



Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles



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Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage & HRS Australian Chapter



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

World Animal Day

This year's [World Animal Day](#) will officially be held on Thursday 4th October, and aims to raise awareness and improve animal welfare standards across the world.

Animal Welfare organisations will celebrate this event in many different ways, and this year Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage will join Edgar's Mission a little later in the year—on Sunday 4th November—in order to avoid the poor weather conditions of a particularly wet winter.

The 4th November event will be celebrated under the banner of [World Kindness Day](#) but the goal is very much the same—so please join us to show a little kindness to our animals and each other, we will have a stall at the Edgar's Mission Sanctuary from 11am to 4pm on the Sunday. More information will be provided on [Facebook](#) and in the next newsletter.

2019 Calendar

Our 2019, Rabbit Runaway Orphanage Anniversary Calendar, will be on sale from October this year. Although we have been working in rescue for 15 years, 2019, celebrates 10 years from when Rabbit Run Away Orphanage became a registered charity.

Animal Legislation Reforms

Slowly, but surely, we are starting to see some progression in Australia's animal law. December last year kicked off the Domestic Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms and Pet Shops) Act 2017, and as of 1 July 2018, a section of the act took effect to restrict pet shops from selling cats & dogs that were not sourced from a shelter, pound, or enrolled foster carers.

August 2018 also saw reforms to the Residential



Tenancies Act proposed in the Victorian parliament, which will take effect in 2019 if they pass. These reforms will provide additional protections to tenants applying for rental properties, where landlords could only refuse consent with VCAT approval.

At this stage most changes are focused on dogs & cats, however it gives us hope that we will see the same for our other furred and feathered friends in the future.

2018 Trivia Night Wrap

Our 2018 trivia night was a great success. The venue was decked out in a Winter Wonderland setting with snow flakes and fairy lights and packed to the brim with people. Some of our guests also dressed in a winter wonderland theme.

There were games and prizes galore, one of the favourite activities being the live auction where participants had an excellent selection of donated goods and lovely artwork to bid on. Big thanks go out to all of our sponsors, volunteers and guests who made this night a great success. Together we raised approximately \$19,000, which has gone directly to the vet care of our VIB bunnies in our foster care program. Everyone enjoyed the evening and we are all looking forward to the next event! Check out some of the goods, and information about our sponsors in the [Facebook event page](#).



End of an Era

It has been a very sad few months at the orphanage and in the foster care & volunteer network, as we said goodbye to a number of elderly bunnies.

Our own long term residents Lia and Tofu crossed the rainbow bridge at almost 10 years old. Permanent foster bunny Dot passed at 9 years old earlier this year, with her partner in crime, Bunzor, crossing the bridge in August at just over 11 years.

We also recently lost Margo, Gretal and Bun Bun who were all around 7-8 years old and struggling with health issues.

Rest in peace and binky free little ones, you were very much loved.

Bunnies of the Month: Eddy, Evan, Eliza & Vegas

Meet the four fluffies, otherwise known as Eddy, Evan Eliza and Vegas.

They are a ready-made family—Eddy is father to the three little ones, sadly they lost their mother before they were rescued and brought to the orphanage.

They have been waiting for their forever home for a number of months, and would love to be re-homed as a family, although they can be paired off if the right home was found.

These little cuties need regular grooming, so the orphanage will support their grooming needs free of charge if required.

If you'd like to find out more about this little family or any of our other orphans, please visit the website [here](#), or contact the orphanage on 1300 959 370.



Meet our Rescue Pets Day at 'Zoo Products Malvern'



On a cold wintery day in August, the Orphanage was invited to a "Meet our Rescue Pets" day at Zoo Products, a wonderful pet shop that actually caters for our bunnies as well as other domestic pets. Accompanying us on the day were Sheldon, Leonard and Howard as well as Eddy and his kids, who are featured in our "Bunnies of the Month". The day provided an excellent opportunity to meet potential bunny owners and to provide information and advice on rabbit adoptions, housing and care. The bunnies played happily with their toys in their enclosures to demonstrate how a house rabbit is kept, and enjoyed pats from Jackie and Amy at Zoo Products in Malvern. <https://zooproducts.net.au/>

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Devonshire Tea

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of our volunteers who have been working very hard these last few months to organise the Trivia Night, and keep operations going at the Orphanage while we were focused on event planning. A big thank you to everyone who could join us for Devonshire Tea on Sunday 19th August—it was great to see you all!



Volunteers of the Month

A huge congratulations goes out to our volunteers of the month for July and August 2018.

Elle Maree and Dani Wiles have been recognised for all of their support and effort and also their support during our recent trivia night event.

Elle & Dani, the bunnies thank you!



Call for Volunteers

We are always on the lookout for dedicated 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 the rabbits, please [visit the website](http://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au) 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](http://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au)

Thinking of
Volunteering?

Join us now...



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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