

# Rabbit Tattoos on People, Not Rabbits

By Stephanie Lodge

Tattoos are an amazing form of self-expression. While some people end up with tattoos on a whim, there are those of us who spend months, sometimes even years, planning everything from the artist, the location on our body, the symbolism, and of course the tattoo itself.

Many people in rabbit rescue are not just involved; they are devoted to the cause. This devotion can easily turn into a tattoo. When I first decided to write about people getting rabbit tattoos, I was sure I would find a few to participate in my article, but what I didn't anticipate was dozens of people willing to share their tattoos with the world. Below are just a few:

**Gretta Parker** founded the Flopsy Parker Memorial Sanctuary in West Virginia two years ago in memory of her beloved bunny, Flopsy. Her sanctuary deals mainly with special needs rabbits, but also takes aggressive, handicapped, and elder buns. Flopsy Parker not only inspired the sanctuary, but also several books and a non-profit that delivers toys to bunnies in need, [www.basketsforbunnies.org](http://www.basketsforbunnies.org).

**Jessica Frey Cucka** from Connecticut works tirelessly with the Bunderground Railroad helping to transport rabbits in



Both Jessica and Monica have the Flopsy tattoo, as drawn by Maya Tolliver for the children's book *The Easter Bunny that Grew Up*.



The rainbow rabbit tattoo stands for all the bunnies who will come into Gretta's life through her rescue.

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**Monica Taomina Cocci** from Philadelphia has been involved in rescue her entire life. She supports Clover Patch Sanctuary, Little Furrries Rescue-Referral, Bunny Feathers Rabbit Rescue and the Flopsy Parker Memorial Sanctuary. She is also very active with the Bunderground Railroad.



Rabbit in the moon.



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"My heart bunny, Katie, a copper Satin. The tattoo artist created a very recognizable image of her. People who know her recognize her in the tattoo!" Patricia

**Bonnie Hanslik**, rabbit momma in Lakewood, Ohio got this adorable tattoo to remind her of her first bunny, Sneezzy. While Sneezzy was supposed to be a temporary foster, he wiggled his way into Bonnie's and her family's hearts.



**Amy Mott**, HRS Educator and President of Clover Patch Sanctuary – [www.cloverpatchsanctuary.com](http://www.cloverpatchsanctuary.com) – lives in Franklin, Tennessee and has been rescuing bunnies since 2001.



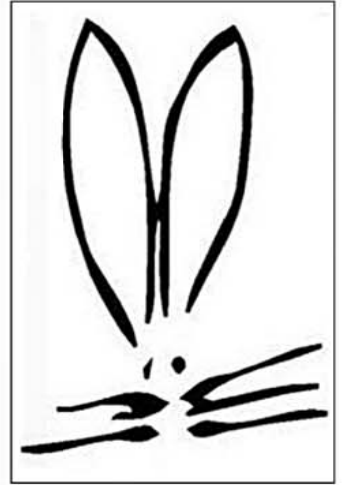
*Amy's most beloved bunny tattoo is from The Egg Book by Margaret Wise Brown and symbolizes her unending love of bunnies and ducks.*



*"This was my first bunny tattoo and it's located on the inside of my right ankle. It symbolizes peace among rabbit rescues and how we should always unite in our common cause." Amy*



*"This tattoo is on my inner right forearm. It symbolizes how all bunnies are welcome to take*



• *Monica Taomina Cocci and Amy Mott shared tattoos.*

**Stephanie Lodge:** Lastly I have to add myself to this list. I have been a fosterer and educator for the Buckeye House Rabbit Society since 2010. I had always wanted a rabbit tattoo, but couldn't decide on a lop or an uppity-ear bun, so I found this design which could be either.

