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HOPPY NEW Year from Friends of Rabbits.

As we begin our new year there's a bit of unfinished business. First, there is always a question about whether you need a tax receipt or not. This is what is required of charities as found in the book "Taxes 2008 for Dummies": "For donations in excess of \$250 (per donation), keep a written receipt or letter form the charity that states the amount or nature of your donation. For donations under \$250 (per donation), make sure you have a credit card receipt, canceled check, notation on a bank statement, or a receipt from the charity if you want to claim that deduction." For donations \$250 and over, we will be mailing you a receipt and if you haven't received it yet, please let us know. If you would like a receipt for donations less than \$250, please notify us and we'll get a receipt out to you.

I'm working on our 2008 financial report and hope to get it out before our next newsletter.

We have a new Falls Church rabbit supply store location--see Nancy Schroer's message about the store at her house. Please help support our organization by purchasing your rabbit supplies!

We have lots of events planned already, so we hope to see you soon!

Calendar of Events

Please RSVP at events@friendsofrabbits.org and ask for directions or details. See page 7 for more detailed descriptions or explanations.

Saturday, February 7, 2009—Please email or call to make your appointment!
SPA DAY at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria

Since this is a fundraiser to help the animal shelter, we suggest a \$25 donation per rabbit participating.

Sunday, February 15, 2009 1-4pm

OPEN HOUSE at Vanessa's house

Bring your rabbit over for a free nail trim and grooming. Please contact us for directions.

**Saturday, February 28, 2000 12-4pm—A special presentation celebrating:
National Adopt a Rescue Rabbit Month**

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria presentation-- a special event celebrating National Adopt a Rescued Rabbit month. There will be a special program planned. Please visit our website for details as we get closer to the date.

Saturday, March 14, 2009 1-4pm

OPEN HOUSE at Nancy's house in Falls Church

Bring your rabbit over for a free nail trim and grooming. Please contact us for directions.

We are planning the following future events:

- > May 2009 Spa Day in Arlington
- > May 2009 Rabbitwise White rabbit Tea party
- > June 2009 Open House Columbia, MD
- > July 24-27, 2009 Human Society of the United States Taking Action
> for Animals Conference
- > August 2009 Open House in Virginia
- > September 2009 Spa day in Alexandria
- > October 2009 Open house in Maryland
- > October 2009 (Date to be confirmed/announced) Rabbitwise Bunnacula Ball
- > December 2009 Open house in Virginia

Past Events

Sunday, November 9, 2008—NAN Open House

We have a chance to meet Oxbow Representative Jeremy Baker. Oxbow has a lot of new products including an organic product line called "bene Terra." We'll have some of these new items available at our next events.

Saturday, December 13, 2008

OPEN HOUSE at Beth Rosenfeld and Van Johnson's house in Alexandria

We had a number of rabbits come in for a nail trim and grooming. It's always quite a surprise to see how much loose hair these little rabbits can hide—especially when Karen and Felix didn't think their rabbits were molting! We also had a person who came to learn more about rabbits.

House Rabbit Sanctuary Update

Fred is thoroughly happy with his friends Lucky and Buddy.

Archie's lump turned out to be a cancerous tumor, but has been removed and he's recovered well. He's been doing so well that we were able to have him finally neutered this month!

You can read these past stories in our previous newsletters online:
<http://friendsofrabbits.org/news.htm>

Special Announcement—Repeat

Volunteers are needed for Animal Disaster Planning in Baltimore. Baltimore City is looking for volunteers to assist with the formation of a Baltimore City Animal Response Team (BCART). For more information, contact Alexis Mitchell at BaltimoreCART@gmail.com.

Rabbit Supplies for Sale

We offer rabbit supplies at a substantial saving compared to stores/internet and the profits all go back to helping the rabbits directly.

See our list of goodies for the rabbits by clicking [here](#).

We offer supplies for sale already at the following locations:

Susan Wong - Columbia, MD
susan@friendsofrabbits.org

Kevin Anderson - Bethesda, MD
Kevin.Anderson@marriott.com

Nancy Schroer - Falls Church VA
Nschroer@aol.com

Joe Monaco - Centreville, VA
bunrescue@juno.com

And our newest location will be open August 9, 2008 at
Vanessa Hartman - Silver Spring, MD
vanessahartman@yahoo.com

HAY!

We have lots of varieties of HAY! Not only do we carry Oxbow and American Pet Diner hay, we have lots of fresh local hay -- Timothy Hay (100%), brome, orchard grass, alfalfa and clover. Keep your bunny's diet diverse. Reserve the high calorie hays like alfalfa and clover as treat hays, but the other hays that we have opened up new interest in hay for those fussy rabbits who don't want to eat the same old same old.

Unfortunately we will no longer have the Harlan products available to us.

Dear Friends of Rabbits supporters:

There has been a change in your Friends of Rabbits bunny supplies pickup location in Falls Church. Mikki Staab has passed the hat to me, Nancy Schroer, just a mile away from her previous location and still in Falls Church.

All supplies are discounted and cost less than most retailers'. Your purchases directly benefit Friends of Rabbits' educational efforts and our foster rabbits!

Sample of Items Available at Pickup Location:

- Bales and Litter
 - Local Bale
 - CareFRESH Pet Bedding (50L)
- American Pet Diner Products
 - American Pet Diner Tim Gold (25#)
 - American Pet Diner Tim High Fiber (25#)
 - Smaks Treats—Apple Pellets (2 oz)
 - Smaks Treats—Diced Dehydrated Apples (2 oz)
- Oxbow Products
 - Bunny Basics/T Pellets—Adult (10#)
 - Bunny Basics 15/23—Young (10#)
 - Cavy Cuisine—Adult Guinea (10#)
 - Cavy Performance—Young Guinea (10#)
 - Early Cut Western Timothy (25#)
 - Early Cut Western Timothy (50#)
 - Oat Hay (15 oz)
 - Timothy Tunnel
 - Timothy Bungalow (Medium)
 - Timothy Bungalow (Large)
 - Critter Berries (3.5 oz)
 - Organic Barley Biscuits
 - Papaya Tablets (500)
 - Critical Care—Anise (1#)
 - Critical Care—Apple/Banana (1#)
- Busy Bunny Products
 - Unpeeled Willow Tent/Tunnel
 - Willow Bowl/Basket
 - Willow Ball (Small)
 - Willow Ball (Large)
 - Willow Chew Ring (Small)
 - Willow Chew Ring (Large)
 - Grass Ball
 - Seagrass Mat (Large)
 - Straw Mat (Large)
 - Straw Mat (Jumbo)
 - Maize/Seagrass Mat (Square)
- BunnyBytes and Other Toys
 - Metal Bell in Ball
 - Sampler -- Hanging Chew Toy (Short)
 - Whirlygig -- Hanging Chew Toy with Shredders (Short)
 - Munchie balls -- Hanging Chew Toy (Long)
 - Yucca Yum Yums -- Hanging Yucca Chew Toy
 - Shredders
- Miscellaneous Items
 - Petromalt (2 oz)
 - Hairbuster Combs
 - Zoom Groom Brush
 - Slicker Brush
 - Straight Scissors
 - Nail Clippers
 - Styptic Powder
 - Cottontail Cottage
 - Cottontail Castle
 - Exercise Pen 24"
 - Exercise Pen 30"
 - Exercise Pen 36"
 - Washable Pee Pads

All my current contact information is below.

Nancy Schroer

703-204-9065 (Phone)

703-403-0619 (Cell)

703-204-9098 (Fax)

nschroer@aol.com(Email)

You are welcome to fax, email, or call. Please be sure to leave your phone number in case I have questions.

I look forward to serving you and our rabbits.

Community Service: Helping Rabbits in Our Community

At Friends of Rabbits, we are all volunteers and work in cooperation with you and the community.

Education

Friends of Rabbits approaches education in many ways. We provide free care booklets and even coloring books to help educate people about rabbits. We reach out to veterinarians and keep them updated on our programs and services. We have a wonderful website as well. If you have suggestions or ideas to help us expand on our education programs, please let us know.

Outreach

We have adoption days and education booths set up at local pet supply stores. These events bring exposure to the rabbits for adoption as well as educate many people who already have rabbits. Special events organized by local animal shelters and humane organization open their events to rescue groups to do their outreach.

Advocacy

Speaking up for the rabbits when they need us.

We do not generally take owner surrenders. Instead we take rabbits from animal shelters when they might be euthanized. We offer rabbits more time to find a permanent home. We get contacted daily from someone needing to find their rabbit a home.

Most common reason that people give up their animals:

- 1) Moving—plan ahead. Put your best effort forward as if you were planning to move with your kids.
- 2) Allergies—make sure everyone in your home is not allergic to rabbits and even hay. Hay is the major part of any rabbit's diet.
- 3) The kids aren't interested or have moved off to college. Be aware that expecting a child to care for a rabbit may be unrealistic. If your child loses interest in their toys quickly, they might lose interest in an animal that is not incorporated as part of family life. Also, once your child is a teenager, will they be more interested in the rabbit or social life.

Our interest is to help you keep your rabbit and to live a long, happy, and healthy life with him/her. We offer various forms of support to you and your rabbit. Some examples include:

- providing free nail trimming
- finding reasonably priced bunny-sitting services
- providing mutual support and fellowship among people with rabbits with our gatherings, celebrations, open houses, SPA DAYS and special events

Here is a detailed list of our community services:

Open Houses

Bring your rabbit over for a FREE nail trim and grooming. We have some fantastic grooming tools to help you get off your stubborn mats and areas that might need special attention and cleaning. We'll get those scent glands cleaned out as well. Open Houses are held every other month on the second Saturday or Sunday. Check our web site for details.

Spa Days

Bring your rabbit in for an extra special treat. Your rabbit will be pampered with a manicure, pedicure, full service grooming and a massage by our rabbit massage therapist Aileen Hudspeth-Kennamore. For this event we have a suggested donation of \$25 for each rabbit. All your donations from our SPA DAYS help to support the rabbits at the animal shelters. If the shelter intends to segregate a fund specifically for the rabbits, then the shelter receives all the proceeds from the SPA DAY. This help ALL the rabbit rescue groups in the area when they rescue rabbits because the rabbit would have been spayed/neutered through these donations. Please look for SPA DAYS under the calendar of events.

Since Friends of Rabbits has been adopting rabbits to the area over 11 years ago, we've been able to follow the rabbits as they live out their lives with their families. We've noticed that more of our older rabbits develop health problems and these special rabbits could use the support of our rabbit community.

Here's how we can be helpful to you and your rabbit:

Nebulizers and chambers are available for a small rental fee.

Pam, Karen and Susan spent an afternoon making nebulizing chambers for the rabbits a few weeks ago and we now have 4 available for all sizes of rabbits.

Heating Pads—We have heating pads that can be microwaved and provide overnight warmth for a rabbit who may need help keeping up their body temperature.

Shave and a hair cut!

We have some great tools to help you keep your rabbit well groomed. If your bunny is having problems with urine or stools sticking to their bottoms, we can help you keep them clean.

Special House calls

Sometimes you need an extra bit of help with your rabbit. For example, if your rabbit needs subcutaneous fluids, we can help you get through the rough times. Many of us have plenty of experience giving subcutaneous fluids and can work with you to build the confidence that you need.

Interested in Post-Holiday Shopping?

Check out www.thebunnystore.com

Wish List

We are always in need of the following items:

- Storage Bins (leak-proof, not cracked)
- Cloth Towels - all sizes, condition -absorbent and a few holes or tears acceptable
- Not Too Old Computer/Laptops (please 3 years or newer)

Notes and Bunny Hugs

Again thank you all for your generosity and support.

Visit us online at www.friendsofrabbits.org.