

THE *Rabbit Advocate*

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The Multi-Species Home

A Word from our President, Mary Huey



Dogs, cats, and rabbits. What do they have in common? They can live together, safely and happily, in animal-loving households!

In my home, two dogs and one cat have lived for many years with many rabbits. Buddy is a collie/lab and a big mellow guy. Gizmo is a little Pekingese. Yanni, my tuxedo cat, came here as a foster kitten and never left. These three don't give the rabbits a second look anymore. They're all just part of the family.

Successful interspecies bonding depends on the individual temperament of each pet and close monitoring during introductions. Be cautious and patient until they can be totally trusted together. Generally speaking, dogs bred for hunting may pose a danger to a prey animal like a rabbit. When introducing a dog to a rabbit, expect both to exhibit some natural curiosity. This is totally normal and can develop into a safe situation with some time and monitoring. However, if the dog is obsessed with the rabbit

and cannot be distracted this would indicate the potential for a dangerous situation to develop.

If you have an inside cat, preferably not a kitten, and you have a rabbit of similar size, bonding is very likely to be successful. An outside hunter cat and a dwarf or baby rabbit might not be a safe combination. What is important to remember in all this mixing and matching is, if there is any unexpected aggression from the dog or cat, your rabbit is likely to be the big loser.

The above are generalizations and there are always exceptions to the rule. I remember a rabbit who was relinquished to the Humane Society because he chased the family's Doberman Pinscher, and I have personally housed rabbits who have been very aggressive toward my cat.

The rewards of a multi-species household are many when everybun, dog and cat, are safely integrated within the family. Give some careful thought to your canine and feline pets and ask yourself whether their personalities would allow for the safe addition of a lagomorph to your home. If the answer is yes, please give us a call at 503-617-1625 and we'll help you find the right rabbit for your family.

For more perspectives on the multi-species household, see the stories on the following pages.

Insignificant Others

By Joan Gilbert

The most common interaction between my three house rabbits and their eight feline housemates is... NOTHING! I had hoped that there would be some cuddling and good photo opportunities, but most are staged and only last a few moments.

I know that these kitties, most of whom arrived at the doorstep skinny and needy or from feral roots, would gladly stalk small animals if only they could sneak outside. Fortunately, those indoor rabbits don't qualify as prey. Instead the buns are mostly ignored. The cats may visit their pens to nibble on fresh hay and maybe leave a hairball in the vicinity. One cat has even been spotted drinking from the rabbits' water bottle.

Junipurr, a mostly antisocial calico, seems to enjoy the peace and quiet of the bunnies'

room. She even appears to have silent conversations with them from time to time. If Domino, a Dutch rabbit, takes off running from the living room, our young Siamese cat, Lotus, sometimes chases her down the hall, politely stopping at the door to her room. Domino knows it's a game.

When two foster visitors, Honey and Bunny, were young, they chased the cats around the living room. Most of the kitties simply complained and left the area. Lotus sometimes licked the young rabbits' ears and put her arms around their necks. They loved it. This required close supervision.

Any new friendship with a rabbit and another animal should be watched closely. I'm still holding out hope that maybe someday the cats will snuggle with their long-eared compadres. But for now, they are little more than Insignificant Others.

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EVENTS

The Rabbit Advocates meet at the Oregon Humane Society, 1067 NE Columbia Boulevard, Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday of every month (or as noted) from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. The public is welcome!

September 21

Understanding and Dealing with Pet Loss

Enid Traisman from Dove Lewis Pet Loss Support Group

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Join the Rabbit Advocates

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*The Clay Rabbit (503-238-0551),
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October 19

T Touch

What is it, and what can it do for your rabbit?

Rabbit Advocate volunteer

Sydney Thomson will answer these and other questions

November 16

Check our website for educational topic.

Log on to www.adoptarabbit.org for further information, outreach schedule, and special events, or phone: 503-617-1625.

The Truth About Rabbits, Cats and Dogs

by Sarah Yasutake

People are often surprised to hear that my husband and I share our apartment with two rabbits, a cat, and two dogs. "But do they all get along?" is the common refrain.

Well yes, they do.

Sometimes easily, sometimes only with vigilant supervision on our part. Just like people, some animals hit it off, while others just learn to tolerate each other. And like us, animals can form lasting and meaningful interspecies bonds.

Take, for example, the story of Daisy, a 70-pound golden retriever, and Winky, a 7-pound French Lop mix. Daisy came to live with us last November, after her guardian of 13 years became too ill to take care of her. Winky's sister, Binky, had died suddenly less than a month earlier. We were so worried about Winky because Binky had been his companion and constant groomer. Now that Binky was gone, Winky just slept in the back of his pen inside a cardboard box. But the night that Daisy arrived Winky came out of his pen and hopped across the living room to greet Daisy face-to-face. Daisy leaned over, sniffed Winky, then slowly and delicately licked his ears and head. I'm sure Daisy's grooming was stinkier and sloppier than Binky's ever was, but Winky didn't seem to mind.

Our cat, Nikko, has always been fascinated by the rabbits, but like a person with poor social skills, she never seems to figure out how to act around them. The first time she entered Winky and Binky's pen she literally came crashing in from above. We had a friend over, and my husband, Kevin, was telling him about how Nikko was so good and never chased the bunnies.



photos: Sarah Yasutake

Winky and Binky

Winky and Binky had a sheet covering the top of their pen at that time because Binky, the bionic bunny, could clear the top of the pen panels. Just as Kevin had finished bragging, Nikko jumped onto a nearby table, then leaped onto the sheet, which naturally collapsed under her weight. Chaos ensued: hay flew, Nikko froze in the middle of the pen, and the bunnies ran for cover, thumping angrily. So much for the peaceable kingdom.

Although Winky and Binky forgave Nikko for her rude intrusion, gradual introductions are optimal, because a sudden confrontation with a cat or dog could put a rabbit into a state of terminal shock. As the caretakers of our rabbits, it is our responsibility to supervise all interspecies introductions. Never leave your rabbit unsupervised with a cat or dog unless you are certain that it is safe. The reward for your patience just might be a unique friendship that blossoms right before your eyes.

Storage Space Wanted

Do you have a clean, dry storage space that you could donate to the Rabbit Advocates for storage of educational materials and equipment? We'd love to hear from you.

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Bunny “Faux Paws:” Common Mistakes We Make with our First Rabbits

By Mary Thompson, Education Committee

My first house rabbit came to me unexpectedly, so I didn't have time to prepare. But I figured my childhood experience with the rabbits made me fairly knowledgeable. At first he lived outside in what I thought was a great pen (it wasn't). I became intrigued with the idea of having a house rabbit and soon brought him inside. And then of course nothing was too good for my Babsy. Premium rabbit food with dried fruit, sweet treats from the pet store, clumping cat litter...I think you know where this is going. Fortunately for Babs, my desire to give him the good life led to research (a couple of phone cords later). Boy, did I have a lot to learn!

I could go on and on about changes I've made as I've learned. Instead I want to let some of the other Rabbit Advocates relate their early mistakes and misconceptions. All the names have been changed to protect the folks who now know better, but the situations are real.

Unrealistic expectations.

According to Britt, “I think that it's very common to have unrealistic expectations about what we want from a rabbit. We try to force our rabbit to conform to those expectations and can be very disappointed that the reality doesn't fit with the fantasy. I had a rabbit who was chewing holes through the sheetrock and pulling out the insulation of my house, and I was letting her do it because I had this “perfect house rabbit” idea in my head.”

More about house proofing later, but the first message here is this: Research for a more accurate understanding of rabbit habits. Second message: Realize that rabbits have distinct personalities and accept your rabbit for her own sweet self, even if that means revising your idea of perfection.

Treats and overfeeding.

Several of the Rabbit Advocates have

confessed guilt regarding their feeding of junk food to their rabbits in the early days. Jocelyn was in the habit of giving her rabbits huge amounts of kale, apples, plums and pears. Jocelyn says, “I assume that's why they stopped eating once or twice. Gee, why would anybun get a tummy ache from that diet! Fortunately there were no disasters.”

Yes, fortunate indeed. Rabbits have digestive systems that require lots of



photo: Kern Sypher

roughage and proper nutrition. Intestinal problems from an improper diet can be fatal. Jocelyn now only feeds her rabbits timothy grass hay, good quality pellets in a measured amount based on their weight, safe and nutritious greens, and a small healthy treat once a day. It's tough not to bend to our beloved bunny's every whim, but discipline and setting limits is important - for both rabbits and their people!

Inadequate house proofing.

One of the funniest (easy for me to say) tales of slightly inadequate house proofing comes from Nancy. “My rabbits Elmore and Daisy lived in my bathroom. One day I was at work and my son was home with his grandparents. I received a call from my son who informed me that water was shooting from the toilet to the ceiling, the bathroom was flooded, and the rabbits were wet. The rabbits had chewed some rubber tubing that ran from the back of the toilet into the wall. We now have metal tubing”.

Although there are rabbits who are perfectly polite when having full run of the house, stories abound of the less polite who leave ruined carpet, nibbled shoes, and bitten cords in their wake. Rabbit proof your house for your own peace of mind and your rabbit's safety. Cover cords with vinyl tubing. Place houseplants high because some are toxic. Give your rabbit sea grass mats, cardboard, and apple tree twigs to indulge his chewing tendencies.

Housing that doesn't meet the rabbit's safety or space needs.

Indoors... When Brenda lists her early mistakes, she notes, “The worst was that I let my Rufus sit on the wire bottom in his cage, which got way too small for him. I felt sorry for his feet and covered the wire and he also got a bigger cage. I wish they'd do away with the wire bottoms!”

And outdoors. “I made the usual mistake of thinking my first rabbit, Lisa, who is now 12 yrs old, could live outdoors in a pen,” recounts Ellen. “I constructed a large run with no top and thought a rabbit could not ask for a better pen. Two months later I awoke at midnight to a loud commotion in the back yard. I looked out the window and saw a raccoon in Lisa's pen chasing her round and round. I flew through the bedroom window in just my robe screaming at the raccoon. Lisa fainted as soon as the raccoon ran away. I screamed, “She is dead! She is dead!” and the neighbors came running to see who had died! I explained it was my rabbit, and, well, they went back to bed. After I settled down I could feel her heart beating so I held her for about 3 hours just petting her and talking to her. She finally came to. From that point on she was a house rabbit.”

Before you invest heavily in your rabbit's housing, explore the options. Alternatives to tiny cages include stand-up pens, rooms closed off with baby gates, and spacious cages. Some rabbits

Keeping Bunny Healthy: Myxomatosis: what is it?

By Valerie Madison

As reported recently in the local news media, we are having an outbreak of Myxomatosis in the Willamette Valley. Myxomatosis is a pox virus transmitted by infected bloodsucking insects and parasites, such as mosquitoes, fleas, ticks, gnats, biting flies or fur mites. The Myxomatosis virus is not just transmitted between domestic rabbits: cats, dogs, wild rabbits and people can carry infected insects to your rabbits.

Myxomatosis is almost always deadly to rabbits within two weeks of exposure to the virus. Contact your rab-

bit veterinarian immediately at the first signs of symptoms. Initially, the symptoms are lethargy, decreased appetite and increased water consumption. You may see a discharge from the nose or blisters on the nose. Obvious symptoms are seen only in the later stages of the disease. These may include a puffy, swollen face, eyelids, lips, ears and genitals, and an extremely elevated body temperature (up to 106 degrees F).

The best way to protect your rabbits is to keep them indoors. This greatly reduces the chance of contact with infected insects. Contrary to what some of us believe, mosquitoes are active

throughout the day and prefer the shade -- where your rabbit will be if let outside to play. Get rid of standing water to reduce the occurrence of inviting places for mosquitoes to breed. Fleas and other biting insects may be present indoors and outdoors. Good indoor sanitation is the key to control. Use a flea comb as often as you can on your rabbits and other pets to remove fleas. Vacuum the carpets regularly to pick up flea eggs and larvae, and properly dispose of the vacuum bag.

A vaccine for myxomatosis is not available in the United States, but a conscientious mosquito, fly and flea control program can prevent the disease.

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can graduate to full run of the house, but know your rabbit first and do your house-proofing. And remember to allow your rabbit exercise time every day. Consider if at all possible bringing your rabbit into the house. It is more difficult to provide your rabbit with a safe, healthy, and happy life outdoors.

Not recognizing health problems.

This is one of the saddest mistakes that we make. Rabbits are so good at pretending they're okay that we don't realize that something is wrong until it's very wrong. Sometimes we underestimate the seriousness of our rabbit's illness and put off taking her to be treated.

Become familiar with your rabbit's habits so that you'll know when he is acting unusual. Watch for signs of illness such as lethargy, loss of appetite, or tooth grinding. One of the first things to do when you bring your rabbit home is find a good rabbit veterinarian so you have someone to call when you have health questions. Know the location of the nearest emergency animal hospital. One of the Rabbit Advocates also pointed out that when euthanasia is suggested as a solution to an illness, be aware that you have a choice and insist

on finding out what the other options are.

Alarm at seeing colored urine.

Joyce says, "I freaked out when my new bun started peeing dark yellow, even orange."

Your rabbit's urine can reflect the foods he's eating, especially carrots. So don't freak out, but be sure to call your vet if you see blood in the urine, white sludgy urine, or if you want to be sure what is a normal color.

Not neutering / spaying.

We usually associate neutering with birth control, and that is correct. But there are other reasons for neutering or spaying your rabbit. One reason is the prevention of cancers of the reproductive organs. Further, a rabbit may show dramatic improvement in litter box habits and not-so-nice behaviors, including aggression, after a neuter. One of our Rabbit Advocates had this to say on her early doubt of the need to neuter. "I don't need to neuter my rabbit; he's a single guy. I wonder why he's spraying pee at me?" Hmmm, time for a neuter, I'd say.

Assuming a rabbit who bats or nips is "mean".

Sometimes a rabbit who feels threatened



will act in a defensive manner. Sometimes this behavior means the rabbit has reached his sexual maturity and is acting out for hormonal reasons, which can be helped by neutering. Learn how to correctly handle your rabbit, learn his privacy needs, and by all means seek advice before writing off your rabbit as one bad, bad bunny.

Using unsafe litter and bedding.

From Evelyn, "I find many people do not know that rabbits should not have "litter" in the elimination box. Cat litter is such a no-no, I think it should be stressed what to use. As you can see, I really think even the name "litter box" is wrong!"

Well, whatever you call the box, it's true that clumping, clay, or corncob litter and cedar chip bedding are unsafe choices for your rabbit's bathroom box

Rabbit-Related Websites

By Kem Sypher

No matter what rabbit-related topic you may be looking for, there is an abundance of information available on the internet. Here are two websites bound to please:

The Language of Lagomorphs
<http://www.muridae.com/rabbits/rabbittalk.html>

Can you speak rabbit? This well-written and humorous website teaches how to understand the body language of rabbits. Learn why Thumper grinds his teeth when being petted, or suddenly flops over on his side for no apparent reason.

Oolong's Website <http://www.fsinet.or.jp/~sokaisha/rabbit/rabbit.htm>.

Oolong was a grey and white Dutch rabbit whose human companion chronicled his amazing life in photos. Just click any of the long list of links on this delightful website and enjoy pictures of Oolong exploring the outdoors, playing in snow banks or being tended by his loving owner. This site is written in Japanese, but the pictures speak to everyone.

or cage bottom. These items can cause blockages, kidney problems, or respiratory problems. Instead choose recycled newspaper or vegetable fiber litter box fillers, or simply use newspaper and hay.

Taking advice from questionable sources.

First of all, find a good vet who has experience with rabbits. A good cat or dog vet doesn't necessarily translate to a good rabbit vet.

Secondly, watch out for faulty advice from store personnel whose main interest is in making a sale, and not in the well-being of the rabbit. This is one way you end up with unsafe bedding, unhealthy food and treats, and teeny-tiny cages. Be aware that you can be misled as to gender, adult size, and health of a rabbit purchased from one of these stores.

Well meaning acquaintances may have their own misconceptions, perhaps from their own experiences. Talk to experienced house rabbit people and you'll have a much better chance to hear information that will help you and your rabbit.

Not understanding interactions with other pets.

You might not have to defer having a rabbit because you have other pets. But

you do have to put a lot of thought and caution into introductions and living arrangements, and know your other pets well enough to anticipate and control their behavior.

This is a comment from a volunteer who has a variety of animals. "For years when I first had rabbits I kept them apart from my cat because I assumed they would fight. Since we relaxed and have let them get to know each other we have lots of interspecies friendships."

So what can you do?

Research and stay open to learning. Rabbit Advocates has some helpful educational materials on their website at www.adoptarabbit.org/articles. You're also welcome to call or write if you have health and behavior questions.

Here are some other good sources for learning about rabbits:

House Rabbit Society website -
www.rabbit.org

House Rabbit Handbook, by Marinell Harriman

Rabbit Health in the 21st Century by Kathy Smith, available from Rabbit Advocates

Creating a Peaceable Kingdom, How to Live with More than One Pet, by Cynthia D. Miller

Why Does my Rabbit...?, by Anne McBride

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Volunteer Spotlight: Arlene MacMonagle

by Nolan Huizenga

You can't help noticing the variety of species at Rabbit Advocate Arlene MacMonagle's house: Annie the little black dog will greet you at the door with much fanfare, Desdemona the rabbit might be inspecting the room to make sure all the furniture is placed properly, and Bradley the guinea pig may even come out to play on the sofa. And humans are most welcome, of course!

Arlene grew up in Everett, Washington, then lived "all over the US" while raising her children. In describing her long history with animals, she paints a hilarious image of their family moving from Florida to Pennsylvania in a giant station wagon containing two adults, five kids, one dog occupying the entire back seat, a cat in its carrier, a screaming caged bird, and two gerbils rooting around in an ice cream container.

Arriving in Portland several years ago, Arlene had no animals but visited the then-brand-new Oregon Humane Society facility to look for a dog or cat; she ended up liking the color and soft fur of a brown rabbit named Meesha. That adoption of her first rabbit brought Arlene in contact with the Rabbit Advocates. As a Rabbit Advocate volunteer, she has served on the board, runs the yearly yard sale fundraiser, and fosters many animals.

A foster hero at Oregon Humane Society, Arlene often takes home animals who seem unready for adoption. She has rescued three pregnant guinea pigs, raising the little ones until they are old enough to adopt. She named the most recent set after her five children, keeping Bradley who may be the cutest guinea pig ever -- he's even learning some litter training.

Desdemona was on her way to euthanasia when Arlene took her in. Now Arlene calls her "the perfect rabbit" who just needs space and freedom to keep her happy. On a recent evening I arrived at Arlene's to find her making friends with Sparky, a white dwarf

bunny who had been doing poorly in a shelter environment. Once out of the noisy confinement of the shelter, Sparky seemed friendly, inquisitive, and unafraid, if indeed a little bit territorial. He and Annie kept a respectful eye on each other as Sparky explored the living room ("Annie wants to help" teach new bunnies the house rules, says Arlene. Annie was another rescue, a starving stray who's now flourishing).

Though Arlene claims not to work hard at creating interspecies cooperation in her home, she's succeeding wonderfully. She doesn't leave the dog alone with any of the other animals, but under her supervision Annie and Desdemona chase each other playfully, while Bradley looks around interestedly. On a whim, Arlene introduces Bradley to Sparky because "rabbits and guinea pigs love each other". Indeed she appears right! Within a minute or



Annie watches as Desdemona gets a treat from Arlene.

two their mutual curiosity has turned to grooming and apparent affection. Sparky asserts his leadership, though, chinning Bradley's head as if to say, "This is mine!"

Please Donate to Our Medical Assistance Fund

The Rabbit Advocates Medical Assistance Fund helps foster parents pay for costly veterinary care and procedures like spay /neuter surgery for their rescued rabbits.

100% of designated donations are used to restore the health of needy rabbits while they await placement in permanent loving homes. Just note "medical fund" on your check or envelope.

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Hyacinth recently benefited from the Rabbit Advocate medical fund.

Rabbit Advocates at Work May, June, July

Rabbits adopted = 14
RA Help-line phone calls = 120
Abandoned rabbits rescued from outdoors (not including Lake Oswego Rescue) = 9
Educational outreach events = 2
Yard sale fundraiser = 1

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Cleaning house? We'll help turn your castaways into cash for the rabbits!

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The Lake Oswego Rabbit Rescue, or How I Spent My Summer Vacation

by Kevin Gerdes

It started last spring, when an acquaintance asked Jacki and me to adopt a baby bunny. The bunny had been rescued, just seconds away from being dispatched by a cat. We soon discovered that there were others running loose and, being rabbits, their numbers were growing explosively. I felt that it was most critical to get them caught and out of harm's way.

As soon as I was able, the captures began. Lydia, a kind-hearted neighbor, checks the live traps for me, and calls when we have a new guest. I was expecting ten to fifteen. We quickly (can you say avalanche!) found ourselves housing, feeding and doctoring almost thirty rabbits, from infants to geriatrics. It is an ongoing project.

Once we began, I felt a sense of urgency and didn't have time to get as prepared as I would have liked. I figured that we would deal with placement once they were safe. Housing has been a short step ahead of demand from the start. We quickly filled the limited number of spaces available. I spent every evening and three weekends straight either building pens, fences and walls or collecting bunnies from the traps.

Finally, with the end in sight, we caught what we believe to be the last one: a new, very young, mother. Fearing for the safety of her young ones, I released her and began setting food and water out. Now the neighborhood

cats have me concerned. I've started setting traps for the first time in three weeks. I caught mother bunny again, as well as two nutria, but no babies. I let her go and put the project on hold until the little ones start venturing out of the nest. I will have to move quickly when they do.

I would like to ask anyone who has a little extra space to please consider fostering or adopting one or two of my little guys. Rabbit Advocate volunteer Valerie Madison has taken three and volunteer Shelley Hanel has taken two more. They are all very sweet little bunnies and are guaranteed to steal your heart. We are just about to burst at the seams.

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Chris Wilson and the staff of the Beaverton Pet Clinic. They have donated their time and professional skill by spaying, neutering and treating this herd of carrot crunchers. I don't have words to express how highly I regard these fine people. Without their help, this would not have been possible.

This has been one of the most taxing and also the most rewarding experiences of my life. I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Editor's note: Kevin and Jacki Gerdes are new Rabbit Advocate volunteers who have hopped in with both feet! Their compassion and hard work are an inspiration to us all. To adopt a rescued rabbit, contact Kevin at equinoxrain@hotmail.com.

Foster Buns Available for Adoption



Winifred (left) aka Fred is a lovely spayed, medium sized girl who loves to be fed by hand. She is a little slow to warm up but once she knows you she likes to explore you and give nose nudges. She would make a wonderful companion!

Contact :
zenrabbit1@hotmail.com



Laster is energetic, outgoing, and friendly. He is a three year old neutered male black and white dutch. He loves to explore and get head rubs from his people. He was found wandering in the woods and

later entertained a first grade classroom with his antics. He needs an inside private home with an exercise pen where he will be loved and cared for for the rest of his life.

Contact: [rabbit8 @hevanet.com](mailto:rabbit8@hevanet.com)

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More Foster Buns Available for Adoption

Miss July (right) is a very lovely female--wonderfully white all over and with a personality that makes her hard to resist! She was once, however, a homeless rabbit rescued by the Multnomah County Animal Control. Miss July is now ready to be a loved and respected companion pet in your home.

Contact:
ovine22@yahoo.com



Gwendolyn (right) is a lovely black rabbit, medium sized. Gwen was taken from a neglect situation and so needs a little time to warm up. She is more outgoing when in a safe indoor pen. She does wonderful binkys and doesn't mind having her head rubbed. She is good with her litter box.

Contact:
zenrabbit1@hotmail.com



Rosie (left) is a somewhat shy yet sweet and friendly 3 year old spayed female. She will allow you to pet her and hold her on your lap for some time. She's not too adventurous. Rosie does not do well with cats or other rabbits but is used to dogs. Wants peoples attention and needs an inside home with an exercise pen set up.

Contact:
rabbit8@hevanet.com



Tenzing (left) is a young adult male Dutch mix. He's fun and energetic; full of character and fleet of foot. He's easy to pet but cannot be picked up by small children. He's a charmer.

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