



Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles



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Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage & HRS Australian Chapter



Welcome to the **Easter** edition of Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles, our newsletter for Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage and the House Rabbit Society Australian Chapter....

Happy Easter to all of our readers!



Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage and all of the bunnies wish our members, sponsors and volunteers the happiest Easter and hope that everyone can enjoy some rest and relaxation over the long weekend.

May the sun shine and chocolate be plentiful!

If you do wish to visit, we will be open to the public on Saturday, Sunday & Monday—see below for our opening hours.

Easter Opening Hours

GOOD FRIDAY	By appointment only
EASTER SATURDAY	Open 1pm - 4pm
EASTER SUNDAY	Open 1pm - 4pm
EASTER MONDAY	Open 1pm - 4pm

* Our Easter raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 23rd April at 6pm



Fun Facts: All About Bunnies

Did you know?

- ◆ Domestic rabbits live for an average of 8-12 years, and they will thrive for the longest if housed indoors with their families
- ◆ The oldest rabbit on record, according to Guinness World Records, is [Mick the Agouti](#) who turned 16 years old this year!
- ◆ The Easter Bunny and Easter eggs are generally associated with fertility and Spring (for the northern hemisphere) , and in folklore people believe the Easter Bunny's origin stemmed from the German Easter Hare "Osterhase", who would bring eggs to children if they had been good, much like Santa Claus at Christmas.
- ◆ Rabbits should have a diet that is [80% hay](#), and while they may love carrots just like Bugs Bunny, this should be considered a treat. Rabbits have sensitive digestive systems and can get ill very quickly if they stop eating. Another reason why giving them a loving home indoors is an excellent idea—you'll get to know your bunny's habits and identify signs of illness quickly.
- ◆ Rabbits are adorable, attention loving, interactive, long living, sensitive pets—if you don't want to commit to 10 years of care, then [please choose chocolate or soft toys instead this Easter](#)



Easter Raffle

Time is running out to purchase a ticket for Rabbit Run-Away's Easter raffle!

There's a raft of prizes available—hampers full of bunny treats or human treats, and several other bunny related items. Check out the options in the [Facebook Easter Raffle Album](#).

Instructions to purchase tickets are in the album comments and the raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 23rd April at 6pm so get in quick!



Rabbit Run-Away in the News

Judi made an appearance in the local news last week, with a write up about rabbits at Easter.

See the article here: [Bunnies are for Life, too.](#)

Kids WB will air an Easter special on rabbits starring the Orphanage buns, and Dr Lizzie from the Rabbit Doctors on Sunday the 21st of April between 8:45am and 10:00am on 9GO! (channel 99). It has been wonderful to see a number of media outlets raising awareness at this time of year, when an impulse buy of a pet rabbit evidently becomes another bun surrendered to the rescue network in so many cases.

Keep an eye out for positive articles raising awareness about responsible bunny ownership, and share with your friends and family!

Ripponlea Estate Easter Fun Day

This Easter Sunday, why not join Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage at the lovely Ripponlea



Estate for a day of family fun?

Our volunteers will be in attendance, along with a few of our orphans, who are going to showcase the bunnies and help educate the public about rabbit ownership.

The Estate will host rides, games, and an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. There will also be a raffle, so bring a bit of cash to get in on the action!

More information about the event can be found online here:

<https://www.ripponleaestate.com.au/event/easter-fun-day/>





VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers of the Month—March & April '19

Congrats to Fab Ferrusi and Nikita Robbins who are the volunteers of the month for March & April. Many thanks to you both, your efforts are appreciated!



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

<https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/hrs-information-sheets>

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Call for Volunteers

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to assist onsite with cleaning and showing some love to our orphans, for positions between 9.30am and 2pm, 7 days a week. If you are interested in supporting us, please [visit the website](#) to read about volunteer opportunities and apply online.

Alternatively, contact the orphanage on 1300 959 370 to find out more.

There are many ways to help the orphanage, such as donating goods, sponsoring a bunny, fundraising or becoming a member. Find out more on the [Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage website](#).

