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Can you Help? Lorain County Crisis-85 Bunnies Still Need You

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The Buckeye House Rabbit Society urgently needs your help in placing about 85 remaining bunnies in temporary and permanent homes. The good news is that we've placed roughly 20 so far, but we still have a long way to go.

In October 2005, we became aware of a situation in which a woman was hoarding approximately 100 rabbits in her home and detached garage. Another woman, who had been trying to help, became overwhelmed after removing over 50 rabbits from the home. She called us to see if we could take over. After several attempts to get into the home, we were finally successful and the homeowner was somewhat cooperative. Our first goal was to capture and separate to prevent any more litters and also to keep them from injuring each other and themselves. We immediately rounded up and separated rabbits in the garage and the basement, but we were not able to catch

WISH LIST

Monetary donations

Exercise pens

Timothy and alfalfa pellets

**Bales of timothy hay
or shipments from Oxbow Hay
Company to one of our
foster homes**

Alfalfa hay (for babies)

Large dog crates in good condition

**Wood stove pellets (for litter)
or other safe litters**

Small/medium-size litterboxes

**Small, heavy crocks for
food and water**

**Monetary donations, payable
to the Buckeye HRS and
marked Lorain County Crisis,
may be sent to:**

**Buckeye House Rabbit Society
P.O. Box 5767
Athens OH 45701**

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OF THIS CRISIS, SEE THE PHOTOS ON OUR
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many of the rabbits living in the floorboards and the rafters of the attic. Rabbits were running loose in the bedrooms, basement, garage, and attic. They were living

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in filthy conditions and some were even escaping from the garage and running loose in the neighborhood. Most of the rabbits are in good health, thankfully, and are now consistently fed pellets, hay, and water. We have captured all of the rabbits running loose outdoors and all living in the garage have been captured and placed in cages in the basement. The bunnies in the attic have also been captured and are now in cages.

The homeowner is currently at risk of losing her home, and if she does, all of the rabbits will have to be moved out at a moment's notice. We need to find homes quickly or they may be destroyed. Local humane officers and shelters are very reluctant to get involved, so a small number of Buckeye HRS volunteers is trying to manage the situation. She is allowing

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Special Thanks to:

The Hales Family, for their generous donation in memory of their very special bunny, Holly.

Angie Walter, for her gift in tribute to her beloved Bop, who passed away on 17 January 2006.

Mary and Kelly Bastian, for their contribution in honor of dear Grace, who passed on in December at nine years of age.

Ann Zimmerman and Ray Vasvari, for their donation in memory of David and Christine Hales's beloved Holly.

The students in **Pam Loch's 5th grade class**, who honored her with contributions to the Buckeye HRS for her holiday gift.

The following members, whose monetary and in-kind donations allow us to meet our ongoing fostering and educational goals:

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We would like to give an extra-special thank you to the following people for their generous and immediate assistance with the Lorain County crisis:

- **Dr. Mandel**, his daughter **Julia**, and his assistant **Chris Niton**, who have voluntarily, on their days off, already spayed and neutered roughly 60 rabbits. Dr. Mandel and his dedicated team have committed to altering every single one of the Lorain County bunnies. You are truly exceptional!
- **Dr. Wohlfeiler at Lyndhurst Animal Clinic**, for the use of his clinic to perform the spays and neuters.
- **Karalee Curry at the Columbus HRS** for donating dog crates, cages, exercise pens, and other supplies, as well as money for medical care, flea treatment, pellets and hay.
- **Karen Salvagno**, for donating several bales of hay and helping us track down local hay sources.
- The many people who donated to the Lorain County bunnies, especially **Diane Murphy, Lin Beam, Scott Luckman, the Rosenbergs, Stacey Sheehan, Christa Billerman and her husband Fayaz** (they donated some of their wedding money!), **Erin Naome, John and Linda Garramone** (for placing several Lorain County bunnies), **Gary and Paula Savage, Lee Meyer, Leslie Mapes, Patricia Brant, Judy O'Neil, Monica Bland.**



Adopted!

David Backeberg and his wife, Kristin, have a very busy bunny household. They have added **Samantha** (now **Izzy**) and **Mocha** (now **Zoe**) to become bunny pals with their boys; Fezzick and Taz. ♡ **Little Squeak** (now **Pipsqueak**) is happy to have a loving, forever home with Jackie Jordan. ♡ Tom and Marisa Wynn proudly announce the adoption of **Mrs. Dewlop** (aka **Dewy**) and her successful bonding with their bunny, Stewy. ♡ **Dolby** is having a wonderful time exploring his new Old Kentucky Home. A two-story condo, a load of toys, and tons of love and attention from Tracy and Harold are just what this little bunny deserves. ♡ **Sammie** is now living with Laura and Ken and is happy with her new pal, Curtis. ♡ **Josie** is now settled into her new home and enjoying watching TV on the couch with Laurie. ♡ **Daisy** was welcomed with open arms into the home of Kathy Kallay of Parma. ♡ **Midas** now has a bunny pal and shares free run at the home of Margo and Gloria in Elyria. ♡ **Fuzzle** now shares a home with Ann and Ray, bunny friend Fiona, and baby Sarah in Cleveland Heights. ♡ **Sadie** has a new pal to show her around the house of Linda Sotirovich in Hubbard. ♡ **Puff** has a wonderful new life with Tracy Heck and family of Wooster. ♡ **Loki** and **Mina** were adopted by Mary Ann Sellman and family of Cuyahoga Falls. ♡ **Bartlby** and **Azrael** will be traveling to Columbus to live with Liying Yang. ♡ **O.G.** was welcomed into the home of Mike and Jennifer Berendt of Lyndhurst. ♡ **Rupert** keeps Katie company during those long hours of studying in Cuyahoga Falls. ♡ **Oliver** also helps Marie Therese Gummer of Cleveland hit the books. ♡ Several **Lorain County bunnies** found homes with Oraline Jorgenson and family of Hinckley and Cary Anne Spears and family of Hudson.

Special Thanks to, Cont'd

- The volunteers who have been fostering and observing rabbits overnight after their spay/neuter surgery.
- The small group of volunteers who have been going on a regular basis to make sure the Lorain County bunnies are cleaned, fed, and watered. These individuals have spent countless hours helping to keep these rabbits alive and healthy. We could not have accomplished even a fraction of what we have already done without you.

Farewells

Farewell to Jessica

by Sue Zimmerman

Jessie—There are no words to say how much you mean to us, how much we love you and how much you will be missed. Thank you for giving us the gift of you!

Love you forever, Mom, Dad, Roger, Casey, Knickie, Odie, Sammy, Abby & Pu



For more info on Jessica see Harelines Spring/Summer 2004. It All Began...
<http://www.ohare.org/images/harelines/v8n2.pdf>



Hay Selection for Rabbits

By Daniel Linden, MS

Hay selection for all animals follows a few simple steps. The basic selection analysis can be accomplished by using your senses.

Sight:

What does the hay look like?

What color is the hay?

Is it dry, dusty, moldy?

Are there a lot of stems and few leaves?

Hay should be a light green color. This ensures that there is an adequate level of vitamins. Vitamins are leached out as hay cures in the sun. The closer in color the hay is to the immature plant prior to harvest, the better. Pale yellow color is indicative of a plant that was leached of nutrients by insects, rain, or sunlight. The vitamin A content of bleached plants is dramatically reduced because of loss of beta-carotene. A bale of hay that is pale on the outside, but still green on the inside is acceptable.

This shows that it has been exposed to sunlight, but only after it was baled. This results in minimal loss.

Hay that is dusty was baled when it was too high in moisture content. This can be either from rain or dew being on the plant when it was baled or from not allowing adequate curing prior to baling. Dusty hay may be an indication of mold. Hay should never be moldy. Molds in hay can lead to health conditions ranging from respiratory infections to toxicity. If you find any molds in or on hay, do not feed this hay to your rabbit.

Hay should have a high leaf-to-stem ratio. As plants increase in height and maturity, an increasing amount of structural carbohydrates is required to support the plant. These structural carbohydrates, mainly cellulose and lignin, are very difficult to digest. Therefore, more mature plants will have more stems which are more difficult to digest. Leaves contain fewer structural carbohydrates than stems, so more leaves in hay lead to more digestible material. Legumes (alfalfa, clover, lespedezas, and birdsfoot trefoil) have very fragile leaves. Hay that is made from legumes should be handled gently to minimize the loss of the leaves during transport. It is important that animals eating legume hay are not allowed to eat the leaves of the plant alone, without the stems as well.

This would lead to a diet that was very rich and can cause digestive problems including enteritis and diarrhea, as well as obesity. This is one reason why the House Rabbit Society recommends grass hays such as timothy, rather than alfalfa, for companion rabbits.

Smell:

What does the hay smell like?

Is there any musty odor?

When smelling hay one should be reminded of a freshly-mown lawn on a summer day. There should never be a smell of mustiness or mold. As described above, molds are unhealthy and should be avoided at all costs.

Texture:

What does the hay feel like in the hand and mouth?

Texture is the most important sense to use. Does the hay feel rough? If so, is this from a rough-textured plant such as fescue or is it from a foreign material? Burrs and thistles are like putting lots of pins in your mouth. Imagine eating the hay yourself. If you are brave, put some in your mouth. It should not hurt. If it hurts you, it may hurt your rabbit as well. Remember, though, that rabbits will nibble on the plant and, therefore, be less likely to get poked from a small point that would hurt something or someone who took a larger bite.

Is the hay brittle? Brittle hay is usually an indication that the plant was mature at harvest. The





brittleness can be explained by an increase in lignin (remember structural carbohydrates) which leads to a decrease in nutrient availability. Brittle hays also tend to have low vitamin content. This can be due to the increase in maturity or may be due to sun bleaching.

Hay Testing:

Chemical testing of hay can be done for a better estimate of nutrient content. Laboratories located throughout the world are capable of testing hay. This is a relatively inexpensive process that results in a much more accurate analysis than that which has been performed by the senses alone. However, the testing is only as good as the sampling. Proper hay testing is done through the use of a forage probe. This is a cylindrical tube that cuts a core of hay out of a bale. This is much superior to a grab sample that is just picked up from the bale. Forage probes take a representative sample from the entire length of the bale. This gives a much more accurate sample. Several bales can be tested in this way to receive a sample that best represents the entire allotment of hay. The drawback to this system is that it is not efficient for people purchasing small quantities of hay at a time, since the bales will all vary slightly.

This is a brief introduction to hay selection. For additional information consult your veterinarian and animal nutritionist. For further reading see the bibliography, below.

In our next issue of *Harelines*, Dan Linden explains the sometimes confusing feed analysis sheets on bags of rabbit pellets.

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What the Hay!

By Karen Salvagno

You learned what to look for in hay from Dan Linden's article. Now, where do you find it and how do you store it?

Where to buy it:

There are several sources to help you find hay. One way is to locate the nearest Town & Country Co-op feed store, which holds hay auctions in the spring, summer and fall months. You can get the names of the farmers who bring their hay for auction and actually talk to them. There are agricultural publications, such as *Farm and Dairy* or *The Firelands Farmer*, available at Tractor Supply stores or by subscription. Look online or in the phone book for a horse or alpaca farm closest to you or search websites that may help you find hay. A horse or alpaca farm can probably give you names of local hay farmers.

Websites for hay:

www.farmanddairy.com
www.hayexchange.com
www.horse-talk.com/hay.html
www.ncagr.com/hayalert
 (click on Ohio QHA webpages, then click on "The Swap Shop")
www.oxbowhay.com
www.sdgnewsgroup.com/homepages/ffarmer/ffhome.html

How to store it:

If you choose to buy hay from a local farmer, you will need to purchase enough hay for the entire year. Hay is cut only two to three times a year

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us to come in to clean cages, capture rabbits, bring supplies, and transport groups to/from the vet for spay/neuter. The woman does not work and is therefore unable to afford hay, pellets, basic supplies, and veterinary care. So far she has been cooperative and is willing to have us find homes for as many rabbits as possible. We are keeping our fingers crossed that she is able to keep the house until we can get them all into permanent and foster homes. We are calling on our members to help us save these bunnies by taking one or two into your home.



Sanctuary Sponsors Jackie Nolan and Jodi Slain lend a helping hand.

Approximately every two weeks, at least two volunteers go to the house for 5-8 hours at a time. We very much need more people to help us with this task; the more people helping, the better. We are just now starting to see the results of our attempts to educate and train the owner and her children (ages 6, 8, and 11). The kids are eager to help us when we are there; we have taught them everything we can, from how to tell males from females to how to hang water

bottles so they don't fall off the cages. Keeping the cages clean was our biggest challenge; it simply wasn't getting done. During the Thanksgiving holiday, the owner broke her leg and was in a cast for two months, which made cleaning and basic care more difficult; she had to rely on the kids and a small number of Buckeye HRS volunteers to do most of the work.



Dr. Mandel in surgery.

Until recently, one to two litters were born every week. Although we had taken great pains to separate males from females, when we left the house, the family would let multiple unaltered rabbits out of their cages at the same time without regard to their sex. This was out of our control, despite our efforts to educate and plead with them. Over the last few weeks, however, it seems our efforts have paid off, and the owner and her kids are more conscientious about whom they are letting out, trying not to let unaltered males and females out at the same time.

The rate of litters being born has declined considerably. Dr. Mandel of Lyndhurst Animal Clinic (Lyndhurst, OH) has graciously offered his services to spay/neuter all of the rabbits. He has already spayed 45, and is scheduled to alter all of them over the next few weeks. Dr. Mandel, his daughter Julia, and his assistant Chris, have prevented many new litters from being born and it is thanks to them that the situation is now under control. If it weren't for Dr. Mandel and his dedicated team, we would not have been able to turn this situation around so quickly.



Lorain County rabbits: Separated and living safely in cages.

The rabbits, for the most part, are all very healthy and are between the ages of three weeks and three years old. We've identified only a few needing medical treatment and they have received the necessary care. The Buckeye House Rabbit Society has been able to take only a few of these rabbits into foster care since all of our foster homes



are full. Our overall adoptions have been somewhat slow, so if you are at all considering adding a bunny companion to your family, now is the time to help one in need.

We still very much need volunteers to help clean cages and make sure the rabbits are fed. If you are able to assist with feeding and cage cleaning, providing a temporary or permanent home, or spay/neuter recovery, please call Kristen Doherty in Cleveland (440-543-4959).

We received several donations at the beginning of this crisis; however, money and supplies have dropped off and we still need ongoing support. The Columbus HRS stepped up immediately, sending several large dog crates and a number of brand new starter cages that someone had donated. We could, however, still use more large crates, exercise pens, hay, pellets, and food dishes. Thank you for any help you can provide in this situation! 🐰

Holiday Raffle Results

And the winner is ... Patricia Wolanski of Parma, OH. Congratulations to Patricia and many thanks to all who supported the Buckeye HRS through the purchase of raffle tickets. Proceeds will allow us to make the future brighter for more needy bunnies in Ohio.

Beer Boycott



Sadly, we have learned that Great Lakes Brewing Company in Cleveland is now serving rabbit, as it “expands” its menu for special events. For example, they featured a rabbit dish for their January 10 Brewmaster’s Dinner.

We urge our readers to contact GLBC (coordinates below) to respectfully and politely request that they remove rabbit from their offerings.

Kami Dolney, Marketing Coordinator
Great Lakes Brewing Company
2516 Market Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113
216-771-4404 www.greatlakesbrewing.com

Con\$umer Power

We’d like to remind our members to shop for rabbit supplies at stores that don’t sell rabbits, preferably at stores that don’t sell any animals. By supporting socially-responsible merchants, you’re taking a step toward ending business practices that contribute to the pet rabbit overpopulation problem.

What the Hay, Cont'd

and farmers try to sell their hay as fast as they can to empty their barns. You would be looking for second or third cut hay. Second cut hay is usually harvested during August in Ohio. You will also need a place to store the hay out of the elements. A garage, barn, storage shed, or even your basement (if you don’t mind the mess) can be used to store hay. First, put down pallets to keep the hay off of the floor. A concrete or dirt floor draws moisture to the bales of hay that are

on the bottom and they will mold. Then, stack the hay cut side up. Storing the hay cut side up helps air flow through the bales. The cut side of the hay actually looks like it was cut but if you can’t tell, don’t hesitate to ask the farmer which is the cut side. Don’t be afraid to buy one bale to see if your rabbits like it. Remember, any change in diet must be done gradually. Once you find hay that your rabbits like, be sure to go back to that same farmer every year. 🐰



Somebunny Needs YOU!



Banjo is a handsome guy with white fur and gray spots and stripes. His beautiful gray eyes are sure to win your heart. Banjo is friendly, curious and very affectionate. Come and meet Banjo today. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Meet **Pepper!** Pepper is a nice young guy with beautiful blue/gray fur. He enjoys playing with his cardboard box and re-arranging his

bunny house. Pepper would like a forever home with you! **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



This is **Willie!** He was a stray who was discovered by a family in the Toledo area. They thought he was a wild cottontail, but when he didn't run away they knew he was domestic. Thankfully, they caught him and

kept him safe until we could add him to our foster program. He is a small, young male who is quite friendly. Willie doesn't mind being held although he is young, so he tends to get impatient if held when he'd rather be exploring! **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Meet **Benji.** He's a domestic bun who looks a lot like a wild cottontail rabbit. Benji was part of a group of over 20 rabbits seized from a backyard breeder who was not feeding and caring for them. Benji is an active young male. Since he was never

kept as a "pet" bunny, he needs some socialization time with a family that will help him to learn to trust humans. He's not afraid of people, he just needs to bond with someone who will take the place of his former hutchmates! **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Sylvester is quite a unique looking bunny with his stripes and two-toned face! He LOVES his free time and pellets. This handsome guy would make for a great addition to your home. He has lots of love to give. Why

not make an appointment to meet him? **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**

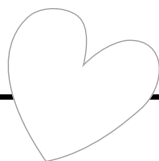
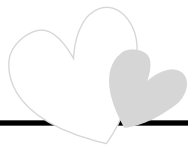


Belle is a real cutie! She loves to be petted on her little nose. Belle also enjoys digging in her hay box and napping in her cardboard tunnel. She is a bit on the shy side but is really coming around. Can you welcome Belle into your home? **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



This is **Pumpkin!** She is a very sweet young lady. Just look at her awesome blue/gray fur! What a beautiful bunny! Pumpkin enjoys playing with her toys and she especially loves to chomp on hay. Wouldn't you love to make Pumpkin a member of your family?

Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.



Annie and Patty are a special pair of bonded "Senior Citizens". Annie is about eight years old and her daughter, Patty, is approximately seven. These two girls are very affectionate and

must remain together. They have been in foster care for several years and will remain with us unless someone very special decides to give them a forever home. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Sebastian is an adorable male Dutch rabbit who is a year and a half old. He likes to sit on top of a cardboard box and check out his surroundings when he's not busy standing on his tiptoes at the edge of his pen looking for affection. He is healthy with excellent litterbox habits and enjoys his daily veggies. Wouldn't you like this cutie as part of your family? **Please contact Kristi Cole (kristi@ohare.org) 330-484-8416.**



Munchkin is an adorable little girl. Can you believe that she was actually fed to a snake? Lucky for her, the snake was not hungry that day and left her alone. Munch is very tiny and needs to find a home that is just right for her. She is

partially blind and would do best in a home without children or other pets (she may do well with another bunny). Munchkin loves her toys and is very neat with her litter box. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Nelson is a very friendly male rabbit who is good with kids and really enjoys his hay. He is about 9 months old (was an Easter bunny last year) and weighs about 6 lbs. He would

make a great addition to any family. **Please contact Kristi Cole (kristi@ohare.org) 330-484-8416.**



Kelly is an active but small little girl. She loves to play with her toys and cardboard boxes. She also loves free time and would do best with someone who can give her a lot of attention. Kelly has had a rough start to her 3-year life and needs somebody to love her. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Kellene is a young female Dutch bunny, weighing about four pounds. She is very playful and loves her cardboard tunnel as well as playing in paper grocery bags. She is in great health and is very well litter-trained. She really enjoys having her nose petted. Won't

you welcome this playful girl into your family? **Please contact Kristi Cole (kristi@ohare.org) 330-484-8416.**



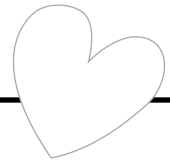
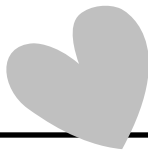
Jack is a handsome boy who has a lot of love to give. A mellow guy, he loves people, enjoys pets on his head, and loves to stretch out and relax. Jack hopes to have a permanent home with

you! **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



You'll love Hershey's kisses! This beautiful chocolate brown Rex is so sweet. Not only is **Hershey** sweet but she's 5 lbs of bunny fun. If you are looking for an inquisitive rabbit who likes to cuddle and get lots of pets then

this Hershey's kiss is for you! **Please contact Michele Roth Kerley (michele@ohare.org) 859-261-0556 (Cincinnati area).**



Somebunny Needs YOU! Cont'd.



Joanie loves **Chachi** and so will you. This adorable 7 lb rabbit is sure to win you over with his sweetness and charm. Not only is Chachi gentle but he's also a gentleman. Whether nibbling his hay or playing with his toys he will always be ready

to receive some love. **Please contact Michele Roth Kerley (michele@ohare.org) 859-261-0556 (Cincinnati area).**



The name **Nadia** means hope, which is what I have for this beautiful rabbit. She is deserving of a home that will supply her with lots of attention and love. How could anyone look into the beautiful eyes of this 7 lb bunny and not have "hope"? **Please contact**

Michele Roth Kerley (michele@ohare.org) 859-261-0556 (Cincinnati area).



The name **Manda** means loveable and it's so appropriate for this 8 lb beauty. With a calm and sweet demeanor, Manda is ready to be a part of your family to share all the love you have to give.

Please contact Michele Roth Kerley in the Cincinnati area (michele@ohare.org) 859-261-0556 (Cincinnati area).



Lorain County Bunnies

Won't you consider letting one of these adorable and very friendly little bunnies into your home?

How about a matching pair?

Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.



Cleopatra is as regal as her name suggests. Cleo is 10 lbs of sheer joy who loves to be stroked, and especially likes having her long, beautiful ears rubbed. Cleo also loves to have her cheeks rubbed while being held on her back! She falls sound asleep in this position and utterly enjoys this type

of stroking. She is truly a one-of-a-kind bunny. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



Squirrel is a tiny 3 lb ball of fire who was dumped at a local shelter. She was in need of medical care when we rescued her; her left eye was bulging and behind the eye was a large lump. Luckily the vet was able to remove the lump, which was an abscess behind the eye, but he was not able to save her eye. Squirrel is perfectly healthy, however, and having only one eye

doesn't stop her from running around at top speeds and jumping on top of boxes! Squirrel is perfect with her litterbox and would be a loyal companion to anyone willing to spend time with her. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**

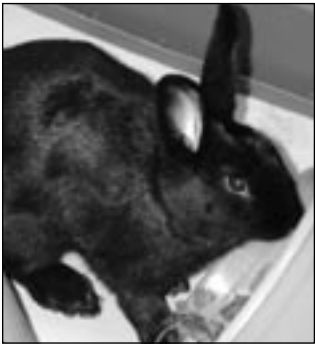


Hershey II is a beautiful ball of brown agouti fur; she's a great hay eater, loves her salads and never misses her litterbox. While on the shy side, Hershey will open up if you spend time letting

her get to know you at her own pace. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



Bonnie is a curious and friendly 5.5 lb girl who gobbles all of her hay and comes running for pets. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



Verde is a 5.5 lb black Havanna who likes to sleep on top of her box. Verde was born in November 2002. She's very tidy with her litterbox and loves to run through her cardboard tunnel.

She's an excellent hay eater, too! **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



Scarlet is one of Maya's daughters with sleek black fur and a pleasant demeanor. She is now full-grown. She likes to be petted and to lay stretched out in her litterbox. Scarlet weighs about 5 lbs. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



Alfonso, a little mini-rex, gets so excited for his meals that he runs round and round frantically until he is fed. If you pick him up however, he melts in your arms and nuzzles his face under your chin. He weighs about 3.5 lbs, is perfect with his litterbox, and eats a ton of hay for such a little guy. He also loves cruising through

his miniature tunnels and boxes. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



Elsie is a sweet young girl, white with black spots, weighing roughly 4 lbs. She's happy and calm, and easy to please by giving her lots of nose pets. She doesn't mind being held; in fact, she loves to snuggle.

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Binky Boy is an adorable, lovable English Spot who is approximately 6 months old (as of Sept 05). He has six adorable brown spots in a vertical line on his back. He is a real adventurer who loves to explore. He is a little hesitant about being held, but his favorite game is to jump on his foster mom's back whether she is lying on the floor or sitting! Sometimes he even kisses her ears and buries his head in her hair. He also loves to jump in her lap and follow her around. He loves his veggies, and gets very excited when he hears the refrigerator door and the salad containers being opened! He also does a lot of binkies, hence his name. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



Hoagie is a very friendly black and white Dutch bunny who loves to hunker down for lots of pets and also loves to explore his surroundings. He is absolutely perfect with his litterbox and is not a chewer. Hoagie's calm

personality makes him a good choice for a family with children. He's somewhere between seven months and one year old and was rescued from the Lorain County home where the Buckeye House Rabbit Society is currently undertaking a large rescue effort; we desperately need homes for all of these bunnies. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**





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