



# 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...

## Adopt a Rabbit Month

Our Adopt a Rabbit Month for our couples, and Eddie & his kids will be extended through March for those looking to adopt couples or a bunny family. Please visit our [website](#) for details.



### Adoptions for January + February

We have had a very successful Adoption Month with 30 of our bunny orphans going to their new homes in the January and February period. There were also 11 special needs bunnies placed into permanent foster homes.

Eddie and his kids (pictured above) were found

in a park in Bundoora when the babies were 4 weeks old. They were dehydrated and near death. They are a gorgeous bonded little family, all de-sexed.

#### *Can you provide a loving home for them?*

They come with a full setup and their vet care will be covered by the Orphanage if rehomed together.

# The Orphanage visits Melbourne University

*Each year the Orphanage is asked to participate in workshops for students studying to be vets or vet nurses.*

In late January, we visited Melbourne University to partake in an exotic animals workshop for final year veterinary students. The students were able to experience first hand the handling and examination of the pet rabbit, as well as practise their burrito-wrapping of the bunnies.

Some of our future vets were from Queensland, where rabbits are a restricted pet. They were so excited to be able to be close up and personal with our rabbits.



We would like to thank our future vets for inviting us to participate and contribute to their knowledge and care of the pet rabbit.

We hope to see them in the future in their own practices.





# The English Angoras

In February 2019, we had nine beautiful English Angora bunnies come into rescue. The bunnies were surrendered with their parents, Ajax and My Bond, who were both pedigree show rabbits. Ajax and had four juvenile babies with her, as well as her three older daughters.

Within five days of arriving, Ajax and three of her babies became ill and died. Autopsy and pathology confirmed RHVD Type-2 calicivirus. The rest of the family remains in quarantine at the Orphanage, and have not been affected. They will remain in quarantine for a month as a precaution. The surviving bunnies will be available for adoption once their quarantine period is complete.

*My Bond (pictured right), the father of the English Angoras, has a gentle friendly temperament.*

*Leo (below), was rescued on a very hot day. He was near death from heat stroke and spent his first day in at our vets. He has recovered and is waiting for his forever home.*



## RHVD Type 2 Calicivirus

The risk of calici is still prevalent and rabbits housed outside are at greater risk.

If a rabbit contracts calici, it will show within 5 days to a week and death usually occurs within a day of showing ill health.

The current vaccine does not fully protect rabbits from this rogue strain, however it may provide some support.

# VOLUNTEER CORNER

## Volunteers of the Month

A big congratulations goes out to Lisa Hrambanis, Liza Sutherland, and Rebecca Canavan, who are our volunteers of the month for January and February!

Thank you for all that you do for the Orphanage, we appreciate your hard work and dedication.



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

[https://  
www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/  
hrs-information-sheets](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](#).

