Happy Anniversary, Rabbit Advocates!

Fifteen years ago, a small group of volunteers had a single vision: an organization to promote rabbits as companion pets. They knew the odds were long that they could create a foundation of education and build a network of volunteers to spread the word about the wonder of pet rabbits and how to care for these fun and unique creatures. Today, Rabbit Advocate volunteers talk with the public through monthly outreach opportunities, a website, a telephone helpline, a Facebook page, its newsletter and through its volunteers, the most important resource of all.

On its 15th Anniversary, Rabbit Advocates would like to thank all the volunteers who have dedicated their time, energy, money and other resources to making the organization the success it is and for the good work it has completed along the way.

At the helm of the organization has been the board of directors, a handful of volunteers who manage Rabbit Advocates, the organization. The board sets policy and handles some of the organizational responsibilities like insurance, the budget and keeping an ongoing record of the organization as required by state law. Some of the original members of the board of directors still serve on the board today. Their commitment for the past 15 years has been truly selfless. Thank you for your service: Mary Huey, the first president of the Rabbit Advocate board of directors; Kem Sypher, the first treasurer who served in that role for 14 years; and Joan Gilbert, who has tirelessly focused her work to contact with volunteers and maintenance of the very large and always changing database of information for the newsletter.

This issue of The Rabbit Advocate focuses on the organization’s most important asset—our volunteers. Features include a description of the life of a bunny rescuer, a snapshot of the hard work that goes into the bagging of Bunny’s Best Bites, an idea of a bunny spa day and finally, a plea for volunteers to lead Bunnypalooza 2018.

The Bunnypalooza 2018 planning committee needs your help. Co-chairs of the planning committee, Karen Wilson and Heather Rose, invite everyone interested in helping with this event to join in. The team will have monthly planning meetings. “If you are a creative thinker, inspired by a good challenge, and enjoy working with a group dynamic, we want to hear from you!” Karen said.

GET READY, GET SET FOR BUNNYPALOOZA 2018

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW

Specifically, the team needs volunteers who have an interest or expertise in the following areas:
- Advertising (print, digital and social media)
- Graphic design/art
- Corporate and business fund raising/donations of money and/or products
- Vendor solicitation and procurement
- Volunteer solicitation
- Planning indoor and outdoor bunny-themed activities for children and adults
- Rabbit Advocates sponsored education and public outreach
- Rabbit Advocates adoption and foster coordinators for the event
- RA themed/sponsored direct sale products including t-shirts, mugs, totes and other items
- Audio/visual planner and event coordinator
- Food cart and concession stand sales
- Silent auctions

If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Karen at karenmwilsonlaw@yahoo.com.
Dave Marvin gave his team of volunteers a big assignment: 300 bags of Bunny’s Best Bites ready to go by the end of the day. It was a huge task, a record as a matter of fact, and he knew he was asking a lot of the volunteers gathered at Alpenrose Dairy in SW Portland.

Bunny’s Best Bites is the Rabbit Advocates blend of gourmet hay created specifically for companion pet rabbits. Years ago, Rabbit Advocate volunteers began blending hay when adoptive homes found it difficult to find good-quality hay locally. Today, sales of Bunny’s Best Bites is the largest contributor to the Rabbit Advocates Medical Fund.

Dedicated volunteers, led by Dave Marvin as the project’s coordinator, get together the first Saturday of every month to bag hay for sale at five retail outlets and seven private home sales locations.

It used to be that 100 bags of hay was a large production. Three times that much was asking a lot of those in the barn.

But Dave had his reason for such a lofty goal. He said that almost all of the bags had already been promised to the retail outlets. In order to have enough bags of hay for the home sales outlets, the team of volunteers would have to be extra dedicated and be prepared for hard work.

And they were.

The team of volunteers included Rabbit Advocates President Mary Marvin; June Yamrick; Bonnie McFadden; Cherrie Champie; Lynne Kuchenreuther; Tim Patrick; Kris Newmann; Megan, Max, and Liam Futrell; Julie Thomas; Megan Geissler; Conor Gwyn; Brianna Oetken; Kentin and Bethany Hosley; Becky Rose; Karen Wilson; Alex Kelly; Sablahn Lighty; and Pam and Monte Wagner.

At the end of the day, the team produced 370 bags of Bunny’s Best Bites. As Dave explained, “we packed 295 bags just to meet our commitments, including 78 special orders and almost 220 bags of our signature 3-Way Hay. We delivered almost 90 bags of hay to our homesellers, and over 145 bags for our retail vendors (with another 45 bags packed and stored for delivery mid-month). Whatever bags we don’t sell later this month (ha-ha!) will give us a head-start on next month.”

Dave is grateful for volunteers for this hard work and for all the hard work month after month. “We smashed all of our records -- for total number of bags packed, for special orders bagged, and for extra bags stockpiled,” Dave said. “Every month, I am amazed at, and grateful for, the effort and initiative our volunteers dedicate. This month’s crew was definitely the best ever, just like every other crew I’ve had the pleasure to work with.”

Why is all this hay so important? The profit from the sales of Bunny’s Best Bites goes to the Rabbit Advocates Medical Fund. This fund pays for spaying and neutering rabbits and helps to offset the costs of other medical procedures and treatments. When the bags of hay are sold that the June crew bagged, more than $3,000 in sales will go to the Medical Fund.

“We’re bagging twice as much hay as we were a year ago, and three times as much as we were just two years ago,” Dave said. He adds, “We need volunteers next month and the month after that. The work is hard but the volunteers have a good time together and there is something very satisfying about seeing that pile of bags get higher and higher and the number grow and grow.”

For more information about the Bunny’s Best Bites hay bagging parties, see the Rabbit Advocates website at www.rabbitadvocates.org.

Cherrie Champie (left), Lynn Kuchenreuther and Bonnie McFadden make sure each bag contains the exact blend of hay. Photo by Leann Bleakney.
Handling Hay Allergies

By Sarah Yasutake

"Disclaimer: This article is not intended to provide medical advice. Please discuss allergy management with your doctor.

A huge, red welt was developing on my daughter’s wrist, and she said it itched like crazy. The scratch tests her allergist had ordered were working—my daughter was clearly allergic to something that started with a “T.”

“Maybe it’s trees,” I guessed.

“Maybe it’s turtles,” my daughter said. We laughed. I was happy to see that the spot on her arm marked “R” for rabbit wasn’t swelling at all.

After 15 minutes, the nurse came to examine my daughter’s arm. “Well, the good news is you aren’t allergic to rabbits.” She took a look at that big, angry welt marked with a “T.” “The bad news is, you’re allergic to timothy hay, and that’s what rabbits eat.”

So it wasn’t turtles or trees.

We’d told the nurse that we hoped to adopt a rabbit someday, and it turned out she had a house rabbit herself. So she knew that being allergic to timothy hay might be hard for someone with a pet rabbit. Hay is an essential part of a rabbit’s diet—it should make up at least 80 percent of what rabbits eat. It’s crucial for their digestive and dental health. Did my daughter’s allergy mean we couldn’t have a rabbit?

It turns out, it didn’t. There are ways to care for both your rabbit’s and your own health if you suffer from a timothy hay allergy.

Try a Different Type of Hay

Many people who are allergic to timothy hay are able to tolerate other types of hay. Grass hays are best for adult rabbits because they are lower in protein and calcium than other types of hays. Many pet stores offer alfalfa hay, but alfalfa is a legume, not a grass, and it’s too high in calcium for adult rabbits. Excess calcium might cause urinary and bladder problems.

Fortunately, timothy isn’t the only type of grass hay that adult rabbits can eat. Others include orchard, oat, brome, fescue, marsh, and ryegrass. In fact, it’s a good idea to offer your rabbit a variety of different grass hays to optimize nutrition and desensitize to changes in smell and texture.

Try a Different Brand of Hay

Some people report being more allergic to some brands of timothy hay than others. You might try using a different supplier to see if it makes a difference.

It might be tempting to use timothy hay cubes because they release less dust into the air than loose hay. However, these cubes should only be given as treats, and should not replace loose hay. The hay strands in the cubes are too short to be of complete benefit to the rabbit’s digestive system. Loose hay is also better for dental health because it requires more molar grinding.

Reduce Exposure to Allergens

If you do decide to feed your rabbit a type of hay that you’re allergic to, take measures to reduce your exposure to the allergens the hay produces.

• Keep your rabbit and/or your rabbit’s hay in a single room, and never bring hay into your bedroom. If possible, store hay in a garage.

• When handling hay, wear a mask with a filter, gloves, and long sleeves. Don’t touch your face after touching hay. When you’re done, wash yourself off and change clothes right away. If you wear glasses, clean them too. Launder your clothes as soon as possible and keep them in a sealed hamper, out of the bedroom, until you can put them in the washing machine.

• Have someone who isn’t allergic clean your rabbit’s habitat with the door closed.

• Use a vacuum with a HEPA filter, which will keep allergens from flying into the air. Dust often and use a damp mop to clean wood floors.

• Change or clean central air filters regularly.

• Try an air purifier with a HEPA filter in your rabbit’s room and/or in the bedroom of the person with the allergy.

Although some people are allergic to rabbits themselves, many who think they’re allergic to rabbits are actually allergic to the hay rabbits eat. I for one am thankful that despite my daughter’s timothy hay allergy, we’ll be able to have a rabbit again soon.

Thank You to Our Vets!

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the following veterinarians and staffs for their services to our rescued rabbits:

Dr. Katrina Ramsell
Northwest Exotic Pet Vet

Dr. Chris Wilson
Beaverton Pet Clinic, Beaverton

Dr. Mark Burgess
Southwest Animal Hospital, Beaverton

Dr. Sheri Schlorman
Creswell Veterinary Hospital, Creswell

Dr. Melinda Surrency
Scales & Tails Exotic Pet Clinic, Beaverton

Dr. Doug Ferro
Barclay Hills Animal Clinic, Oregon City

Dr. Nell Ostermeier
Lombard Animal Hospital, Portland

Dr. Peter Davis
St. Johns Veterinary Clinic, Portland

Dr. Rebecca Prull
NW Neighborhood Vet Hospital, Portland

Dr. Ken DeReamer
Dr. Monica Pollock
Paws and Claws Pet Medical Center, Troutdale and Peninsula Dog and Cat Clinic, Portland

Dr. Matt Fricke
McKenzie Animal Hospital, Springfield

We’d love to add more names to this list! Please call us at 503-617-1625 if you are a rabbit-savvy vet who is able to donate services to help rescued rabbits.
Volunteer Profile: Joan Gilbert

Founding Rabbit Advocate board member continues to find fulfillment in helping

By Sarah Yasutake

(Note: Joan Gilbert is one of the founding board members of Rabbit Advocates. Here, she and volunteer Sarah Yasutake have a conversation about how Joan got started volunteering with rabbits and Rabbit Advocates.)

How long have you been volunteering with Rabbit Advocates?

Seventeen years ago, after I lost my bunny, I started volunteering with rabbits in the small animal room at Oregon Humane Society. After a couple of years, several of us OHS volunteers decided to start our own non-profit, Rabbit Advocates! That was 15 years ago. I have been on the board all that time. (No one has wanted to kick me off yet!)

What do you do outside of Rabbit Advocates?

I am an electrologist with my own clinic, but for fun, I do any of these: play Mah Jongg and collect sets; am an amateur herbalist and gardener, growing bunny safe herbs and rose petals for their snacks; bluegrass festivals; buying and selling vintage jewelry; casino visits.

I have nine rescued cats and five bunnies.

What type of volunteer activities do you participate in?

Answering the Rabbit Advocate Helpline, keeping the newsletter database, acting as the grammar police (proofreader) for the newsletter, transporting rabbits to vets, driving supplies as needed, working small educational events, and catching abandoned rabbits at rescues. In the past, I was Volunteer Coordinator.

Can you tell us more about your experiences as a volunteer?

Answering our public Helpline often leads me to help someone rescue abandoned rabbits in yards, parks or fields. It takes anywhere from five minutes to several weeks to catch them...sometimes using several volunteers or a live trap. Sometimes the rabbits are very scared when caught, but calm down when they realize they are safe and sound and getting good care (and good veggies!).

Out of my personal bunnies, Potter was running around a pottery show at Edgefield, Dreamin’ was a baby on a farm with aggressive dogs, Cauli came from a hoarder, Hickory was part of a group of 20 under someone’s house, and Fennel, a Jersey Wooly, even showed up in the street in front of my house!

Sherwood was lost in a forest with a Great Horned owl in the tree above. Another time I caught three 5-week-old bunnies in a woodpile and even found the Mama, Marble, and gave her to Leann, our newsletter editor, for fostering. The next day she had nine more babies! They were so darling, we each kept some of them. And Leann kept all nine babies!

If an owner is not found to relinquish a stray bunny in Multnomah County, they all need to go to the county shelter for three days first and get spayed or neutered. And then, if I can possibly give them up, off to a loving new home.

I find I am not just helping bunnies, but the people who need help with their pets, and some who are just discovering what great pets they found...sometimes unexpectedly! It’s interesting that volunteering with rabbits has led to connections with people, because a rabbit played a similar role in my childhood. As a very shy 6 year old, I went to register for first grade, and my Mom said: would you like to bring your bunny Lucky with you? Well that was brilliant, because all the kids came to pet and visit with him, and on the day school started, I had already made several friends! (one of whom I still have).
Volunteer Profile: Emily Slocombe

Emily Slocombe is a bi-coastal rabbit rescue volunteer. She moved to Portland in 2013, but lived prior to that in Massachusetts, where she was part of the House Rabbit Network and the Rabbitwise Bunderground Railroad.

“Rabbit rescue was an important part of my life, and I wanted to continue it here in Portland,” Emily says. “I really wanted to meet other bunny people and start expanding my social circle. I started with signing up to volunteer and did hay packing fairly regularly. In spite of my mild allergies, I had lots of fun each month with the hay packing team.”

Eventually, Emily purchased a home in Portland, which meant she could start fostering rabbits as well. She soon became acquainted with the online adoption resources and then helped Rabbit Advocates use a new online platform. Emily says that when she started helping with Rabbit Advocate fostering efforts, the organization referred to itself as an educational group but not a formal rescue organization. Emily helped Rabbit Advocates formalize the fostering program and its online process.

It has been hard work to create the team of adoption counselors Rabbit Advocates now has, but Emily believes that the “team” aspect is important “so that no one person was overloaded with the task of talking to adoption applicants. We have a schedule, workflow, and training documents. It is a lot of responsibility.”

Emily’s most recent project for Rabbit Advocates is a technological one, which fits perfectly with her profession. She is helping to create a new email system for Rabbit Advocates. She admits that the task is time consuming, but knows it will pay off when volunteers are able to easily communicate and email teams are created to be able to discuss specific tasks. Her goal is to “keep the volunteers happy and keep the adoptions flowing!”

For more information on the House Rabbit Network, go to the organization’s website at rabbitnetwork.org. The Rabbitwise Bunderground Railroad, and its network of rabbit rescuers, is organized primarily through its Facebook page and email exchanges. There is a website with limited information at rabbitwise.wordpress.com.

Volunteer Profile: Pam & Monte Wagner

Helping when and where needed, couple makes their volunteer work “official”

Despite the fact that he is not an “official” Rabbit Advocate volunteer, Monte Wagner can be found at most of the group’s events and can be counted on to load and transport Bunny’s Best Bites, among his other duties. Monte and his wife Pam have been volunteering with Rabbit Advocates since they rescued their first bunny, Toothpaste, in 2008.

Pam is the “official” volunteer, which means she responds when there is a need or a call for help. But she, too, started out as an “unofficial” volunteer, preparing snacks for hay packing events nearly 10 years ago. “We went to an adoption outreach at Western Pet in Beaverton and met more volunteers,” Pam says. “We were blown away by everyone’s kindness and love for rabbits.”

Soon, the couple started attending monthly Rabbit Advocate meetings, with Monte sitting quietly at the back of the room while Pam participated in the discussion. Pam’s next stint was to help manage supplies for families that foster rabbits. She also helped one of the volunteers who asked for help cleaning rabbit pens. She is grateful for this experience because she learned so much about rabbit care from the other volunteers she met. She feels the experience aided Toothpaste as well, because learning about rabbits from experienced rabbit caretakers is particularly helpful—and one of the goals of Rabbit Advocates.

For the past eight years, Pam and Monte can be counted on to transport newly bagged Bunny’s Best Bites hay blend. Despite allergies to the product, they arrive, load up their car and deliver it to retail and home sales locations.
By Sarah Yasutake

If you’re riding TriMet and you see a woman with a bunny in a carrier or a stroller, it might be Rabbit Advocate Paula Buchert on her way to or from a veterinarian appointment.

Like many Rabbit Advocates volunteers, Paula Buchert’s connection to the organization began with a call to the helpline. About six and a half years ago she purchased an angora satin rabbit at a fiber festival. Later, when she was making travel plans to visit family, she didn’t know how to find someone capable of caring for her bunny. Fortunately, a friend at work told her about Rabbit Advocates. Paula called the helpline, Mary Huey returned her call, and Paula found someone she trusted to take care of her rabbit. Then after she returned from her trip, she started attending Rabbit Advocates meetings to learn how to take care of her rabbit.

During her time as a volunteer Paula has fostered 14 or 15 rabbits, some with serious medical issues (including Bunny Foo Foo, whose story appears in a previous issue of this newsletter). She sells Bunny’s Best Bites out of her home, and in the past she has helped coordinate Rabbit Advocates meetings and volunteered at outreachs. She most enjoys helping rabbits with medical issues and connecting with other people.

This is where the TriMet rides come in. Paula doesn’t have a car, so she relies on TriMet to get to area veterinarians. She enjoys the challenge of advocating for bunnies with unresolved medical issues and persisting until they get the help they need. She fostered (and later adopted) one rabbit who had severe urine scald. Paula had to bring her to many vets over the course of three months before one of the vets figured out that the rabbit had a back problem. Paula then brought the rabbit to a Vancouver chiropractor who works on animals. After the chiropractic treatment, the urine scald cleared up.

On a typical weekday, Paula gets up at 5:30 a.m. and spends about 1.5 hours caring for her rabbits before she leaves for work. She leaves home around 8:00 a.m. and usually doesn’t return home until 7:00 p.m. or later. Then each evening she spends a couple of hours taking care of rabbits.

Paula works in theatrical costuming as a draper, which is a type of patternmaking. Currently she’s working at Portland Opera, but she mostly works at Portland Center Stage. She has been doing this work since she was a teenager. The job is very demanding, with a rigid schedule. Still, it’s a lot of fun and provides a welcome creative outlet.

On weekends, Paula often has phone conversations and/or meetings with potential adopters. She also has to coordinate Bunnies Best Bites sales and carry the hay itself between her porch and basement. She likes longhaired rabbits, so grooming bunnies also keeps her busy.

Paula typically takes a rabbit to the vet a couple of times a month. During her trips, she meets a lot of fellow TriMet riders and is amazed at how much people open up to her once they find out she has a rabbit with her. Many share stories about the animals in their own lives. A lot of these people are struggling to get by themselves, yet when Paula tells them that she’s taking a rabbit to the vet, they never express resentment. At times Paula has considered volunteering with people, but many of those types of positions require a car and a more flexible job than Paula has.

Ultimately, Paula has come to the conclusion that the work of Rabbit Advocates volunteers helps not only animals, but people too. She’s heard countless stories about how much animals help everyone in the world, and she’s seen how volunteers and members help each other. Fellow volunteers have become close friends, and a lot of the volunteers feel like family.

Paula Buchert has fostered, and adopted, many rabbits. She often takes on rabbits with serious medical issues. Photo courtesy of Paula Buchert.

Paula doesn’t think she could do the volunteering she does without the support she gets from her fellow volunteers. Often one person puts out a request for help and Paula offers to help them, but then she finds that she needs help from a third volunteer to fulfill the initial request. It’s a reciprocal relationship in which everyone helps each other out. This type of support system is a big part of what makes Rabbit Advocates thrive.

Paula says she has met many inspiring people in the group—we thank her for inspiring us, too.
The Wagner wagon doesn’t just transport hay. Pam also transports rabbits to and from vet visits, and has been called on to deliver rabbits to veterinary offices for medical procedures and spay and neuter surgeries.

Today, Pam and Monte have taken over the task of managing the acknowledgement letters for monetary donations to Rabbit Advocates. Monetary donations made to the organization are tax deductible and to provide proof of the donation, Pam and Monte send to the donor a letter that serves as a tax receipt. Today, donations to Rabbit Advocate are possible directly through the website using PayPal. Monte, along with volunteer Mary Thompson, has set up an email thank you and acknowledgement system for online donations.

The couple volunteered at both Bunnypalooza events, doing whatever was needed to keep the event running smoothly. They make it their “official” Rabbit Advocate mission to help whenever and wherever they are needed.

Volunteer Profile: The Futrell Family

Rabbit lovers are born that way. At least that’s how it is in the Futrell family. Twelve-year-old Max started pointing to photos of rabbits when he was just a little boy. Then he started visiting pet shops where he could hold rabbits. Although he’s not sure why he is so drawn to rabbits, other rabbit fans nod their heads and understand: there’s just something about these quiet, playful, soft and mysterious creatures.

Max’s father was the one who ultimately suggested that the Futrell family get a pet rabbit. After Mom Megan started researching the relative virtues of buying a rabbit from a pet store or adopting, the family came across Bunnypalooza 2015. It was a happy coincidence and the Futrell family, including older brother Liam, came to the event and got a load of information on Rabbit Advocates as an organization and the world of companion pet rabbits.

Soon the Futrell family was volunteering with Rabbit Advocates and Megan, Liam and Max are all dedicated hay packers. They decided that the best way to help rabbits was to foster them, because foster homes are always in short supply. The Futrell’s first foster rabbit was a young female who stayed with them until she was old enough to be spayed. She was adopted soon after that. Megan says it was hard for the boys to let the bunny go, but they did it knowing that their job was completed. The boys agree that they want to help more rabbits find homes.

Today, Weston lives with them. “It’s a joy to have a bunny in our home,” Megan says. Megan acknowledges that with both boys in school, she is the primary caretaker, making sure Weston has a clean litter box and is fed daily. But Max continues to provide the inspiration to volunteer for rabbits. At the June haypacking party, Max easily makes conversation with the other volunteers. He seems to have found his warren among the other rabbit caretakers.

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Volunteer Profile: The Futrell Family

Liam, Megan and Max Futrell make volunteering with Rabbit Advocates a family affair. They brought foster rabbit Weston to the Tigard PetSmart Bunny Spa Day for a nail trim. Photo by Leann Bleakney.

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** Adoption Meet ‘n’ Greet Events**

**at The Filling Station**

Usually the 3rd Saturday of the month, from noon to 3:00pm

**LOCATION:**

The Filling Station, 10115 SW Nimbus Ave #100, Portland

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**at Tigard PetSmart**

Usually the 3rd Sunday of the month, from noon to 3:00pm

**LOCATION:**

Tigard PetSmart, 7501 SW Dartmouth Street, Tigard

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**at Mud Bay**

Usually the 4th Saturday of the month, from noon to 3:00pm

**LOCATION:**

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