

Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles



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Welcome to the Christmas 2020 edition of Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles, our newsletter for Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage and the House Rabbit Society Australian Chapter...

THANKYOU to a very generous Bunny Community for helping us through a very difficult year and post lockdown period

A BIG thankyou to everyone that has offered support in numerous ways both during and particularly post lockdown.

We were overwhelmed with offers of support for short term foster carers, volunteers and gifts of goods that have been arriving at the Orphanage. It is difficult to thank everyone individually, we have packages of bunny goods (from our wish list) arriving from Kmart; we had bunny treats arrive from generous supporters, we even had a donation of bunny fences arrive just in time for our buns to have a holiday for a few weeks over Christmas. People have brought virtual gifts and virtual sponsorships from our online shop, as well as generously donated to our Gofundme for our vet care. Your generous support has relieved some of the pressure and anxiety and we were able to catch us on the outstanding vet bills.







WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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It's Warming Up!

Summer's here again, so it's time to start thinking about how to keep your bunnies cool.

Rabbits thrive in cooler conditions (ideally 10-21 degrees Celsius), and while they can tolerate warmer weather, once the temperature reaches 30 degrees or above your fluffy buddy is probably struggling.

There are a number of ways you can help keep them cool.

Step 1:

Cool, fresh water always. 'Nuff said.

Step 2:

House your bunnies indoors—this is one of the most important steps to have a happy, long-living healthy rabbit who feels like part of the family. Among many other reasons to keep your bun indoors, the heat is also much easier to regulate. We have some great examples of indoor set-ups here:

https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/indoorsetups

Step 3:

Give them something cool to lie on—when bunnies are hot, they like to stretch out. You could use a spare marble or ceramic tile if your house isn't already tiled. On the hottest days you could even put the tile in the fridge for a while beforehand!

Failing that, freezing some water bottles and wrapping them in a thin towel will allow your buns to lie next to them and keep their cool.

Step 4:

Keep the air circulated—ceiling fans, pedestal fans, desk fans.. Anything that will keep the air moving will help. Just remember to protect those cords! (aka spicy hay)

Step 5:

Wet their vegetables in cold water—this will keep them extra hydrated!

Remember these steps and you'll have a supercool bunny this summer.





Christmas Gifting

It's that time of year once again, and many of us are getting excited about seeing our friends and family over the holiday period, especially after the long iso-winter we've had in Victoria. Thinking of that perfect gift for someone? How about a Rabbit RunAway Orphanage Virtual Gift?

These make excellent gifts for an animal lover, who will receive a certificate of appreciation with a photo and explanation of how your gift will benefit our buns.

You can find our Virtual Gifts here:

https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/virtual-gifts

There are a number of other ways you can both give a thoughtful gift this Christmas and also show some support to the orphanage.

On the website you can also find a number of different products that can be purchased online here:

https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/physicalproducts

Or you could also sponsor a bunny here: https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/bunny-sponsorship

All funds from the virtual gifts, products and sponsorship are used to support the ongoing operation of the orphanage. Virtual gifts and sponsorship are also tax deductible.



Gift of Life \$80.00



Gift of Life: Banjo \$80.00



Noel \$50.00



Hendrix & Harrison \$50.00



Alun \$50.00



Fae \$50.00



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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Post-lockdown Fundraising

We need your help!

After a very difficult year without the ability to fundraise like we usually would, Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage is looking to our supporters for assistance.

Please spread the word, take a look at our online shop or website for other gifting ideas, or consider donating via our <u>GoFundMe campaign</u>.

Each year we see an influx of abandoned, pregnant rabbits when Spring arrives and this year was no different. We have ever mounting vet bills to allow for the de-sexing of rescues and their babies, as well as the ongoing care of our VIBs. This year we have a \$40,000 goal and are almost halfway there to date.

Please dig deep if you can. However we also understand many others have had it tough this year, so if there are any other ways in which you can help, such as with your time, then please visit our website and contact the orphanage:

https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/how-to-help

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