.rabbit.org/health/vhd-ny_dec2001.html)

## December Romance *(from p.2)*

That was a little over nine years ago. Lily and Potter bonded and became inseparable, but, sadly, her beloved boy passed away after six happy years together. Lily, however, is still very much with me. She was not a baby rabbit when I adopted her, so she's certainly not less than ten years old, and she may be older.

Always an independent little cuss, she began to mellow a bit with age. She became more affectionate towards me with every passing year, even more so after Potter died. It was touching, but a bit sad too. After Potter had been gone about a year, I began to wonder if she didn't miss having a bunny companion to snuggle with, no matter how much she also enjoyed human attention.

I made a few attempts to find her a new sweetheart. I tried some introductions, and at times she'd tolerate the occasional "play date" with one of my other resident bunnies. But for the most part her reaction to potential suitors was a mixture of apprehension and irritation. In addition, about a year ago, after eight years of looking the same from one year to the next, Lily suddenly began to show her age.

Though her general health was, and continues to be, almost uncannily good, in what seemed like a matter of weeks she began to have noticeable diffi-

culty with certain movements and positions. She was no longer able to stand on her back legs. Getting in and out of a litter box was becoming a bit of a challenge, as was grooming her lower body or bringing her back legs up to scratch her ears. Occasionally a little sitz bath became necessary, since assuming the position to urinate was becoming difficult. She occasionally wet the fur on her back legs and tail. A monthly trip to the vet for an injection of Adequan to ease her stiffness became part of our routine. She also seemed to need quite a bit more rest and sleep.

I began to feel ambivalent about even her play dates, let alone bonding her to a new male, since I knew there'd be a certain amount of chasing, mounting, and general stress. I wasn't sure her old bones were up to it. Lily seemed destined to live out her days as a little widow woman.

### Gus Drops In

Around midsummer, 2002, we were joined by another senior citizen, a no-longer-young gray lop affectionately known as Geezer (alias Old Man, Gloomy Gus, or just plain Gus). Nobody's ideal "calendar bunny," he was a warty, bony, scrappy little ragamuffin. Curious and friendly, he seemed to greet this the latest in a series of living arrangements with easygoing acceptance, and quickly made himself at home.

Perhaps it was the result of a lifetime of being caged, perhaps it was just an extension of his curious nature, but Gus soon proved himself difficult to confine to a single area. One evening, weeks after his arrival, he apparently decided he'd had enough of the hallway play area. In two seconds he'd scaled the baby gate and dropped down almost right on top of Lily, who was resting peacefully in the living room. I jumped up from the sofa, expecting fur to fly, ready to break up a free-for-all, or at least some vigorous chasing. Nothing. Nobody batted an eye.

Lily didn't even seem surprised, although from her perspective it must have seemed as though this total stranger had quite literally dropped out of the sky. They sized each other up calmly for a matter of seconds, and then each proceeded to go about his or her business. For Gus this consisted of checking out the new space. Lily retired to one of her preferred napping spots, and within minutes was snoozing away.

Not love at first sight by any means, but almost equally far removed from the declaration of war I'd expected. Since then they've spent hours a day together. They're not a particularly passionate couple, and frequently are half a room apart. My feisty girl is surprisingly deferential around her new friend, and lately has offered the occasional kiss and nuzzle. Unfortunately, Gus seems to respond to her overtures with his customary affability, but not much more. (cont. on p.5)

## Chapter News & Notes

since our last  
Newsletter...



Autumn 2001—RRR volunteers Jeanine Callace, Amy Odum, and Ted Valand manned an adoption/education booth at the annual Adopt-a-Dog festival in Greenwich, CT. Special thanks to Catrin Frolich for arranging for the booth.

Autumn 2001—NYC HRS educators Mary Ann Maier and Cindy Stutts, along with RRR volunteers Jeanine Callace and Linda Levine, manned an adoption/education booth at Madison Square Garden for The Original New York Pet Show; NYC HRS chapter manager Mary Cotter gave a talk at the event entitled "Honey, there's a Bunny on the Bed!"

Autumn 2001—Mary Cotter gave a talk entitled "Rabbit Handling & Restraint" at the Tufts Animal Expo in Boston, and also manned the "Ask The Expert" booth to field questions about rabbits. The techniques demonstrated were published in the Proceedings from this conference. (more →)

## News & Notes continued



Autumn 2001— Amy Odum, Cindy Stutts, and Mary Ann Maier manned an adoption/education booth at the Forest Hills street fair, accompanied by bunny buddy Rhonda Rabbit (who has since been adopted!)

Winter 2001— Mary Ann Maier manned an adoption/education booth at the Adopt-a-thon for the Animal Lovers League in Glen Cove Long Island.

Spring 2002—At the annual meeting of the Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey, Mary Cotter gave a workshop for shelter workers entitled “Uh oh! Here comes another rabbit!”

Spring 2002—Mary Ann Maier’s foster rabbit “Jessica” (accompanied by Mary Ann and Mary Cotter) did a photo shoot with Tammy Faye Baker for the cover of PETA’s new cruelty-free cosmetics booklet.



Jess meets Tammy Faye

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## Lucky (from p.1)

Johnny decided to buy the rabbit from the outdoor pen. We put him in a box and smuggled him into my hotel room. We promptly named him “SHIN Wen,” which means “Lucky” in Mandarin. During all this time, Lucky never struggled or made any attempt to get away. I think he knew we were there to help him. Once he was safe in the hotel, we gave him a big bowl of fresh water and a mound of fresh greens. Only then it dawned on me that there was no possibility of bringing him back to New York.

I didn’t need to worry. The next morning when Johnny came to pick me up, he had already decided that he would adopt Lucky into his family. We went on the Internet and printed out information from the House Rabbit Society web page on all the various aspects of rabbit care. When I left Shanghai the next day, I was certain I had left Lucky in good hands.

I returned a month later to find Lucky totally content in his new home and the center of attention. What a far cry from where we found him. He now had an adoring family who was taking good care of him. His fur was thick and shiny. He even loved sitting on laps and being petted.

As educator for the House Rabbit Society and an active member of our local chapter, Rabbit Rescue & Rehab, I am all too aware of the lack of information about rabbits that leads to their neglect or abandonment. It can be disheartening. But knowing there are people like Johnny and his family out there, even in far away places, keeps me motivated. We have stayed in contact over the past year and I know that at least one “Lucky” rabbit has found a loving home in Shanghai!



## Subaru (from p.2)

to school.” Rescue organizations objected to this characterization of the commercial, pointing out that it contradicted Subaru’s own press release, which described the rabbit as “the class bunny.” Further, the rabbit in question was light grey with a white nose and white paw — clearly a domestic breed, and probably a Dutch mix. They continued to urge Subaru to take the commercial off the air, before any further damage was done. Rabbit Rescue & Rehab (NYC

House Rabbit Society) played a key role in the events that followed. We sent Subaru an alternate commercial (written by Mary Cotter), showing a domestic bunny being rescued from the woods by a mom and her daughter, and we sent their PR agency copies of our educational flyers (see p. 6) on rabbit acquisition and abandonment. We



A scene from the Subaru commercial

obtained membership in PR Newswire and, working hand-in-hand with the HRS national office, drafted a press release that would be available to both local and national media. The release

can be read at  
[http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/020611/nytu063\\_1.html](http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/020611/nytu063_1.html)

The release resulted in half a dozen stories in different areas of the country. On June 13, ten days after the commercial’s introduction, Subaru announced that it would pull the commercial. This was an expensive decision for Subaru, but definitely the right one, according to Margo DeMello, executive director of HRS, who urged visitors to the HRS website to “Please contact Subaru and thank them for their quick and compassionate response to our concerns.”

If you’d like to thank Subaru for their willingness to take seriously the concerns of rabbit rescuers, it’s not too late:

Email:

Mark Darling, VP, Marketing:

[mdarling@subaru.com](mailto:mdarling@subaru.com)

Fred Adcock, EVP:

[fadcock@subaru.com](mailto:fadcock@subaru.com)

Rob Moran, Director, Corporate Communications:

[rmoran@subaru.com](mailto:rmoran@subaru.com)

Subaru’s National Feedback Line: 1-800-782-2783

[www.subaru.com/home](http://www.subaru.com/home) (click on Contact Subaru)

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Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-6000

## Recommended Veterinarians in the NYC-Metro Area

Please note: Many clinics have multiple veterinarians, and our recommendations are for specific veterinarians in those clinics. If you cannot get an appointment with a recommended vet at one clinic, do not assume (no matter what you are told by the receptionist!) that other vets in the same clinic are equally knowledgeable or experienced with rabbits. Please also note that changes, additions, and deletions to this list between newsletters will be posted on our website: [www.rabbitcare.org](http://www.rabbitcare.org).

If you have any questions about any of the vets or clinics 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 NYC HRS.



### WESTCHESTER COUNTY:

Gil Stanzione, DVM  
381 Dobbs Ferry Rd.  
White Plains NY 10607  
(914) 421-0020

John Pisciotta, DVM  
Rye Harrison  
Veterinary Clinic  
Rye, NY (914) 921-2000

Kathy Quesenberry, DVM (2  
days per week; schedule  
variable)  
Laurie Hess, DVM (2-3 days  
per week; schedule variable)  
Katonah Bedford Vet. Ctr.  
546 North Bedford Rd.  
Bedford Hills, NY 10507  
(914) 241-7700

### NYC:

Becky Campbell, DVM  
Symphony Veterinary Center  
698 Amsterdam Avenue  
(between 93rd & 94th St.)  
(212) 866-8000

Lauren Stein, VMD  
Animal General (67th Street  
branch) (212) 712-9600

### LONG ISLAND:

Jennifer Saver, DVM  
Catnip & Carrots  
2221 Hillside Ave.  
New Hyde Park 11040  
(516) 877-7080

Heidi Hoefer, DVM  
West Hills Animal Hospital  
800 West Jericho Turnpike,  
Huntington, NY  
(631) 351-6116

Brian Rose, DVM  
Jeff Rose, DVM  
Jefferson Animal Hospital  
606 Patchogue Road (Rte 112)  
Port Jefferson Station, NY  
(516) 473-0415

## *What if my rabbit has an emergency and my vet's office is closed?*

We continue to receive disturbing phone calls from members who have taken their rabbits to after-hours emergency clinics where the veterinarians in attendance were not knowledgeable or skilled in rabbit medicine. If your vet does not handle his/her own after-hours emergencies, and you cannot find another rabbit-savvy vet, please contact ...cannot find another rabbit-savvy vet, please call Mary Cotter ([mec@cloud9.net](mailto:mec@cloud9.net)) at 914-337-6146, or contact your nearest RRR/HRS representative for help in finding a vet who can treat your rabbit.

## December Romance (from p. 3)

But they seem to be comfortable with each other. They spend quite a bit of time resting quietly, and sleep seems to be a big part of the relationship. Even the dreaded indignity of "butt bath night"—another aspect of life with senior buns—doesn't seem quite so bad with a companion to sympathize and help re-fluff a damp bottom.

I doubt Gus has ever had a bunny companion before. As for Lily, Potter may have been her one true love, but Gus is the companion of her old age, and each seems to draw comfort from the other's presence. I'm not sure what the future will bring for these two. Lily is in good health, but a very senior girl; Gus is proba-

bly not quite her age, but he's not young and has some health issues. Technically, he's a foster, though, because of his problems, his adoption prospects are limited and he may live out his days as a sanctuary rabbit in foster care. And frankly, either one of them or both could die any day. At this age, things change fast and without much warning.

So the three of us, Lily, Gus and I, have decided not to decide, not to think about the future too much. We simply enjoy each other's company for however long we have it. Along with the blessings of a long life come inevitable losses, but if you're very lucky (and your next door neighbor is a really good climber), somebody may just drop out of the sky when you least expect it.

## News & Notes continued



Spring 2002— Mary Ann Maier gave a pre-Easter educational talk in the public library in Glen Cove, LI. The talk was publicized by reporter Denise Flaim in Long Island Newsday.

Spring 2002— Two flyers ("Not a Child's Toy" and "Food, not Free"), created for local use by Mary Ann Maier and Mary Cotter, were adopted by national HRS and posted on the HRS website for downloading by other chapters and rescue organizations.

**SETTING YOUR PET  
RABBIT LOOSE  
DOESN'T MAKE HER  
"FREE."**



**IT MAKES HER  
"FOOD."**

This poster is intended to be used as an educational tool to help the consumer to understand the importance of responsible pet ownership and to help the consumer to understand the importance of responsible pet ownership. It is not intended to be used as a promotional tool for any specific product or service.

**HE'S NOT A CHILD'S TOY.  
HE'S A REAL, LIVE,  
10-YEAR COMMITMENT.**



Educational posters and flyers created by NYC HRS

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Spring 2002— CBS and FOX TV both ran Easter-season educational segments with RRR's Mary Cotter as guest.

Spring 2002— Mary Ann Maier, Cindy Stutts, Jeanine Callace, and Mary Cotter donned fuzzy bunny ears and formed a "pre-Easter parade" outside pet stores in midtown Manhattan, handing out educational flyers about "Easter bunnies" and rabbit abandonment. The event was covered by reporter Rebecca Segall for New York Magazine (April 8, 2002 issue).

Summer 2002—Mary Cotter and Miami HRS chapter manager Dana Krempels manned an HRS booth at the International Conference on Exotics, June 2002. Mary also gave a clinical handling demonstration during a lecture by Teresa Lightfoot, DVM.

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## Human Companions Wanted!

These are just a few of the many bunnies in our foster care who are looking for permanent homes.

**Frankie and Gracie** are a wonderful bonded pair of spayed/neutered, litterbox-trained, "special needs" bunnies. Frankie is around 3 lbs. (age unknown), and Gracie is a dwarf Dutch mix, around 4 lbs. (2 years old). Frankie has occasional molar problems which need attention, and Gracie needs eyedrops daily as a result of juvenile glaucoma (her remaining vision was saved by a laser surgery procedure). Gracie seems totally unaware that her eyesight is not perfect.

She runs and jumps and snuggles with Frankie with no problem whatsoever. Both bunnies are very easy-going, and enjoy human contact. Frankie is a big-time kisser!



**Goober** is a laid-back, neutered, agouti boy who is gradually starting to overcome his fear of humans and their hands. He needs a person with a lot of patience who can accept him as he is, and will let him develop at his own pace and not make demands on him.

**Nora** is a beautiful, honey-gold, spayed minilop. Bouncy, exuberant and outgoing, Nora adds sparkle to anyone's day. She needs a home with a human who can keep her curious and active mind busy, and who will give her plenty of room to binky to her heart's content.



**Kenny and Barbie** are a cute 2-year-old couple. He: easy-going and curious. Loves head rubs and human contact. She: shy and a little reserved around humans, but willing to follow Kenny's lead. Both gentle and sweet-natured—no behavior or health problems. Spayed, neutered, litterbox-trained and ready to move into a loving new home.

**Dickens** is an almost-2-year-old neutered boy who got his name from his exploratory personality ("what the dickens has he gotten into now?!) He is a joy — full of himself, confident, outgoing, and affectionate. He would like a human companion with a sense of humor.



**Fred** is an extremely easy-going bunny who was named for "Fred Friendly." He is about 5 lbs., mostly white with black spots and fluffy as can be. Fred is trim and fit and loves to zoom around the living room. When he's had enough, he stretches out with back legs flattened behind him—like a flying Superman with frog legs! Fred is neutered, gentle, and so happy to have been rescued. He doesn't like to be carried around much, but he adores full-body rubs and face kisses.

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**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RESCUE WORK—  
JOIN HOUSE RABBIT SOCIETY  
OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

**1) LOCAL MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership in NYC HRS: \$18 per year—includes NYC newsletter. Mail your check (*made out to Rabbit Rescue & Rehab*), along with form below, to Cindy Stutts (see below)

**2) NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership in national HRS: \$18 per year—includes quarterly House Rabbit Journal. Mail your check (*made out to House Rabbit Society*), along with form below, to Cindy Stutts

**3) COMBINED MEMBERSHIP:**

If you join national HRS and NYC HRS simultaneously, you pay only \$15 for each. To join both, please send *two separate checks*, in one envelope as follows:

- One check made out to Rabbit Rescue & Rehab for \$15
- One check made out to House Rabbit Society for \$15

Mail *both checks in one envelope*, along with the following form, to  
Cindy Stutts 1199 Park Ave. Suite 14D, New York, NY, 10128

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME, WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check whichever applies:**

I am sending a single check (\$18) made out to "*Rabbit Rescue & Rehab*" for local membership.

I am sending a single check (\$18) made out to "*House Rabbit Society*" for national membership.

I am sending two checks, in one envelope, for combined membership: one (\$15) made out to "*Rabbit Rescue & Rehab*" and one (\$15) made out to "*House Rabbit Society*."

**DOUBLE (OR TRIPLE!) YOUR MONEY!** If you work for a company with a matching funds program, please consider donating to RRR through that program, in order to increase the benefit of your donation. Rabbit Rescue & Rehab is a not-for-profit corporation in N.Y. State. Donations to Rabbit Rescue & Rehab are tax-deductible.

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE USED FOR:**

Spaying and neutering all rescued rabbits • Providing veterinary care for needy rabbits • Food (including fresh vegetables) for foster rabbits • Hay & supplies for foster rabbits (including, but not limited to: cages and cage supplies, puppy exercise pens, food and water bowls, commercial garbage bags, towels, toys, carrying cases, litterboxes, carpet strips, washable cotton rugs, synthetic sheepskin, pill crushers, feeding syringes, etc.) • Prescription (and other) drugs and subcutaneous fluids for foster rabbits • Payment of expenses incurred in creating and distributing educational materials

**News & Notes  
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Summer 2002– Cindy Stutts and Amy Odum manned an adoption/education booth at the Gramercy Park Street Fair in NYC.

Summer 2002– Cindy Stutts, Amy Odum, and Alice Layne manned an adoption/education Columbus Ave. street fair in NYC.

Summer 2002– Mary Ann Maier was a call-in participant, offering on-air education, on Howard Stern's radio show after Howard found a rabbit in a Manhattan park.

Summer 2002– Mary Cotter's "Rabbits 2003" calendar, featuring exclusively rescued rabbits (a first, as far as we know!), was published by Browntrout Publishers. The calendar contains a full page of information on HRS (including a mail-in membership form), and is currently being used as a fundraiser for HRS. (You can purchase this calendar directly from the NYC chapter if you are in the NYC-metro area, or order through our web page: [www.rabbitcare.org](http://www.rabbitcare.org).)

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**NYC HRS Nail-Cutting/Handling Video – Rave reviews!**



*“You need, need, need to get the nail clipping/bunny handling video from NYC HRS!! It's well worth the money. I did 4 sets of bunny feet in less than 2 hours, mostly by myself. The fact that I can clip any bunny's nails – even unknown quantities, such as foster bunnies -- is a testament to how easy the technique makes it.” –Amanda Lenz, HRSAminda@earthlink.net*

*“I just got mine a few days ago, and I was truly amazed by the method. I tried it on my Lily, who's the absolute worst bun I have when it comes to nail clipping, and we actually got through the process without her trying to kill me...your video has been a godsend, thanks for making it for the bunny people – definitely the best \$23.50 I ever spent.” –Mary E. Kalb, MelangellsLambs@aol.com*

*“Just wanted to express to all of you how awesome the nail clipping and handling video is. It's a must-have. When I viewed it I was amazed but when I tried it I was even more amazed. I will say no more about it, you will just have to see for yourself. I used the nail clipping technique at one of our adoption days on different buns this past weekend and it worked like a charm once again. I'm hooked on this technique. I even showed one of the ladies that brought her bunny in how to do it at home.” –Jennifer Schissler, jschissler@calportland.com*

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