

## **VOLUNTEERS**

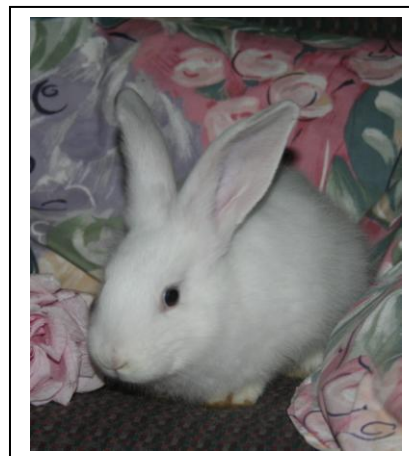


### **Welcome and thank you for your interest in Volunteering for Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage!**

We are a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by a volunteer committee and a small dedicated workforce of volunteers. Volunteers are integral to the orphanage running smoothly on a day to day basis.

The aims of Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage are:

- (1) to provide for rabbits that are sick, unwanted, stray, or have been mistreated
  - (a) appropriate short-term care
  - (b) medical treatment
  - (c) rehabilitation treatment
  - (d) long-term re-homing solutions
- (2) To educate the public on rabbit ownership and care
- (3) To prevent unnecessary euthanasia of rabbits
- (4) To discourage cruelty to rabbits.



Each year many bunnies are abandoned or surrendered to animal shelters. While the animal shelters do what they can, regulations restrict them to keeping just a small number of animals. The sad fact is that there are too many bunnies for the capacity of the shelters and many healthy, lovable and friendly bunnies are euthanised, many do not even reach their first year. As a new charity, we have a number of key roles to be filled as well as other activities. We welcome all expressions of interest. All our volunteers have one thing in common; we all care for our bunnies. We welcome and value your ideas, input and your involvement in any way you wish.

As a volunteer you can:

- Choose your interests / skills /experiences that you would like to use in your volunteering work.
- Decide the kind of roles would you like to do.
- The commitment that you are able to make.
- Areas or projects you would like to be involved in.

Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage is the only charity in Victoria run specifically for rabbits and fills a much needed community service for the growing number of abandoned pet rabbits. Our role is to support vets and shelters, educate rabbit owners with the ultimate aim to reduce the euthanasia rate of these gentle pets.

We hope that your time at Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage will be a very rewarding experience.

Kindest regards,

*Judi Inglis*  
*President*



**DO YOU HAVE SKILLS THAT CAN ASSIST US?**

or

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS**

**IN A SUPPORTIVE AND INFORMAL ENVIRONMENT?**

Would you like to take a leading role in our Foster Carer Program, Fundraising; Off Site Adoption Centres; Memberships or Sponsorship Programs; Marketing or Book keeping?

Please contact us for a chat about any of these activities.

**Volunteering with us will also provide the opportunity to be involved in a number of ways. Training or advice is provided when needed.**

**BUNNY SOCIALISATION:** This is the lovely job of handling, patting and chatting to bunnies that may be initially nervous of humans. To rehome our buns they need to be reasonably sociable and able to be handled. This requires patience and a gentle but confident hand.

**SUPERVISING BUNNY DATES:** We can train you to supervise bunny dates. Our bunny dating service allows people to bring their pet buns to us and we endeavour to find their perfect match with one of the orphan bunnies.

**FOSTER CARER:** Foster carers provide a suitable, loving temporary home for an orphan bunny. Rabbit foster parents are provided with an enclosure, litter and hay trays and training and advice as required. Vet bills are also covered by Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage and when you go on holidays your foster bunny will be cared for at Rabbit Run free of charge.

**FUNDRAISING:** The orphanage is funded entirely from donations and sponsorships and we receive no government funding. Therefore fundraising is an ongoing, important component for us to continue our work. You can help by approaching local businesses who may be interested in sponsorship or donations, encouraging sponsorship and memberships and helping out at various fundraising or information activities throughout the year. Ideas for fundraisers are always needed and appreciated.

**MARKETING:** We are always looking for new ideas to let people know about our work and to gain support and funding to continue. We have developed a biannual newsletter, website, facebook page, sponsorship packages and memberships which all require volunteer assistance. We are also developing adoption centres off site, which require volunteers to monitor and care for the bunnies as well as conduct informal discussions with potential bunny owners at the centres from time to time.

**CLEANING:** This involves sweeping the rabbit enclosures, changing litter and hay trays, cleaning water bowls, changing towels or mats, mopping floors etc. (whilst carefully manoeuvring around inquisitive bunnies!).

**OTHER:** If you have any other skills that you think would be useful to Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage please let us know.

# **VOLUNTEER Expression of Interest**

*Please complete this form and return it to us*



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us what you would most like to experience or achieve through volunteering with Rabbit Runaway Orphanage? *(This will assist us to facilitate relevant experiences)*

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## **HOURS AND DAYS I AM AVAILABLE TO HELP ONSITE / OFFSITE**

DAYS	HOURS	Notes
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

## **I AM INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES**

<b>Orphanage Onsite Activities</b>		<b>Off Site Activities</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaning (2 hrs approx)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bookkeeping (MYOB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vet visits (intermittent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership administration support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bunny Socialisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising/deliver/collect donation tins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bunny Dates	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bunny care and monitoring at adoption centres
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medications etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	Informal bunny information at adoption centres
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hay, litter disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Support our Foster Carer Network
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bunny toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	Web and/or data base support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervise exercise time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof reading marketing material
<b>KEY ROLES</b> <i>(please circle)</i> Foster Carer Program, Fundraising; Off Site Adoption Centres; Memberships; Sponsorships; Marketing; Book keeping; Other			