

Welcome to the **June 2014** edition of Rabbit Runaway Round-up, our quick monthly newsletter...

Deck the Halls.....



Come one, come all! – We're very excited here at Rabbit Runaway Orphanage as our annual Trivia Night is fast approaching. This year it is set to be bigger and better with more quizzes, prizes and goodies up for grabs.

Last year we managed to raise almost \$6,000 for

the orphanage at the Great Gatsby Trivia Night, and this year we're hoping to achieve even more. There has been a lot of interest from local businesses who have donated a range of goods for prizes and auction items, so there's sure to be something to suit everyone.

Some of the highlights from last year will be back again – last year's ornamental tree will become the 'lucky dip' Christmas Tree this year – for a \$25 donation you can pick any gift under the tree. Prizes range in value up to \$500 so it's well worth the stake! The chocolate raffle is also back – anyone with a sweet tooth won't be able to pass up the chance at a 10kg bar of chocolate!

There will be 9 trivia rounds over the course of the night and we'll have a seasoned quiz master who will cover a variety of topics.

There will also be a silent auction running with a huge range of items available - from vouchers &

event tickets, to paintings by local artists.

We'll be at a gorgeous new location at the Yarraville Club, which will be decked out in tinsel and boughs of holly – if you love getting into the Christmas spirit, why not don a Santa hat and your best festive attire? The club is also fully catered so delicious platters to suit all tastes will be provided at each table – there will be 6 plates per table with vegan and gluten free options available.

Sounds like fun, right? For more information and to buy tickets, please visit our website at <http://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/>.

Very special thanks go out to our dedicated volunteer Lisa Pitt who has organised both this and last year's events. See you there!

Vet Tip

Tip of the month - The eyes have it!



You should check your bunny's eyes every day – any changes should be discussed with your vet: Runny eyes can be a sign of dental problems or something stuck or irritating the eye. Bulging eyes can be a sign of stress, heart disease, fluid build-up, or abscess behind the eye; white bits inside eyes can be a sign of e. cuniculi or another infection. If you notice any changes, contact your local bunny friendly vet and remember - you should never put anything in your bunny's eye without first getting a diagnosis from your vet.

Dr Gerry Skinner BSc BVSc PhD MRCVS MANZCVSc

Celery Day is held on the last Tuesday of every month, where we ask our supporters to gather up some change and donate \$2 to help with the ongoing costs of the bunnies. It's as easy as setting up a monthly direct debit - less than the price of a cup of coffee - be sure to save the date!

Orphan of the Month – Heff

Heff was found wandering the streets and was handed into Dr. Gerry Skinner, The Rabbit Doctor. He was de-sexed, vaccinated and health checked before coming to the Orphanage (thank you Dr. Gerry!) where he is waiting for his forever home. Heff is a gentle agouti giant, friendly and inquisitive and he loves to explore his surroundings. To visit and adopt any of our orphans please visit <http://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/adoptfoster/> and fill out a bunny wanted form.



A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Satvir, our volunteer of the month for May...



Who's who at RRO?

This month we feature volunteer and education coordinator, Lee-Ann...

1. How did you hear about the orphanage?

I first heard about the orphanage through a friend who adopted a gorgeous black lop from RRO.

2. How long have you been volunteering with the orphanage?

I've been volunteering since the beginning of 2013, and have loved every minute of it!

3. What made you want to volunteer with the orphanage?

I have always loved animals ever since I was little. Rabbits are especially close to my heart as I grew up

with rabbits as a family pet. I have had three previous rabbits who have all sadly passed over the rainbow bridge but who lived long and happy lives (10-12 years old).

4. What roles do you have at the orphanage?

My main role is the education co-ordinator, however I also help out with morning cleans (when I can), adoptions, marketing, public events, the website and anything else needed. I'm the one behind our new Instagram account, YouTube videos, and general upkeep of the website along with all the public events that RRO attends. I've also created our primary school education program "Bunny Talk" which has been developed around the Australian-Victorian primary school curriculum.

5. What do you think is the best thing about volunteering with the orphanage?

It's such a rewarding feeling knowing that you are helping to save lives of these innocent creatures. Whether it's going off to a forever home, getting the vet care that they so desperately deserve, or experiencing being loved and part of a family. The orphanage does not have many "hands on deck" to help compared to other animal rescues. So, I know that what I am doing is making a HUGE difference in the lives of these animals.

6. Do you own or foster any rabbits?

I have three beautiful buns; Rubi, Max and Solo. Solo was adopted from RRO. I fell in love with him after he continually sprayed me every time I cleaned his hutch area. You could say, it was love at first pee.

Bunny Education - See the links below for handy information about caring for your bun:

[Bunny Care Booklet](#) | [Responsible Bunny Ownership](#) | [The Myxomatosis Virus](#)
[The Bunny Diet](#) | [Bunnies as Indoor Pets](#) | [Companion Bunnies](#) | [When a Bunny Needs a Vet](#)

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