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demise.) The KCAS is a very small facility with limited-to-no space available for rabbits. They have so many dogs and cats that they are forced to put several down almost every day.

For the past three years, I've been working with the KCAS on fostering the rabbits who have been dropped off. After getting the initial call, my response always varies, mainly due to how many foster rabbits I already have and how many rabbits they have. So far we've had lots of luck and great timing; I've been able to accommodate them almost every time. On the rare occasions that I could not accommodate them, either our volunteers, or the shelter volunteers have gone the extra mile by taking in the rabbit(s) until I have space available. (For that, the rabbits and I would like to thank you.)

Is There Any Room At The Inn?

By Michele Roth Kerley

It can happen anytime. I could be home, at work or even running the never-ending errands that everyone is familiar with in their busy day-to-day lives. Not always recognizing the number, I answer my phone, "This is Michele." Then I hear the dreaded question I have become accustomed to, but still get a little chuckle over every time I hear it. The voice on the other end asks, "Is there any room at the inn?" Even though I know what this question means, the way it's

phrased somehow reminds me that I'm doing a good thing.

It's the Kenton County Animal Shelter. They've called to ask if I have any space available for a rabbit who has been relinquished. (It still amazes me how they are left there knowing that the shelter can't accommodate them and that they will be put down. However, I will commend the "relinquishers" on not turning the rabbits loose outside to a possible worse

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The **national House Rabbit Society**, for selecting the Buckeye HRS to receive a \$3,000.00 chapter grant. These much-appreciated funds will help us rescue and care for more needy Ohio rabbits!

Angela Cizl, for graciously donating her artwork for our holiday raffle (see page 3 for details).

Pam Loch's 5th grade class, who made a generous donation as an end-of-year gift for their teacher!

The many kind and **generous members** who have continued to donate money, supplies and their time to help the Lorain County bunnies.

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

Sue Milewski, Junko Rogers, John and Mary Jo Mayfield, Ann Landon, Peter Monett, Christine Berry, Stevi Kovalik, June Gates, Brett Grenesko, Judith Smith, Amy Hoffman, Kathy Kallay, Paula Otter, Elizabeth Jones, Gary and Paula Savage.

Our new and continuing **Sanctuary Rabbit Sponsors!** This program would not be possible without your compassion and generosity. These special rabbits, who must spend the rest of their lives in foster care due to serious medical conditions, have you to thank. We wish we could list each of you individually!

As always, the **Monks Copy Shop of downtown Columbus**, for their discount on printing our newsletter.



2007 Calendar now available on our website gift shop at www.ohare.org

Be sure to get your 2007 "Men with Buns" calendar while supplies last! The twelve good-looking guys on this unique, professionally-produced calendar help dispel the myth that bunnies are pets for children and women. Calendars measure 9" x 12", have a matte finish and contain lots of rabbit facts and info. Visit our website to place your order. Proceeds will benefit Buckeye HRS foster rabbits.



Update—Lorain County Crisis

By Kristen Doherty

The more than 50 Dutch rabbits at the house in Lorain County continue to be at risk. We have found homes for many, but because our adoption and education process is thorough and time-consuming, placing these bunnies in good homes is slow. Since the Buckeye HRS continues to rescue other rabbits throughout the state, we are not able to take the Lorain County rabbits into our foster homes on a consistent basis. Nor are we able to take in a large number of these rabbits all at once.

Despite this unfortunate situation, there is a bit of good news. All of the rabbits are maintaining good health as long as volunteers continue to go out to the home on a somewhat regular basis (usually twice a month). The work these volunteers do goes a long way in preventing illness; keeping the cages clean and handling the bunnies to check for any signs of illness are key to preventing respiratory problems, malnutrition, and other symptoms brought on by chronic neglect.

As far as we can tell, there has been only one new litter since February of this year. Now that Dr. Mandel is set up in his new clinic, he is able to continue spaying and neutering these bunnies until every rabbit in the house is fixed. We are hoping to get these remaining bunnies spayed/neutered very soon.

Unfortunately the resident is still at risk of losing her home due to missed mortgage payments and the bank is on the verge of starting the foreclosure process. I anticipate a phone call any day, with a date by which the bunnies must be evacuated. If we cannot find homes within 1 to 4 days, we will have to contact a shelter to plan for humane euthanasia of those we cannot take into foster care.

If you are able to adopt even one of these sweet bunnies, or can help with any of the following, please contact Kristen Doherty by phone 440-543-4959.

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Holiday Raffle to Benefit Buckeye HRS Foster Rabbits!

Ohio artist Angela Cizl has generously donated this enchanting sculpture—entitled “Treat!?”—for our second annual holiday raffle. All proceeds will go directly to our foster program and will ensure that needy bunnies have a safe haven while they await the ultimate treat, a permanent home. Of course, “Treat!?” is best viewed in color on our website at www.ohare.org/gifts.htm#raffle. **Tickets cost \$1 each and you may buy as many as you wish. All entries must be postmarked no later than December 1, 2006.** Please include your phone number and email (if available) with your check or money order and indicate it’s for the raffle. Mail your request to: Buckeye HRS, P.O. Box 5767, Athens, OH 45701. The lucky winner will be notified in early December and will receive the sculpture in time for holiday gift-giving.

ARTIST’S STATEMENT

“Treat!?” measures approx 7” by 4”. This polymer clay sculpture was inspired by my fun little bun, Brody. Treat time is his favorite time. Of course! The anticipation turns my shy guy into quite the little charmer. Sometimes I swear he winks and smiles at me.

Angela Cizl does commissioned realistic and character sculptures of pets and wildlife of all types. For more info, please email inquires to acizl@hotmail.com.



NE Ohio Picnic Photo Contest Winners!



Bunny Mischief:
Ivy

*Norman Henke,
photographer*



Bunnies and Their People:

L to R: Dewy, Tom, Stewy

Marissa Wynne, photographer



Bunnies Relaxing:
Harlan

Norman Henke, photographer



Snuggle Bunnies:
Sterling + Jessica

Cookie Dobro, photographer

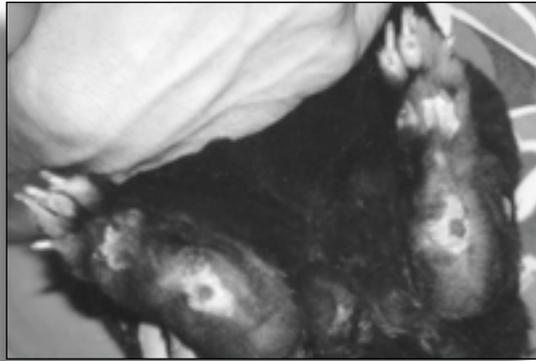


Treating and Preventing Sore Hocks

By Kristi Cole

Sore hocks (the technical name is “Ulcerative Pododermatitis”) is a condition where the fur on the rabbit’s hock, or heel, is worn down to the bare skin or, in severe cases, to the bone. Sometimes the rabbit forms pale pink calluses and gets along just fine. If your rabbit just has calluses, keep a close eye on them so they do not become deep red, swollen or break open and scab over. You can also apply Vaseline or Calendula cream into these calluses every few days to keep the skin soft. This will help prevent pain and irritation, and will help keep the calluses from cracking open. Problems develop when the skin turns into an open wound, so be sure to seek veterinary care immediately if that occurs.

There are a variety of causes for sore hocks, including wire cage bottoms, flooring that is too hard, damp carpet mats and litter that is not absorbent (therefore constantly wet against the rabbit’s feet). Overweight and large-breed rabbits are particularly prone to sore hocks, as are the Rex breeds, since they have thin fur and not a lot of padding on their feet. Also, older rabbits who have another ailment that causes them to be less mobile often have sore hocks as a secondary problem. Lack of



Whitney came into HRS foster care with a severe case of sore hocks.

movement, combined with obesity, causes pressure to increase on a small area of skin, resulting in sore hocks. Rabbits who are incontinent can develop sore hocks in addition to the urine scald that sometimes occurs on the inner thighs, due to constant wetness. Toenails that are not kept short can cause too much weight to shift to the heel, adding too much pressure to that area, contributing to hock problems.

For severe cases with scabs and abscessed infection, your veterinarian will debride, flush and culture the wounds to clean out the area and find the appropriate antibiotic to treat the infection. Often, daily flushing of the area will be required so the wound can heal from the inside out. An anti-inflammatory medication may be prescribed to help ease pain and inflammation in the feet. Sometimes a liquid bandage barrier (such as “artificial skin”) will be recommended and occasionally temporary bandaging will be necessary. If you need to bandage your rabbit’s feet, the following link offers a step-by-step guide:

http://www.medirabbit.com/EN/Surgery/Bandaging/band_foot.htm

In addition to medical treatments, the environment must change to prevent recurrence. If your rabbit is overweight, cut back on pellets and treats to help him lose some weight and take some of the pressure off his feet. Entice him to exercise more by increasing his play area or changing its setup with boxes and tunnels for more adventure. If your rabbit is incontinent, you can modify the environment by putting down a layer of thick, absorbent towels, then a layer of soft, artificial fleece on top. When the rabbit urinates, the wetness will sink through the fleece to the absorbent towels below and leave the fleece relatively dry against the rabbit’s feet. That setup is also soft, so it helps alleviate the pressure issue that occurs on hard surfaces. That layered setup should be changed daily, depending on the size of the area and the concentration of wetness.

Litterboxes can be modified as well. You can use a very absorbent litter such as Yesterday’s News or wood stove pellets, and then put a thin layer of a softer pulp litter such as Carefresh on top, where the rabbit’s feet actually have contact. Pine and cedar shavings, not recommended for rabbits due to their respiratory and possible liver effects, are also a very poor choice for foot health, since they are not very absorbent and just pool the wetness.

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Somebunny Needs YOU!



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 **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.**



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.**



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.**



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.**



Sonny was found in a cage in a garbage dumpster. He was named for his sunny disposition. He is a very friendly bun and is used to being around people. Sonny also seems to get along well with cats and dogs. He would be good in a household with children or other animals. Please help give this boy a good home and let him know that he is special (not garbage)! **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



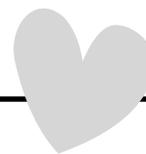
Hope came to us with her 3 baby girls (Coalby, Coltrie and Jess) from the Lorain County crisis. She is a very nice girl who just loves to explore. Hope is very gentle and would make a wonderful member of your family. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



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 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.**



Coltrie is an absolute delight. She is a true adventurer. Her personality shines as do her bright little eyes. Her one black front foot adds to her character and her cuteness. Coltrie would be an excellent bunny for someone's very first house rabbit. She is one of Hope's 3 baby girls. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Coalby is one of Hope's 3 babies. She loves to play with her cardboard box and her other toys. Coalby has adorable fuzzy cheeks and extra long ears. She is very neat and has great little box habits. Why don't you make an appointment to meet her?
Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.



Little **Jess** is the smallest of Hope's babies. It has been fun to watch her grow up into a nice youngster. This little sweetie pie enjoys observing the things around her and loves to have playtime outside of her pen.
Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.



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.



Abbey Rose has blossomed in foster care, but she will bloom beautifully in a forever home. This 5 1/2 pound lop is an eager eater and explorer. She will be a little shy initially, but then will hop next to you on the couch (looking for a raisin treat, maybe?) or jump on you if you happen to recline on the floor. Like most bunnies, she's not fond of being carried, but is very fond of petting. She is not quite a year old, and has all the energy and curiosity of a wonderful pet. **Please contact Jann Kuntavanish (jann@ohare.org) 937-435-6899.**



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.**



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.**



Come and listen to the story about a bunny named **Ellie Mae**... This adorable little girl will steal your heart with her sweet yet spunky personality. With the love from this 3 1/2 lb. bun you'll know you struck it rich. So ya'll give me a call now... Ya hear? **Please contact Michele Roth Kerley (michele@ohare.org) 859-261-0556 (Cincinnati area).**



Tango is a vision as he glides across the room. This 4 lb. bunny will dance his way into your heart with his gentle and curious nature. If you're looking for a partner, call now before his dance card gets full. **Please contact Michele Roth Kerley (michele@ohare.org) 859-261-0556 (Cincinnati area).**



Who couldn't use a little **Cash**? This fun little 4 1/2 lb. bun is worth his weight in gold and then some. He is sure to make someone a great companion ... you can take that to the bank. So call today to make a very special Cash withdrawal. **Please contact Michele Roth Kerley (michele@ohare.org) 859-261-0556 (Cincinnati area).**



Somebunny Needs YOU! Cont'd.



Meet **Robby**, one of the Lorain County rescues. Robby is looking for his forever loving family. If you have room in your heart and home for a little three-pound dutch bunny who loves his salads, does wild dances and binkies when he is out to play, then he may be the bunny for you.

He adores nose pets; he runs to the front of his cage to get them and tooth purrs to show how much he enjoys them. He doesn't even mind being picked up and held. What a great little bun! **Please contact Keni Morris (keni@ohare.org) 513-469-0840**



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.**



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.



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.**



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.**



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.**



Adopted!

Congratulations to the Voss family and their rabbit Stu on the adoption of **Nadia**. Stu and Nadia hit it off very well right from the start and now she needs no longer be hopeful for a loving rabbit companion or a loving family.

✦ Congratulations to Steve, Charlie, Tyler and Tess Shelton on the adoption of **Manda** (now **Amanda**.) Manda means loveable and the Sheltons agree. They are happy to have her as a part of their family and now she has all the love any bunny could want or need. ✦ Congratulations to Stacie Hecht and her husband on their adoption of **Chachi**. He continuously amuses and entertains them with his happy-go-lucky personality and charismatic antics. I'm sure he is enjoying his new home just as much as they are enjoying having him. ✦ **Munchkin** has a new home in Akron with Beth Smith. This is Beth's second adoption from the Buckeye HRS. Thanks, Beth! ✦ **Spongie**, formerly from the Lorain county crisis, now has a fun-filled life with Theresa's family in Athens and enjoys the companionship of buddy Bun-Bun. ✦ **Esther Bunny**, or EB for short—another Lorain rescue—is slowly warming up to her new home with Tracy, Harold and Dolby. ✦ **Elsie** has found everlasting love and bunny friendship with Cooper and the Bailor family in Richfield. ✦ **Heff** now rules the roost and enjoys lots of run space with Wendy and Scott in Cleveland. ✦ **Tater Tot** loves to explore at the home of Michele and family of Shaker Heights; that is, if they can put him down long enough! ✦ **Cleopatra and Clyde** bonded soon after both were adopted by Marissa and her husband of Cuyahoga Falls. ✦ **Felix** (now **Dante**) enjoys free run of Tanya's apartment and gets along wonderfully with his two new Jack Russell terrier friends in Canton. ✦ Tiny little **Felicia** can now sit on a lap for hours on end; she was adopted by Cassidy, Michelle, and Bruce of Chardon. ✦ **CoConut** commands the full attention of Monica and Marie of North Olmsted. ✦ Heidi Bailey and family of Broadview Heights have lovingly welcomed a **little Dutch girl** from Lorain County. ✦ Kai, one of our dedicated volunteers, has adopted **2 very special buns** from Lorain County. ✦ **Gumby** enjoys lots of snuggle time with the LaBillas family in Akron. ✦ Linda Sigismondi has welcomed **Sadie**, a Dutch girl from Lorain County, into her home in Gallipolis to bond with another Buckeye HRS alum, Oliver.

Update—Lorain County Crisis, Cont'd.

You can help by:

- Taking in one or more of these bunnies temporarily until we can place them into one of our foster homes, or into a permanent home.
- Transporting small groups of rabbits to/from the vet (between Elyria and Shaker Heights)
- Cleaning cages, feeding and watering the bunnies (typically on a Saturday or Sunday)
- Dropping off supplies to the lady's house (pellets, hay, cleaning supplies)
- Making a financial contribution
- Donating large exercise pens and/or dog crates

A truly heartfelt thank you to all those, especially the volunteers, who have given their time, supplies and/or monetary donations. Thank you all for your continued support, and please consider taking one of these bunnies into your home permanently or temporarily. ✦



Is There Any Room at the Inn?, Cont'd.

On the way to the shelter I start to wonder ... what kind of shape will he (she) be in? Have they been neglected and abused? After those and other haunting questions run through my mind, I arrive at the shelter like a martini of emotions that has been both shaken and stirred. At this point I hurry into the shelter so I can see for myself the condition of the rabbit. Again, I've been lucky to have never received any who have been in extremely poor condition. The key word being "extremely". In the one situation where the rabbit was in a bad state, they decided that the merciful action was to euthanize the rabbit due to severe head trauma.

I open the door and see the grateful faces of the volunteers. They know that my being there means they will not have to put down the furry, long-eared creature who has charmed them. I wait anxiously for them to wrap up business with the line of people that is always there. Finally, they greet me and escort me back to the holding area of this animal prison (probably the only prisons where every inmate really is innocent).



As I'm taken through the room with the various barking dogs and meowing cats, I'm introduced to a scared and nervous rabbit who is unsure of his fate; perhaps wondering, "What did I do to be put in such a place?" I slowly introduce myself and try to comfort and assure my new friend that he has just been given a second chance at a wonderful and happy life with people who will be kind and generous not only with food and water, but with their love.

After the paperwork is filled out and all the sincere thank you's are said, my new foster rabbits secure in their carriers are ready to leave. The drive home always seems long to me, even though it's probably only a 15-minute commute. To make the time go by faster, I tell them how

I'm going to take good care of them until we can find them a permanent home. When we arrive I take them inside to get settled in their temporary home known as "The Rabbit Room".

As I prepare their areas, I continue to talk to them and watch them watching me still unsure of their fate. I get the litterbox ready, fill up the water bottles and dishes as well as their food bowls and give them plenty of timothy hay. Besides these basics that every animal has the right to, I also give them a rug and



towel for comfort. To keep the rabbits from being bored, I also supply them with some safe toys to occupy their intelligent minds and a stuffed animal

to keep them company.



Now that I have the living quarters ready I exam my new housemates. First I like to determine if I have a Patrick or a Patricia. Then I look through their fur for any abrasions, unwanted hitchhikers or anything out of the usual. Then I look at the ears, eyes, nose, nails and teeth. If there is nothing that needs immediate

medical attention, I put them on the scale to record their weight. After all of this is completed, it's finally time to rest and get comfortable with the new digs.

The next step is one that I quite enjoy. This is also a very important one ... the name. Sometimes it comes to me as soon as I see certain physical characteristics and sometimes it takes time to get to know the personality. The reason I feel the name is important is because in addition to pictures, the name and accompanying copy is all that I have to entice a potential adopter on the personality of the rabbit.

In the words of Bob Barker, "Help control the pet population, have your pet spayed or neutered." As soon as possible, I get the rabbits to the vet for this procedure, a fecal test and any other necessary



treatments. I always feel terrible for having to take them so shortly after coming to me, but this is very important and so far they have all forgiven me. Some have taken a little longer to forgive me, but they do forgive me.

Besides the daily care and training it's now a waiting game. I wait for a phone call or an email from some kind soul who is ready to adopt one of my foster rabbits and make him part of the family. I have had some foster rabbits longer than others. There's no particular reason for this. I like to think it's fate making sure that each rabbit goes to the right home. The application is filled out; questions are asked, then it's time to meet.

The car pulls up and the excited potential adopters rush to the door. I love to see the anticipation on

the faces of those who are ready to have a rabbit companion. After the brief hellos, the waiting is over as I carry my foster rabbit to meet his potential family.

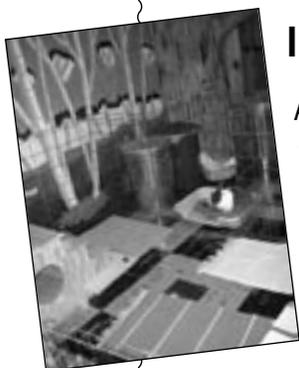
With everyone sitting on the floor, I put the rabbit down to hop around and meet everyone. Some are more reserved, allowing pets, but being cautious of the strangers. Some immediately turn on the charm, showing off with binkies and other antics. It is at this time that I know that my foster rabbit has found his permanent home.

Although this is what we work toward, it is still a bittersweet moment for me. I have to say goodbye to this sweet animal for whom I have developed deep emotion. That's when I remind myself ... Now I have room to rescue another rabbit from an

unfair fate. As they drive off, I smile with tears in my eyes, ready for the process to start all over.

To all of the fosterers and volunteers, I would like to say congratulations on doing such a wonderful job for our important mission. To the rabbits I have fostered, it was a privilege and a pleasure having you in my life even if only for a short time. And to everyone who has opened his or her home to a rabbit, well you've already been rewarded with more than anything I can say.

There are several circumstances and scenarios that lead up to every rabbit's dismissal and path to me. But my involvement almost always starts with one simple question, "Is there any room at the inn?" 🐰



It's a Rabbitat Contest!

All our wonderful rabbits have a place to call their own in our homes. We want you to send in photos of your bunny's area. The contestant with the most elaborate "rabbitat" will win. Three prizes will be awarded—a handmade Bolt + Frolic bunny pillow, a "Seize the Hay" T-shirt, and a Buckeye HRS mug. We will announce the winners and publish the winning set-ups in the Winter 2007 Harelines. Prizes will be mailed to the winning contestants.

To enter: email your photos to herta@ohare.org or snail mail them to Buckeye HRS, P.O. Box 5767, Athens, OH, 45701. Please be sure to include your name and address. If you would like your pictures returned, please include a SASE. All entries must be postmarked by 15 December, 2006.

May the Best Rabbitat Win!

Treating and Preventing Sore Hocks, Cont'd.

Of course, no matter what type of litter is used, cleaning the litterboxes regularly is a must to keep everything clean and dry.

Make sure your rabbit has plenty of room and time to exercise outside his cage, if he is caged. He needs to run around and not be confined to sitting in one place in order to distribute the weight off of his heels. Keep toenails clipped short and do a foot inspection weekly so you become familiar with what is happening on your rabbit's feet. 🐰



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Your \$33.00 annual membership in the Buckeye HRS includes:

- National membership (\$18.00) and 3-4 issues of the *House Rabbit Journal*
 - Local membership (\$15.00) and issues of *Harelines*
- If you are already a national member, your local fee is \$15.00

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