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## An Officer and a Gentlebun

*By Admiral Wigglesworth Hiccup (with a little help from Tamra Dotson)*

Hello, my name is Admiral Wigglesworth Hiccup; formerly known as Buckles. I used to live with Herta, and was a part of the Buckeye House Rabbit Society. I was very happy there, but Herta thought I needed my own home with lots of attention.

Now, I not only have my own home, I am in charge here. It wasn't always this way. At first I was very timid and unsure. My mom was very careful with me, and did her best to help. There were just so many new things. At first she put me in the corner of the entryway. Away from all the movement and noise. She would come sit in my cage, and just talk to me. I would hop in my litter box and pout. Suddenly, my mouth began to water! what was that wonderful smell? She had kale, and an orange slice! I carefully came over to get some, and she would pet my nose. She did this every day, and so did her children. Soon, I was hopping right in their laps to get my treats.



*Inky and the Admiral with canine pal Astro.*

The children, Poetry 15, and Austin 13, loved to pick me up and snuggle. Poetry always kisses me between the ears. Austin rubs noses. I started hopping right up to the door, waiting for my attention. I also had to get used to two VERY large furry creatures. I wasn't really scared of them, just unsure of what they were. Mom calls them "the dogs". Their names are Astro and Beamer. They are very gentle, and most times will walk away when I hop up to them. Sometimes I chase Beamer. Then, I realized they had more bunnies in the next room! Three of them to be exact.

After letting me visit with the other bunnies a few times, my cage was moved into the same room. I have decided we are NOT all created

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equal. My manners are much nicer than Miss Velvet Fuzziwug's. She tries to bite every time I visit outside her cage. She even has the audacity to growl! Madam Fluffypaws ignores me. However, the third bunny was rather sweet. Miss Inky Velour they call her. She is all black with floppy ears. Mom put my cage next to hers. When mom saw that we were spending our evenings chatting over fresh hay, or laying side by side, she took us outside to a fenced-in area, and let us meet. We chased each other, then would stop and eat grass, or lay down. She started letting us out in the evenings for playtime together, and leaving our cages open. We were never unsupervised. We would hop in each other's cages and lay down. Now, that Inky and I are best friends, she has connected the two cages, and we share one big space.

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### An Officer and a Gentlebun, Cont'd.

One day while running around, mom put a bright blue ring around my neck. I didn't pay it much attention. She did this every day for about a week. Then she took me outside, and hooked a bright blue string to the ring on my neck. I hopped off of her lap, but couldn't go very far! Mom talked to me and gave me spinach. Little by little I would get to go a little further, but only as far as the string would let me. She called it a collar and leash. Inky has a pink one with rhinestones. After I understood how to go only until I felt a slight tug, I wasn't afraid any more. Plus, when I wear my leash I get to go on the front hill and eat clover.

I also get to go to the woods and see the wild bunnies! Never without my leash though. I go to the pet store, and ride in the buggy. We go visit people, and I sit very still on their laps. Mom says in the spring I will take a test. If I pass, I will be a Delta Society registered Therapy Bunny. Inky is one of those, and she tells me amazing stories about kids giving her lots of love, and older people crying because they are so happy to see her. Astro is a registered Therapy Dog too. I hope I pass. Mom thinks I will, because I am so sweet. I have learned to bump people when I want attention. I have learned that I can get used to anything as long as my people go slowly, and give me lots of love.

Well, time for me to hop on the couch and lick Poetry. This is always good for a pet and often gets me a treat too. I have dogs to chase, Velvet to scold, people to sucker out of carrots, and a very busy house to keep in line. They don't call me the Admiral for nothing!

## Farewells

### *Brubée*

Not one to suffer, you left just 3 weeks after what appeared to be a very successful bladder stone removal surgery. You came home and seemed like you were ready to enjoy life for another 10 years! I guess it was the stress of the post-op drug and sub-q fluid regimen that you had enough of. But you sure cooperated with everything that was asked of you. What a brave girl. I have such admiration for you. You lived well. Thank you for letting me hold you as you made your transition. What an amazing gift.



Hudson seems to be doing ok. I believe you and he had a secret talk about your departure. You two were so close—such dear partners for the past 6 years. I'm so happy you had that together. One of my best memories of you and him together was when you'd snuggle side by side and I could pet you both at the same time! I'd never witnessed such a wonderful bond as what you and he had. Constant, true love.

I remember how feisty you were as a youngster—you'd grunt, lunge and box at most anyone. But you mellowed out. Hudson's love had so much



to do with that. These past few years, whenever I asked, you'd give me a kiss. You never outgrew your tendency for adventure and mischief, and that makes me smile. You'd test your boundaries and delight with a hop/skip when caught in the act. And you were *such* a ham for the camera. Thanks for all the great photos!

You fell asleep in my arms the day before you left, and from your wiggling nose and twitching whiskers, I saw that you were dreaming sweet bunny dreams—doing binkies in a field of cilantro, perhaps? Bru, you were valiant, beautiful and dignified to the end, and I miss you with all my heart.

*Ellen Brynn Eder*



## The Joys of Fostering

By Emily Ley-Shiley

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**Emily:** *State your name and what you do?*

**Keith:** Keith Zimmerman. I'm a licensed fosterer for the Buckeye House Rabbit Society.

**Q:** *What type of person makes a bunny person?*

**A:** I think the most important thing to being a bunny person is to be an animal lover. There's special needs and care issues that come along with it, so it has to be someone who's willing to spend time and dollars on their pets. And that's not something that everybody likes to do.

**Q:** *What type of person does it take to be a foster parent?*

**A:** The type of person who will be good at fostering and enjoy fostering is a little bit different from an owner. For one thing, you have to be willing to take on the burden of more animals, more responsibilities than a pet owner and also be willing to spend the extra time and expense in caring for whatever comes through your door. Because a lot of the fosters are not healthy or well socialized when they get in, it takes a lot of extra time and effort to do the care. Also you have to be the kind of person who's willing to let go of them when they do find a home. You have to be comfortable enough with their new home that you can give up somebody whom you've cared for, perhaps for a year or more.

**Q:** *What kind of financial support do you get?*

**A:** If there is funding available from our chapter (the Buckeye House Rabbit Society), then the medical expenses are usually reimbursed. Spay and neuter costs and any of the special things we get into with some of the injured or sick bunnies are reimbursed. But none of the food, housing, or any of the other items we need to care for them are reimbursed. If there's no money available in the chapter funds, that comes out of your own pocket. And the rabbits are still getting veterinary care whether it's being reimbursed or not.

**Q:** *How does fostering benefit bunnies?*

**A:** Fostering obviously benefits bunnies because there are a lot of them who would have been euthanized had someone not taken them from the shelter. Our group really focuses on taking in rabbits who are in their 11th hour at the shelter. Those are bunnies who would be put to sleep if somebody didn't take them. Also, strays are found who wouldn't survive much longer out in free range if somebody didn't take them in. That's where a lot of our fosters come from.

**Q:** *How does fostering benefit the shelters?*

**A:** Well, for one thing, the benefit the shelters get from fostering is that it's one less animal that has to be put to sleep. Also we spend a lot of time advising and providing supplies. Sometimes if they have a rabbit and we don't have space, we can get them to hold him a little longer if we provide supplies and education.

**Q:** *How did you get into fostering?*

**A:** Our introduction to fostering came from a shelter in Bowling Green, Ohio that had a huge seizure of 50 rabbits and they were struggling to take care of all of them. We were asked, as members of the House Rabbit Society, if we could work with their staff on care and proper nutrition. Some of the rabbits were in very bad shape and they couldn't care for them so we brought them home and it has gone uphill from there.



**Q: How easy is it to give them up to a new home?**

**A:** Our adoption criteria are fairly specific, so by the time we've gone through the background and talking to the people and educating them and making sure they're prepared, it's easy to feel pretty comfortable that the bunnies are going to a good home. We're happy that they're going to get a lot more interaction with their owners, probably more space to roam. So it's fairly easy.

**Q: What kind of facilities does the fosterer provide?**

**A:** The facilities you need as a fosterer depend on how many rabbits you plan on fostering. Obviously you need some space to do it. Every bun requires at least a 4-foot by 4-foot square pen. Other than that, it's just limitations on how much time and expense you can afford.

**Q: What are the least favorite and most favorite parts of fostering?**

**A:** The least desirable aspects of fostering are the phone calls you get from people who just want to dump their rabbit. There's no way we can take in all the bunnies we're approached about and our main focus is on rabbits who are due to be euthanized at a shelter. But we get so many calls from people for frivolous reasons, people who simply aren't interested in their bunny anymore. I would classify it as irresponsible pet ownership and it's really depressing. For me, the highest point of fostering is when someone who has adopted from us emails us photos of their bunny in a really happy environment. And the reassurance of knowing that the owners are so happy with their pet and that the bunny is in a loving home is probably the most rewarding thing for me.

**My Closing Thoughts:**

When I met and talked with bunny fosterers Keith and Sue Zimmerman two months ago, I thought I'd gotten a great wealth of information for my bunny documentary. I knew many of my friends on the Lagomorph Lounge had adopted foster bunnies or hosted foster bunnies before the buns

found their forever home.

So I understood from an intellectual point of view that fostering is a lot of hard work but very rewarding. But I still didn't understand it emotionally the way my friends did.



*"Jackhammer Head?!!  
Hel-lo, my name's D.Q."*

Then just a couple of weeks ago, I decided I wanted to adopt DQ, Finn's sister whom I hadn't been able to stop thinking about since meeting her in Ohio back in August. Now I'm chatting a good deal with DQ's foster mom, Kristen—what DQ eats, how she gets around with her handicap, how she interacts with her neighbor buns, and so forth. Kristen stays busy with all her fosters, but I know I wouldn't be able to get the kind of input from an overcrowded, understaffed shelter that I'm getting from her, because Kristen has more opportunity to get to know DQ's personality and quirks. How many shelters would take the time to nickname her "Jackhammer Head"? Kristen can give her charges more time and attention, dedicate more effort to finding a perfect home for DQ.

When I transcribed Keith's interview, so much more of it was significant. Two months ago, I thought, wow, what a great thing these people are doing, contributing their personal resources for house rabbits and their future owners. Now that I'm adopting from a fosterer, I think, I am so glad DQ has Kristen as a dependable friend and supporter. I see it from a more involved point of view now.

In conclusion, foster parents share an important part of their charge's lives and I know I will keep Kristen involved in DQ's life. I can't imagine it any other way. 🐰



## Northwest Ohio Needs Volunteers

By Sue Zimmerman

My name is Sue Zimmerman. My husband Keith and I are licensed fosterers for the Buckeye House Rabbit Society. We are located in Fremont, Ohio (30 minutes east of Toledo) and currently we are up to our "ears" in rabbits needing homes. We face many challenges because Northwest Ohio is mainly rural. Rabbits are more often viewed as livestock and many nearby animal shelters will not accept rabbits into their care. Because the shelters won't take them in; many rabbit owners turn their unwanted bunnies loose to fend for themselves. This has resulted in a tremendous number of strays and we can only take them in when we have an open spot. (We are almost always full to capacity). We are seeking volunteers in our neck of the woods to give us a hand. Here are some ways that you can help.

- Consider adopting a rabbit from the Buckeye House Rabbit Society. When you adopt a bunny, a space opens up so that another rabbit can be rescued.
- Consider becoming a foster home. More foster homes are greatly needed in the Northwest Ohio area. Buckeye HRS will provide training and will reimburse you for medical expenses when funding is available. Fostering takes a great level of commitment, responsibility, time and your own financial resources. If you think that you have what it takes to foster a homeless rabbit, please contact a Buckeye House Rabbit Society representative for more information.
- Become a packet mailer. Our packet mailers are so very important to our organization and we could not do what we do without them. A packet mailer is responsible for mailing out information at the request of the fosterer to potential adopters or to those in need of education and information on rabbit care. Being a packet mailer requires good organization skills, personal time and some financial resources to cover postage.

- Volunteer your time to socialize with our foster rabbits. Keith and I could always use some people to help socialize the rabbits to get them ready for adoption. What could be better than spending time petting, playing with and grooming sweet little bunnies!! Make an appointment to visit us today.
- We occasionally need transporters to take rabbits and/or supplies from/to other foster homes in Cleveland or wherever needed.
- Donations (monetary or supplies) are always welcomed and appreciated. Wood stove pellets, white vinegar and paper towels are just a few of the supplies that we go through on a regular basis.

If you have what it takes to be a committed volunteer and are located in Northwest Ohio, please get in touch with us. We sincerely appreciate your offer to help and so do all of the bunnies! 🐰

**Sue and Keith Zimmerman can be reached at (419) 355-8433 or by e-mail at [sue@ohare.org](mailto:sue@ohare.org)**

Note: Volunteers for the Buckeye House Rabbit Society are always needed and welcomed no matter where you live!

### SHOW ME THE BUNNY!

#### Snickers's New Clothes

By Brandy Fields

We all know that our bunnies love to chew cardboard, so one day I decided to give Snickers, my tiny 2.5 lb. bunny, an industrial-sized toilet paper roll to nibble on and toss around. Little did I realize that he would try it on as body armor! It turned out that he fit perfectly inside the roll. I walked into the room one day and found him in his bunny condo with the roll stuck right around his middle! The poor guy was shocked at his new outfit and tried to jump onto his second floor in the hopes of ridding himself of this constricting new armor. The roll, however, acted as a weight, and when he tried to jump, he missed! His face showed complete panic. I felt so sorry for him that I quickly got him out of it, but I laughed so hard that I cried. From then on, I cut a slit in the roll so that he can't get stuck, and we haven't had any incidents since!

## Come One, Come All: Cincinnati-area Bunny Owners Coming out of the Woodwork to Volunteer for Buckeye HRS

by Jennifer Wolfe

*Dawn & Danielle Hagedorn  
(from left to right) with Gus*



Back in the summer of 2001, I became a member of the Buckeye House Rabbit Society. I was also eager to become a volunteer and, eventually, a foster home. At that time, I was the only volunteer in the Cincinnati area. I studied the list of volunteer duties, but found that I was limited in what I could do. The local shelters didn't want my help unless I could actually take rabbits off their hands, there were no other volunteers around to help me organize projects (or even think of any), and it seemed that no one in Cincinnati had ever heard of the Buckeye HRS.

My, how times have changed.

In late '01, I met one of my company's new sales reps when she passed by my desk and saw my bunny pictures. She stopped to tell me all about her darling Sweetpea, and we got to talking about Buckeye HRS and volunteering. That was Michele Roth Kerley. Things began to grow, and a year later, Michele became the first foster home in the Cincinnati area.

Along the way, I met Dawn Hagedorn. She had adopted a rabbit and was having a bit of trouble. I visited her house to help her out and we really hit it off. She was very interested in volunteering, which turned out to be a wonderful thing. Dawn provides temporary foster care and has helped us save three rabbits.

Volunteer Emilie Davis came on board with media connections and arranged a pre-Easter interview for my foster rabbits and me on WCPO's Saturday morning news show.



*Jann Kuntavanish  
with Lilo*

In July of '03, Cincinnati had its first potluck picnic. It was a huge success with great food, great prizes, and great

people. From the picnic came volunteers Andrea Markey, Jann Kuntavanish, and Cindy Goldizen.

Andrea has contributed a great deal of her time with the Petsmart adoption days by creating displays and staffing the events. She is also a temporary foster home. Jann mails information packets and also drives down from Dayton for Petsmart days. Cindy Goldizen is also a welcome addition to the Petsmart adoption-day crew. In addition, Brandy Fields supplies copies of newsletters and other handouts for the Petsmart display, and staffs the event.

I am deeply grateful that so many talented and generous people in my area have stepped up to lend a helping hand for Buckeye HRS. How rewarding to know these fine individuals who donate their time, efforts, money, and space in their hearts and homes to help rabbits in Cincinnati! Knowing what tremendous growth we have experienced in such a short time allows me to anticipate what can only be success and progress in the future. I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to all of the Cincinnati-area volunteers who participate in our chapter. We are bettering bunny lives every day. Bunny kisses to you all. 🐰

*Since this article was written, volunteer Brandy Fields has become a Buckeye HRS educator. She is also the local volunteer coordinator. If you live in the Cincinnati area and would like to help out, please contact Brandy—brandy@ohare.org.*



## Somebunny Needs YOU!



**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.**



**Maya** is a sweet black Havanna, born in August 2002. She came to us with her babies—Sonny, Blue, Verde, and Maya—who are now all grown. Maya weighs roughly 5.5 lbs, is great with her litterbox, and loves to eat her salads. **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.**



**Merlin** is a young, reddish-brown boy who is quiet and gentle. He enjoys being petted, but like many bunnies, not held. He especially loves being around children and is comfortable with dogs. Merlin does great with his litterbox, is a hearty eater, and weighs roughly 5-6 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. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



**Melody** is a 3 lb girl with Hotot markings; mostly white with black accents around her eyes and on her ears. She's close to 6 months old and was found as a baby by some compassionate people, wandering around their neighborhood in Bedford. Melody is unusually calm and sweet, doesn't mind being held, and loves to sit with you for pets. She would do fine with children and will remain small. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



**Harlan** is a beautiful reddish brown mini rex, approximately 6 months old, who is very friendly but may need a little time to warm up to his new family. He was found with Melody wandering around in the cold in a Bedford neighborhood at 3 months of age. Harlan would make a wonderful companion if you are thinking about getting a friend for your female bunny! **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



**Klaus** (rhymes with "house") is 8 pounds of solid gray bunny, but melts when you sit to pet and snuggle with him. Klaus would make a wonderful family pet for anyone with children—he's tolerant and loves to be around people. He's also great with his litterbox, and will definitely let you know when it's mealtime! **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**





**Francisco** is mostly white with black accents on his ears and around his blue eyes. Francisco weighs roughly 4 lbs and his calm and gentle nature makes him an excellent choice for a family with children. His vision is somewhat clouded, but good enough to jump up onto his perch, where he prefers to eat his meals and take

his naps. Francisco is a real snuggler, so plan on spending lots of time sitting and petting him. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



**Pierre** is a true snuggle bunny, always looking for a hand to reach out to pet him. He's a champion hay eater and perfect with his litterbox. Pierre is an excellent choice for kids -- he's affectionate and patient and will provide much companionship and

joy to a loving family. Pierre weighs approximately 5 lbs and has beautiful white fur with dark brown ears, paws, nose and tail.

**Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



**Sprite** is a 2.0 lb bundle of energy who also loves to be snuggled and petted. She has a unique personality —gentle and lovable, yet feisty and independent at times. Mostly though, she loves to interact with people and would do very well with kids. Sprite is a tiny chocolate brown

dwarf who eats tons of hay and is perfect with her litterbox. She is unlikely to get any bigger than she is. **Please contact Kristen Doherty 440-543-4959.**



What's soft and white and oh so sweet? **Marsh-Mellow**, of course! This big, fluffy pair does everything together and one is usually snuggled up against the other, napping or grooming. **Marshall** (about eight pounds) is the more adventurous and loves to check out new things, while

**Mellow** (about six pounds) is content to lounge around her pen. She has the too-cute habit of stuffing her head under his stomach while he's eating; we think it must feel like a massage. Both are in excellent health and must be adopted together. **Please contact Herta Rodina (herta@ohare.org) 740-797-7616.**



**Cinder** is a shy bunny who's beginning to enjoy the pleasures of gentle human companionship and petting. She's looking for a calm, patient home where she can take time to come out and shine. This five-pound lop is strong and healthy with excellent litterbox habits. Could Cinder be your Cinderella?

**Please contact Herta Rodina (herta@ohare.org) 740-797-7616.**



Softer than the Velveteen Rabbit, little **Rugby** is a delightful bundle of energy and affection. This mini-rex is about 4 years old and is in excellent health. His litter habits are impeccable. Despite his small size, Rugby has an enormous appetite for veggies and hay. **Please contact Herta Rodina (herta@ohare.org) 740-797-7616.**



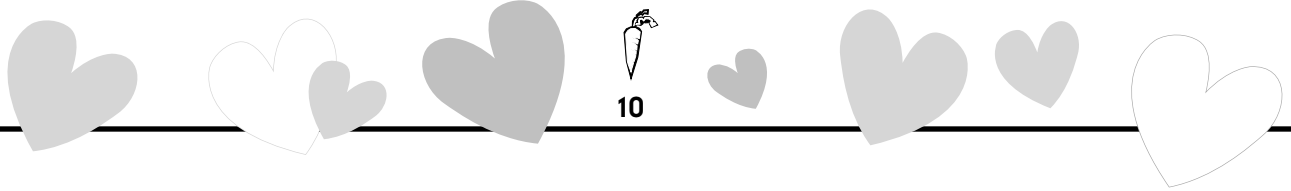
**Sara** is a quiet girl who keeps her area very tidy. She is a Dutch rabbit about a year old, weighing 5 lbs. She would benefit from a home that has time to spend petting her and helping the more adventurous side of her personality come through. **Please contact Kristi Cole (kristi@ohare.org) 330-484-8416.**



**Harriet** came into HRS foster care from a shelter with her six newborns in early February. She was a very nurturing mother and did a great job raising her babies into healthy "teens". Now it's time for Harriet to have her own permanent, loving home where she can be doted on. She weighs 4.5 lbs., is very laid back and likes human attention. She is about a year old and loves her salads. **Please contact Kristi Cole (kristi@ohare.org) 330-484-8416.**



**Mabel** means lovable and this girl has sure proven that. Mabel came from the Portage County rescue with her three little babies. This poor girl had horrible bites on her ears and she was underweight. Mabel has now been given a clean bill of health by the vet. She is spayed, healthy, and ready to go to a new home where she can get the love and attention she deserves. Mabel has excellent litterbox habits, is very non-destructive, and she likes to hang out with the cats in her foster home. How can you resist those airplane ears! **Please contact Kristi Cole (kristi@ohare.org) 330-484-8416.**



### Somebunny Needs YOU! Cont'd.



**Tahoe** was born in the summer of 2004 and he's a real cutie, with his coat of various shades of tans and browns. He is very friendly and likes to play inside of and on top of his cardboard box "hut". He is not yet full grown, but will be about 5-6 lbs. as an adult. **Please contact Kristi**

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**Harley** is a Harlequin (hence the name). She is a sweet, loveable, three-pound girl with silky soft fur and bright blue eyes. This greater Cincinnati-area bun is a bit timid, but will warm up with lots of love and attention! **Please contact Michele Kerley (michele@ohare.org) 859-261-0556.**



**Allie** is a very cute and sweet gray and white lop-eared bunny. She loves to be petted and does a cute little dance at feeding time. Allie would make a wonderful addition to your family. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Good things come in small packages. **Comet** is a cute little guy with a very friendly personality. He loves interacting with his human companions and likes to snuggle right up next to you. Not only does he welcome

being picked up or held, he is very neat and has excellent litter box habits. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



**Powder** is a beautiful, pure white, lop-eared rabbit. She is very sweet, friendly, and curious. She will melt for pets on her head. If you are looking for a bunny with a loving and active

personality, Powder is the bunny for you! **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



My name is **Bam-Bam** and I am a big boy (7 lbs). Somebody moved out of their apartment and "forgot" to take me along. I love my new foster home, but I would be very happy to have a permanent home with somebody special. I am friendly and happy and I like to be around people. **Please contact Sue**

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**Bizzy** certainly lives up to her name. She has beautiful blue/gray coloring and gorgeous brown eyes. She is a small, sweet little girl who is about 9 months old and weighs 4 lbs. Bizzy does lots of running in her pen and loves to climb onto her cardboard boxes. She

especially enjoys meal time and nose pets. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



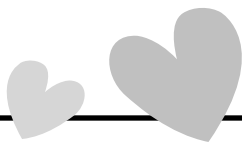
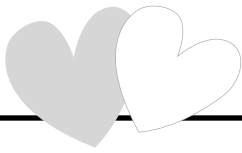
Meet **Romper the Stomper!** Romper was found running loose in a rough area of Cleveland. (Hats off to Rainbow Connection Animal Rescue for finding him, holding him until we had an open spot, AND getting him neutered.) He is a small guy, weighing only 3 lbs., and he's probably only about 8 months old.

Romper got his name because his first few hours in foster care were spent letting everybun know he was "in the house." He has a quiet disposition now and is just starting to come out of his shell. He should do well with an active household that's ready for a young, curious bunny! **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Hello, my name is **Pebbles**. I was found wandering around a shopping center parking lot. Some nice people helped me and brought me to a great foster home. I am very sweet but a

little bit shy until I learn that I can trust you to be my friend. I am blind in one eye but that doesn't bother me one bit so it should not bother you either. I would really like to be a part of your family. **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.**



**Annie** is a female rex rabbit who was rescued in August. Long ago she suffered a broken leg that was never properly set, so her left foot turns inward. She has no trouble getting around

and it doesn't bother her one bit! She will do best in a quiet home with someone who can help her regain her trust in humans. Annie is 5 years old and weighs about 4 lbs. **Please contact Sue Zimmerman (sue@ohare.org) 419-355-8433.**



Pretty **Patty** is a unique-looking rabbit with beautiful short brown fur and extremely long, black eyelashes. She is quite seductive! Although a little shy, she warms up quickly once she gets to know you. Patty is a 4-year old with excellent litterbox habits and weighs around 5 lbs. **Please**

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

## Adopted!

**Fozzie** is happily settled into his new home with Mandi. ♡ **Etana** now has a wonderful new home and is enjoying lots of attention from Janet. ♡ Sweet mini-rex **Roo** was adopted by the Plastow family. ♡ **Flower** has lots of room to run and play in her brand-new home with Stacy Murphy. ♡ Christie Tung has welcomed **Carrot** into her home and has introduced her to a new bunny companion, Digby. ♡ **Reno** is now happily living with the Gregg family. ♡ The Schroeder family of Perrysburg is enjoying the company of their very first house rabbit, **Bucky!** ♡ **Big Joe** has made his way into the home and the hearts of the Beck Family. ♡ The Elcherts of Tiffin, OH have chosen **Dusty** (now **Kuddles**) to be a part of their family. ♡ Congratulations to the King family. They gave a warm welcome to **Daphne** who is the latest member of the family. ♡ Three cheers for **Clarence**, who was adopted very quickly by Cammy and her family in Mentor. ♡ **Schroeder** enjoys the full attention of Paul Joseph and family of Solon. ♡ **Courtney** adds lots of fun and laughter to the Roberts family of Clinton. ♡ **Soleil** gets more attention and freedom than she ever dreamed possible with Leeanna and Wendy of Lakewood. ♡ **D.Q.** keeps pal Bennett company all day in Columbia, SC with Emily, and has made her debut on Emily's webcam!

## SHOW ME THE BUNNY!

### The Hare Dryer *By Sue Zimmerman*

Many years ago we had only one pet rabbit. Jessica was about 4 months old and pretty much had full run of the house. We were watching TV in the living room and we heard a scuffle coming from upstairs. We ran to see what was the matter and were amazed to find little Jessie having a ball exploring the inside of the bathtub. There was no water in the tub; however, it was quite wet from recent use. I helped Jessie out of the tub and noticed that her fur was soaking wet. I shooed her out of the bathroom and we went back downstairs. A few minutes later Jessie came into the living room to join the rest of the family. She plopped herself down in front of the blowing furnace and lay there as if she were actually trying to dry off her fur. We laughed and joked about Jessie using the "hare" dryer! To this day, 6 years later, Jessie's favorite place to sack out is in front of the warm blowing furnace register in the living room. ♡



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