



Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, Inc.

Safe Haven Scoop

Bunny Bits..... By Karen Augustynowicz, President

Latest Additions: Summer is always a difficult time for rescuers as the overload of animals in need seems to triple. Bunnies born for Easter sales are thoughtlessly abandoned and the calls of "I found a bunny" and "Can you take" pour in day after day. Our most recent treasurers are all babies found as strays:

**Piper**

Rescued 5/29/09

**DeeDee**

Rescued 6/5/09

**Dillion**

Rescued 6/30/09

Bunny Spa Day - We had a wonderful turnout for our first Bunny Spa Day held at Country Pet Specialties in Lebanon on May 16th. Rabbits of all shapes and sizes enjoyed being treated to a relaxing massage, a pedicure and grooming to make them feel as fresh as the spring day! Special thanks to Wendy Milligan, a Safe Haven foster parent, for helping massage and groom our 17 participants; to Livia Vosberg and Barbara Bruyer for helping with the many tasks as well as managing our check-in table and, of course, to Alice Shoppe owner of Country Pet Specialties for allowing us to use her store. It was fun day of meeting other rabbit parents and sharing stories and experiences. *Here is a glimpse at some of our satisfied clients:*

Ratt says: "Ooooh"



Shlomo enjoys relaxing



Millie watches with Daddy



Wendy gives Archilles a "well done!" kiss



Fluffy says "a little to the left please"

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Featured Adoptable: "Parker"

Found wandering the streets in Asbury Park, this adorable little guy spent some time in a shelter before being brought to Safe Haven.



Parker is looking for his special someone who will promise to love and care for him forever. He promises to keep you entertained and smiling.

Parker loves to explore and finds pets and hugs to be very comforting. If you are looking for a very special, lovable bun, Parker could be just the one!

News to share!

The Safe Haven team welcomes **Dee Beach** of Lawrenceville, NJ. Dee joined Safe Haven as a foster parent on June 11, 2009 and is currently fostering our "Biggles"

We welcome Dee with a sincere
Thank you!



Fundraising Activities

Young Friends of Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue

★ For setting a shining example of generosity, we would like to send special thanks to.....

- * **Eleni Scurletis** who held a “BeBop Dance Party” to celebrate her 11th birthday. Wanting to help the bunnies, Eleni asked her young friends to donate to Safe Haven instead of bringing birthday presents for her.....and raised over \$330!! Eleni created her own bunny themed invitations to send out to her friends including information about our rescue with pictures of some of the bunnies available for adoption. As Momma to “Tugger” she, of course :, included his picture in her art designs! What a wonderful thing to do! Thank you, Eleni ! The bunnies all thank you too!

Here are a couple of pictures from Eleni’s invitations to the “Dance for the Bunnies!” Party:

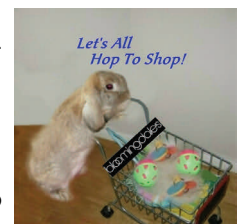
What fun!



More ways you can help.....

★ **Up-coming and On-Going Fundraisers** - with the economy slowing donations and bunnysitting, we will need to step up our efforts this year!

- * Safe Haven will participate in Bloomingdale's annual multi-charity event, **The Shopping Benefit**, on Thursday, October 29, 2009. This event was a great success for us last year and we hope everyone will be willing to help sell tickets this year as well. As last year, each \$10 ticket sold will entitle shoppers to 15% - 20% discount on purchases the day of the event. Even better, 100% of the ticket price will go directly to the bunnies! AND....when tickets are brought into the store on the day of the event, Bloomingdale's will donate an additional \$5 for each ticket. Please, begin thinking about where you would be able to sell tickets! Every ticket sold is great! So....if everyone who gets this newsletter buys just one...that would be \$800! Sell just a few more and we will do great! The bunnies will appreciate the help. Sara is ready to go shopping for her friends already and invites you to help....please? ,,, (Details will be emailed and on our website early August)



- * **Bunny Spa Day** - We are hoping to hold this fun event again in the fall. Those who attended our first Bunny Spa Day are encouraging us to “do it again”! We are currently looking at the early October 2009 timeframe. If you missed the first one, we hope you will be able to join us in October. We would also like to be able to hold this event in other areas of NJ or PA, so if you would like to organize one in your area, let us know!
- * **Board your bunny with us!** Going away on vacation or just for the weekend? Board your bunny with us! You will have peace of mind knowing your baby is being well cared for and he will have lots of fun at Bunny Camp! Email or call for more information. All monies earned go directly toward the care of our foster rabbits.

IMPORTANT!: Please be sure we have an active email address for you. Notices for events are sent out first via email and then placed on our website. If you did not receive an email about the last Bunny Spa Day (May 16, 2009), that means we do not have a valid email address for you. Let us know your address by sending an email to: adopt@SafeHavenRR.org so we can update our database. Thank you!

Adoption Updates *(Stories contributed by new parents)*

Nora & Brodie *Adopted December 13, 2008* *by Sandy & Tom Hurley*

(Tom) As I sit here writing you this, at 5:30 in the morning, Nora is play chasing Brodie around their new home...

Once settled into our home, Nora chose to relocate her and Brodie's main living area to the other side of the bedroom. Opposite to where we had our beautifully constructed pen set up! Nora set up camp under the nightstand and Brodie in the box or under the nightstand with Nora.....and now it is wherever suits him that day! So, the pen came down after a month and I say they couldn't be happier.

Brodie now explores the rest of the condo on a regular basis; wandering all the way to the dining room. We now also have a litter box and water bowl set up next to the table in there for when he wants to venture out. Every once in a while, I'll be in the kitchen and Brodie will just come motoring' through like its no big deal, on his way to his little safe spot in the corner of the dining room. If he's feeling up to it, he'll do really fast laps around the dining room table and then chill out underneath it.

They both had a check-up at Oakhurst Veterinarian Hospital about a month and a half ago. We were a little concerned thinking Nora had a breathing problem, but it turned out not to be as bad as we thought. A week's worth of medicine cleared up the little sniffles for her. Brodie had what they thought might have been a minute case of soft poopy butt, but again, they were not at all alarmed by it. He also received a weeks worth of medication every day from us.

The week we spent medicating them deepen the bond between us. It helped them get use to us in a different way as well. They gained just a little more trust in us holding them and being that much in contact with them on a regular basis. A good month and a half has gone by or more since their meds and trip to the vet and they couldn't be in better shape. We also found out that a good friend we both trust works there, so Sandy and I felt more at ease with someone we knew taking care of them.

At the vet's suggestion, we have now switched to feeding fresh greens over pre-packaged greens. Right before their vet visit they were beginning to stick their noses up at the pre-packaged salads we were giving them.



We were buying a good variety, but it was hard to know if it was fresh every time. Even sometimes buying something with a week to go on it; it was bad. With their new diet now a part of their routine they don't leave a piece behind, and absolutely love the dandelion greens!

We truly enjoy waking up every day, taking care of, talking to and watching our little ones do their thing. They definitely knew what was best for them and if they had it any other way they would have kicked us out of the bedroom all together.... though when I hear them crash their plates at night after they've eaten I know its time for us to come to bed. They seem to settle down then; not being able to get a good night sleep with out us in the room.. And, I guess, the same goes for us :)

Tom & Sandy

Kirby (formerly Luca) *Adopted November 9, 2008* *by Helen & Kevin Chen*

Kirby (then named Luca) was the first rabbit I've ever held in my lap. When my husband and I first saw him at Safe Haven, he just seemed like a shy bunny that was afraid to be seen by people. He was eager to wiggle away but as



soon as I started to pet him, he seemed to calm down and even relax. The silkiness of his coat struck me as the most beautiful thing I've ever touched. He'd already won my heart then. I was so eager to get him home and the

smarter part of me kept asking myself, "What was I getting myself into?" My heart knew it was the right thing, though. When Kirby joined our home, I was scared and overjoyed at the same time.

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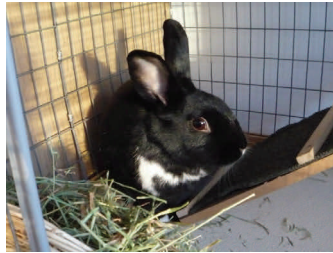
Adoption Updates *(Continued)*

Kirby was afraid for 2 days before he settled down into his new home, a three story rabbit condo overlooking New York City complete with a play pen known as his “front yard”. I’ve spent many hours on the floor of his play pen looking into his shy eyes wondering what he’s seen and how he lived his life before entering mine. This little creature was full of insecurity. I decided in those silent moments that I would do anything to make him a happy bunny. My husband and I were all he had in this world now.



The first time he was ill, I stayed with him at night to pet him and make sure he didn’t feel alone. The first time I left on vacation since he came, I couldn’t stop thinking of him. When I returned home with jetlag he played with me all night. When the financial crisis began to strike the nation and my world seemed to turn upside down, Kirby was waiting for me to come home and everything was wonderful again.

Friends and family have come to meet him but all they see is a hesitant and withdrawn black rabbit. To his bunny mom and bunny dad, though, he is full of life. We spend hours watching him run around and pet him until he can take no more. He loves his cranberry treats and gets them whenever he is a good boy, which is every day! Kirby is a bunny of many faces – happy, curious, sleepy, innocent, upset and silly... And I plan on capturing all of his bunny faces for a very long time.



Chewy (formerly Grayson)

Adopted December 20, 2008
by Isabel Soffer & Family

“The Journey of Smudge and Chewy”

It all started when my husband and I challenged my then eight year old step-daughter Roxanna to a reading challenge last summer. The challenge was for her to read 2,500 pages over the summer and if she did we would agree to a prize. She read and read and read all summer, and in no time met the requirement and had a great summer too!

When it was time to discuss what she could get, she decided on a

playmate for her one-year-old bunny Smudge (we adopted Smudge the previous year). Roxy couldn’t stand the idea of Smudge being alone during day while we were out of the house, but my husband and I weren’t too keen on the idea. Another mouth to feed, another litter box to clean, and we hadn’t even realized then what the trauma of bonding would mean. Well, she was very convincing and soon we were looking for a way to adopt another rescue bunny.

Luckily we found Karen and Wendy of Safe Haven, amazingly dedicated rabbit gurus, who quickly dashed our hopes of two rabbits just instinctively getting along, but more important explained to us how once rabbits did bond, there was nothing like the love they shared.



That’s when we started realizing what bonding rabbits was all about. Karen and Wendy introduced us to Grayson (now Chewy, short for Chewbacca which is exactly who Chewy takes after). We brought Smudge to meet Chewy and they seemed to actually get along and we thought it may work. Roxanna was smitten and there was no turning back. Chewy was neutered soon after we met him and a month later we could adopt him and start the bonding process.

Luckily we were given all the materials we needed to start bringing Smudge and Chewy together. For the first week Smudge and Chewy seemed to hate each other and fought like cats and dogs - we were sure they would never get along and we could not foresee a happy ending. But we knew we were in it for the long haul. Thankfully we were always able to call Karen and Wendy and they offered us great advice. Ten long days later, after following all the rules and giving the rabbits time to get to know each other, they fell in love. They still bicker every now and again, but by the end of the day they always end up snuggling together as happy as can be.

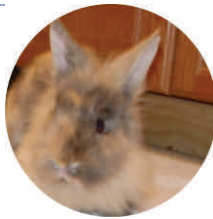


A dream-come-true for all of us.

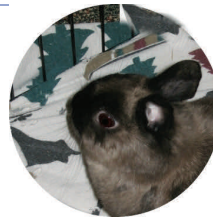
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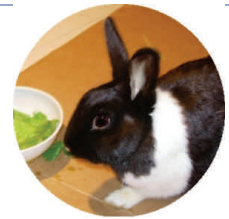
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12/13/2008



Grayson
Adopted by
Isabel Soffer & Family
12/20/2008



Sadie
Adopted by
Rebecca Murdock & Family
1/31/09



Devin
Adopted by
Carrie Yanowitz & Family
2/16/2009



Claire & Sherman
Adopted by
Tina Miragliotta Dykstra & Family
4/19/2009

We look forward to sharing their stories in an upcoming newsletter!



Danny
Adopted by
Linda Cotte & Family
5/1/2009

Join Us Today!

\$15 Annual Membership includes membership card and newsletters.

All membership and donation monies go directly to help pay medical costs (vet bills, spays, neuters) so that we may continue to rescue more bunnies!

Foster Homes Needed!

There are many bunnies needing care! If you can take in one or two, please let us know.

Love-A-Bun? Please Sponsor One!

Even the bunnies are being effected by the economic slowdown. We cannot do this without your support! You can choose a specific bunny to sponsor or let us choose the most needy. Either way, you (or your gift recipient) will receive a personalized thank you card from the bunny, along with the story of their rescue and pictures, too!

Please Print Clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

___ 1 year membership - \$15

___ Sponsorship - \$25 for _____ (Bunny's Name)

___ Donation - Any amount greatly appreciated!!

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