More than 700 people and 100 bunnies attended Bunnypalooza 2016, and enjoyed a full day with companion pet rabbits and those who love them. Long before 10 a.m. on Nov. 5, people lined up outside the door of the Cloverleaf Building at the Washington County Fairgrounds. When the doors opened at 10 a.m., people began to stream in. The crowd was sustained the whole day, until the event ended at 4 p.m.

Many who attended came with their bunnies, some in elaborate strollers, some in carriers, some tucked in jackets, some carefully guarded in front of them in a special sling. Rabbits ranged from the tiny Netherland dwarf to the very large Flemish giant. Each were obviously loved by their people who came to talk about their beloved pets and show them off a little.

More than 60 volunteers helped throughout the day. They took care of foster rabbits; handed out literature; sold Bunny’s Best Bites hay, raffle tickets, beverages and other snacks; helped children with activities; painted faces and called out winners of silent auction items. The entire day was organized by the Bunnypalooza volunteer committee. The Rabbit Advocate would like to extend to this hardworking committee special thanks and gratitude. Committee members are: Kat Slinde, Cindy Faulk, Joan Gilbert, Amber Valdez, Cherrie Champie, Lora Skelton, Kirby Hoyt, Allen Anderson and Denise Hawk, with additional support from Mary Thompson, Dave Marvin and Paula Buchert.

Rabbit Advocates wishes to thank the sponsor of Bunnypalooza 2016. Dignified Pet Services kindly offered assistance and this generosity is appreciated. To learn more about Dignified Pet Services, go to the website at: www.dignifiedpetservices.com.

Dr. Misty Doornek and Veterinary Assistant Alese from Lombard Animal Hospital offered rabbit toenail trims, with proceeds that went to the Rabbit Advocate medical fund. Learn more about the Lombard Animal Hospital at its website lombardanimalhospital.com.

Dr. Melinda Surrency and Technician Assistant Erin of the Hillsboro Veterinary Clinic offered bunny wellness exams and toenail trims at special discounted prices. For more information, see the clinic’s website at hillsborovet.com.

The event featured a wide array of vendors offering an amazing array of goods and services for pet rabbits. The list of vendors included:

Dr. Misty Doornek and Veterinary Assistant Alese from Lombard Animal Hospital offered
Bunnies in Baskets volunteers talked with people about pet therapy visits. For more information, go to Bunnies in Baskets at bunniesinbaskets.org.

Bunfectionary offered gourmet bunny treats. Shop for treats at bunfectionary.com.

Buxton Feed Company gave away samples of locally produced rabbit food. Learn more at buxtonfeed.com.

MudBay offered pet supplies and toys. Find a local store at mudbay.com.

SS Bunny Imports has a sign, sticker or window cling to express anything bunny related you would like to say. Find your perfect statement at its etsy shop.

The Azure Rabbit tempted attendees with handmade jewelry. Mitzi’s Milieu featured handmade fabric items and gift cards, and B & B Ranch gave bunnies a comfortable place to lounge with handmade bunny recliners.

When You’re Not There Petcare will take care of your bunny when you need help. Find more information at whenyourenotherepetcare.com.

B & B Bunnysitting offers bunny sitting services by Dawn Ivec–Curell, a long-time Rabbit Advocate volunteer.

Patricia Rubinelli photography took one-of-a-kind pet portrait photographs. Make an appointment for a sitting at patriciarubinelli.com.

Nerdy Cute is a Seattle-based business whose owners have always loved stationery and paper products so they offer unique paper products, jewelry and stickers. Find out more at their website: nerdycute.com.

Birdzilla Studios, showcasing the artwork of MJ Lai. Based in Portland, Birdzilla Studios featured handmade ceramics. For more information, check out birdzillasstudios.com.

Lorraine Bushek, a long-time Rabbit Advocate volunteer, provided a live demonstration on how she paints the rabbits that are the inspiration for much of her oil paintings. More examples of her work can be found at lorrainebushek.com.

Bunnypalooza 2016 was the best kind of day. People who love rabbits celebrated their lagomorph friends in a fun and educational venue. Rabbit Advocates thanks everyone who participated in Bunnypalooza 2016. To learn more about Bunnypalooza 2016, go to the Rabbit Advocate Facebook page. There, find photographs taken by professional photographer Patricia Rubinelli and amateur photographers Eva Bryner, Galina Semenova and Kem Sypher. Thank you to our photographers who captured and documented the fun event.
Carolyn Ackerman has a unique model for her business, Let Carolyn Paint It! As she paints the interiors and exteriors of homes and businesses, strips wallpaper or pressure washes decks, she sets aside 50 percent of the income earned to donate to animal welfare organizations.

The work is hard and takes a toll on her body. Yet she feels it is the best way she can make a significant contribution to helping abandoned, abused or homeless pets. Carolyn has raised several thousand dollars during the year she has owned her company, and has assisted local animal welfare organizations with her donations. Her contributions have helped Rabbit Advocates, Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals, Animal Aid and the Portland Guinea Pig Rescue.

Carolyn’s personal goal is to help animals. Her professional goal is to raise enough money to open a non-profit retail store, Petunia’s Place. Profits earned at this store will also be donated to animal welfare organizations. Carolyn is pleased to announce that Petunia’s Place will open in the spring next year. It will be located at 8050 SE 13th Ave. in the Sellwood neighborhood of Portland. Carolyn plans a grand opening celebration and is currently looking for artists and crafts people for ideas of items to sell in her shop.

Let Carolyn Paint It! has been in operation since late 2015. Carolyn came to Portland from Maui, Hawaii, before settling currently in Sherwood. Carolyn does the on-location work and an employee, Kat Kress, serves as operations manager. “There is nothing more in this life that I want to do than help animals whatever way I can,” Carolyn says. “I cannot work on the ‘front lines’ of animal rescue, but I can work seven days a week for the folks who do.”

In just a year, Let Carolyn Paint It! has grown from its sole proprietor to a business with two full-time employees. Carolyn’s donations to Rabbit Advocates are directed to veterinary care and Rabbit Advocates would like to gratefully acknowledge Carolyn’s generosity.

Let Carolyn Paint It! can be found online at www.ipaintforpaws.com or by calling Carolyn at 971-712-6146.

Carolyn loves her pet rabbits. Photo courtesy of Carolyn Ackerman.
FOR BUNNIES

1. Nina Ottoson Brick Game. This was created as a dog toy, but it would be fun for bunnies, too. Bunny will need to learn to slide the bricks to reveal a hidden treat. $26.90, amazon.com

2. Handmade Bunny Recliners. These snuggly, machine-washable and dryable beds are handmade by Nancy Bleakney, mother of Rabbit Advocate volunteer Leann Bleakney.

3. DIY Rabbit Toy Parts Kit. Design toys for your bunny with this unique kit from Happy Rabbit Toys. Comes with a variety of nontoxic parts for making several toys. $24.97, happyrabbittoys.com

4. Hairbuster Comb. Help your bunny through the shedding process with this patented comb that gently removes hair from both thin and thick undercoats. $16.99, store. binkybunny.com

5. Tulip Chewbies. Plant a garden for bunny with these chewable tulips on a wooden base. Replacement tulips are available. $22.99, bunnybunchboutique.com

6. Ropey Oats. Best for bunnies over a year old, these treats are made from dried oat tops and grass. They are especially good for bunnies in need of extra calories. $3.95, store. busybunny.com

FOR BUNNY LOVERS

7. Oil Painting by Lorraine Bushek. Lorraine Bushek is one of our many talented RA artists. Her oil paintings capture rabbits’ personalities in rich, vibrant colors. Gallery Prices: 8”x8” $150, 8”x10” $400, 12”x12” $500. All other sizes, please contact
Lorraine. Also, Lorraine will give a 50 percent discount off her gallery prices to Rabbit Advocates. Contact her through her website and let her know you're a Rabbit Advocate volunteer, and she will extend the discount to you. lorrainebushek.com

8. Honey Bunny Necklace. This sweet bunny face is available in gold-dipped or sterling silver, on either a chain or a silk cord. $26-$58, dogeared.com

9. Bunny Family Garden Sculptures. These bunnies will be right at home in your yard. Handmade of steel. $45.00, uncommongoods.com

10. Star Hopper Rabbit Bag. NYhop makes a variety of one-of-a-kind vegan, hand-painted clothing items featuring gorgeous rabbits. This one is a messenger-style bag with a Dutch rabbit hopping on a background of stars. $130, etsy.com/shop/NYhop

11. Pet Photography Sitting. A sitting with Portland pet photographer Two Flower Photography would make a thoughtful gift. For booking and pricing information, contact twoflowerphotography.com

12. Rabbit Couple Sculpture. A happy rabbit couple dips their toes in a pool of water in this whimsical handmade sculpture. $34.00, etsy.com/shop/HLsculpture

13. Habit Rabbit. We all have a rabbit habit, but now you can also have a habit rabbit. Use these glass and pewter rabbits to keep on task with your habits. $25, uncommongoods.com

Holiday Gift Guide researched, compiled and written by Sarah Yasutake.
New location for RA meetings
Come join us for fun and sharing information

Rabbit Advocates is pleased to announce a new monthly meeting location. Meetings will be held in the meeting space of the non-profit organization Bunnies in Baskets. Bunnies in Baskets is located at 201 N. Alberta St. in North Portland. Bunnies in Baskets is conveniently located in the Alberta neighborhood not far from 15th Avenue.

Bunnies in Baskets is a non-profit organization that trains, registers and supports Visiting (Therapy) Rabbit Teams across the United States and Canada. Bunny visits can be to nearly any location: facilities, homes or even special events. The group’s volunteers have gone to all sorts of places, including retired community centers, schools, hospitals, hospice, and more. The visit includes petting certified therapy rabbits and humane education. Each rabbit has been vet-certified for gentleness and patience with people. Owners are trained on protocol for the visits and information about rabbits.

Sarah Funseth Baran is the director of Bunnies in Baskets. The organization began in 2008 and is headquartered in Portland.

Thank you to Bunnies in Baskets and to Sarah for the generous offer to host the Rabbit Advocates monthly meetings. For more information about Bunnies in Baskets, go to the website at www.bunniesinbaskets.org. For meeting dates please see the back page of this newsletter.

Bunny Spa Days offer convenient east and west side services

Rabbit Advocates is pleased to announce two new locations for its Bunny Spa Days. These special events feature rabbits and volunteers providing information on companion pet rabbits. For rabbits brought to the Spa Day locations, volunteers offer grooming and wellness checks. Volunteers trim rabbit toenails and answer any health-related questions owners may have.

**Eastside Bunny Spa Day**

Volunteers and available foster rabbits can be found at Pets on Broadway, which is located at 2762 NE Broadway in Portland. The last Bunny Spa Day of 2016 will be held there on Nov. 26. There will not be a Spa Day in December, but volunteers will be on hand on January 28, Feb. 25 and March 25, 2017.

Volunteers are needed and appreciated for both of these events. Foster bunnies and foster care providers are encouraged to attend. Volunteers to talk to the public about companion pet rabbits are always needed for these events.

For more information, see the Rabbit Advocate website at www.rabbitadvocates.org.

**Westside Bunny Spa Day**

Every second Sunday of the month, from noon to 3 p.m., volunteers will gather at the Tigard PetSmart, located at 7501 SW Dartmouth Street, next to WinCo.

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**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
  Hillsboro Veterinary Clinic, Hillsboro

- 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.
The Rabbit Advocate Wish List ~ 2016

Here’s how you can make a difference in a bunny’s life!

Rabbit Advocates depends on generous people like you, who give of themselves, their time and their resources. Please consider Rabbit Advocates during this time of the year. Here’s how you can help.

Donate
Rabbit Advocates accepts tax deductible donations in any amount. Use the online donation feature on our web site (www.rabbitadvocates.org) to contribute securely with a credit card or through Paypal. Checks can be sent directly to: Rabbit Advocates, P.O. Box 14235, Portland, OR 97293-0235. If you would like your donation to go to the Medical Fund, which offsets the costs of medical procedures and spay and neuter surgeries, please write “Medical Fund” on your check.

Donate your car
The vehicle does not need to be in running condition, but it should be able to sell for at least $75 at public auction. All of the proceeds will go to the Rabbit Advocates and you will receive a donation receipt for your tax records. For more information, contact volunteer Chris Arends at carends44@comcast.net.

Sport the logo proudly
Rabbit Advocates is proud to offer bumperstickers, mugs and drawstring bags featuring our logo. For more information, see the Rabbit Advocate website at www.rabbitadvocates.org.

Donate time to Bunny’s Best Bites
Help raise money for the Rabbit Advocates’ medical fund by joining other volunteers who mix and bag hay for Bunny’s Best Bites, the Rabbit Advocates’ own custom blend of hays. Hay packing parties take place at least once a month at the Alpenrose Dairy in Southwest Portland. For more information check the web site at www.rabbitadvocates.org.

Foster a rabbit
Provide a temporary home until a rabbit can be placed in its forever home. For more information on how to foster a rabbit, contact foster care coordinator Karen Anderson at fosterinfo@rabbitadvocates.org.

Help with Bunny Spa Days
Educational, fundraising, social, grooming and adoption events all rolled into one, Bunny Spa Days occur monthly. Rabbit Advocates volunteers, and available foster rabbits, can be found at PetSmart in Tigard and at Pets on Broadway in Northeast Portland. This is an opportunity for the public to learn about Rabbit Advocates and to meet foster rabbits available for adoption. Volunteers even trim toenails of rabbits brought in for spa services. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. For more information, check out the website at www.rabbitadvocates.org.

Volunteer for OHS
Rabbit Advocates started as a group of Oregon Humane Society volunteers and the connection with the shelter remains strong. Rabbit Advocates volunteers are encouraged to spend time at the shelter, helping the rabbits in the Small Animal Room. For more information on how to volunteer for OHS, check the web site at www.oregonhumane.org.

Search or shop online
Rabbit Advocates is registered with GoodSearch. com and GoodShop.com. Simply select Rabbit Advocates as your designated charity, and each time you conduct an internet search using GoodSearch. com or shop online using GoodShop.com, a donation will be made to our organization. It costs you nothing, but raises a small contribution for the Rabbit Advocates each year.

Shop at Fred Meyer
Fred Meyer, Inc., is donating $2.5 million per year to non-profit organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Rabbit Advocates is now listed as one of the non-profit organizations eligible to receive donations. The donations are based on customer shopping patterns. To help direct donations to Rabbit Advocates, register your Fred Meyer rewards cards and follow the prompts to direct your donation to bunnies. This is part of the Fred Meyer community rewards program. If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards card, register it at www.fredmeyer.com/community rewards. Search for Rabbit Advocates by name or by the assigned non-profit number, 81975. Every time you shop and use your rewards card, Rabbit Advocates earns a small donation. The program does not change your earnings for rewards points or fuel points. But it will help Rabbit Advocates. If you do not have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card, pick one up today.

Sponsor a rabbit
Rabbit Advocates volunteers care for many rabbits with medical issues requiring ongoing vet care or major surgeries and medications. All rabbits are in individual foster homes and most expenses, including medical treatments, are paid by the foster caregiver. Most of these special needs rabbits are unadoptable because of their medical problems and will remain in foster care for their lifetimes. The Rabbit Advocate website (www.rabbitadvocates.org) now features a way to help sponsor the ongoing care of these special needs rabbits. Donations are gratefully accepted online with a credit card or through Paypal. All donations are tax deductible. Sponsor names will be gratefully acknowledged on our website unless the sponsor would prefer to remain anonymous.
Upcoming Meetings & Events 2017

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| 3rd Sunday of the month  
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm | Hay Packing Parties | Rabbit Advocates sponsors educational events featuring rabbits and volunteers with tips on handling rabbits, their diet, housing, health and general care. Experienced volunteers provide grooming and nail trimming services for rabbits. (Suggested donations of $5 for nail trims and $5 for light grooming is appreciated.) |
| Location: Bunnies in Baskets, 201 N. Alberta St., Portland, OR | Volunteers blend and bag different types of hay to create Bunny’s Best Bites, our own custom blend of hay. For more information about the hay parties, see the Rabbit Advocate website at www.rabbitadvocates.org | Spa Days are held in convenient locations: |
| Meetings begin with a “Bunny Basics” Q & A session where we invite your questions about any aspect of rabbit care. The public is welcome! | NEW Location:  
Alpenrose Dairy  
6149 SW Shattuck Road  
Portland, OR | Tigard PetSmart  
7501 SW Dartmouth Street  
Tigard |
| 2016  
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| *Location to be determined. Rabbit Advocates will not be holding a monthly meeting during the months of July and August. Check our website for more information. | 2017  
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