

Abscesses in Rabbits, Cont'd.

If your veterinarian feels that surgery is not an option, either because of the location of the abscess or because of your rabbit's general health, she may choose to simply try antibiotic treatment. If possible, she will probably try to obtain a sample for culture and sensitivity to improve the probability that the antibiotic will be effective. Another technique that has been successfully used when surgery wasn't an option is to inject a low dose of antibiotics such as gentamicin or amikacin directly into the abscess.



Noah's ankle joint abscess required surgery and flushing afterwards, but he is healthy and mobile today.

Curing an abscess requires diligent care from both you and your veterinarian. You may want to ask your veterinarian to outline a complete treatment plan. If there is any part of the plan that you don't understand or have concerns about — or if important steps (e.g. culture and sensitivity tests) are missing from the plan, speak up. If you are not comfortable with the treatment plan, ask your veterinarian if she would consult with one of the experts listed in the Resources section (of [Rabbit Health 101](#)) before proceeding — or seek a second opinion yourself. 🐰

Calling All Artists!

by Eileen Matias

People often ask what they can do to help the Buckeye House Rabbit Society. When I joined in 1998, I wondered the same thing. Then an opportunity arose to combine my love for animals with my passion for art. I had just completed a class on linocut printing. I found it an inexpensive way to produce prints that I could hand-color later. In October of that year the Buckeye HRS had a booth at a Pet Expo in the Cleveland area. I came up with a proposal to produce 50 prints with the image of a rabbit. The print was entitled "Rabbit in Waiting" When someone joined at the expo, or when a member gave an extra donation, they received a print. The print went over well enough that a second print "Year of the Rabbit, 1999" was produced the following year. We are now on print three, "Where's My Human". As a friend of mine once said, "The first is the start, the second is a continuation, the third is a tradition."

I would like to invite other artists and crafts people to be a part of this tradition. So are you someone who likes to do creative works in your spare time? We could really use your talents. Once I was asked if I got paid. Well, as a matter of fact, I do. I get paid every time someone looks at their print and smiles. I get paid every time someone says, "Are you the one who makes the prints? I have one and I love it." Most important of all, I get paid every time another rabbit is helped by the Buckeye House Rabbit Society.

If this sounds like something you want to be a part of, please contact me. 🐰

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