



# Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles



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Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage & HRS Australian Chapter



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

## End of Year Wrap-up

Another year is almost over, and what a year it has been.

As we speed towards Christmas and New Year, our volunteers have been working tirelessly at a number of events, fundraising, and activities to raise awareness about Rabbit Run-away and rabbit welfare. Here are a few of the highlights over the last 2 months...

**Rabbit Run-away Orphanage volunteers were out & about in November and December at:**

- The Rabbit Expo
- Participated in National Animal Shelter and Rescue Appreciation Week from 4th November
- Vegan Sausage Sizzle by Wholefoods Merchants
- World Vegan Day Expo
- PETstock Pet Santa Photos

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS, FOLLOWERS AND THE WIDER BUNNY COMMUNITY**





# In Memoriam: Very Important Bunnies

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to a number of our VIBs Bunnies recently as they gave up their struggle to stay with us due to various health conditions. We have lost our little lop Jack and the beautiful Gypsy (not pictured); then from left to right below:

Ellie, (a gorgeous giant and partner to Hugo); Kokomo (bonded to Zigzag); sisters Lena & Lexi; and most recently little Bertie (partner to Princess).

These buns were part of our foster program and we our heartfelt condolences go out to their foster carers who gave them such intricate care and the most loving homes after their rough start in life. We hope that you will treasure the memories of these little bunny spirits as they remain in your hearts. We are so sorry for your loss as we share this heartache with you.



## In Loving Memory of Twitch

We also send bunny hugs and thoughts to little Twitch's human family. Twitch's sudden death has left them devastated as we move into Christmas. May you find comfort in his memories as he binkies across the rainbow bridge with all of our buns that have passed. We are so sorry for you loss. This sweet boy will live forever in your hearts.



## What's New!

Did you know that Rabbit Runaway Orphanage has an online shop on their website!

Bunny Christmas Stockings are available from the [online store](#) . We also have [virtual gifts](#) and you can also [sponsor a bunny](#). These fabulous gifts include a certificate of appreciation and profile on checkout.

## 2020 Calendar

Our 2020 calendar 'Faces of Rescue' is now available for purchase online.

The orphanage is now in its 11th year as a registered charity, and all proceeds from the calendar will be used for the ongoing care of the bunnies and running of the orphanage.

Purchase a calendar here for only \$15.00 + postage:





# Corporate Sponsorship Program

Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage is the only rescue in Australia that has a permanent foster program. The Corporate Sponsor program partners Rabbit Run-away Orphanage with like-minded businesses in the community, and the sponsorship fees go towards our ongoing vet care for our permanent foster rabbits.

Information about our sponsorship program can be found on our website here:

<https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/sponsorship>

## Our Corporate Sponsors

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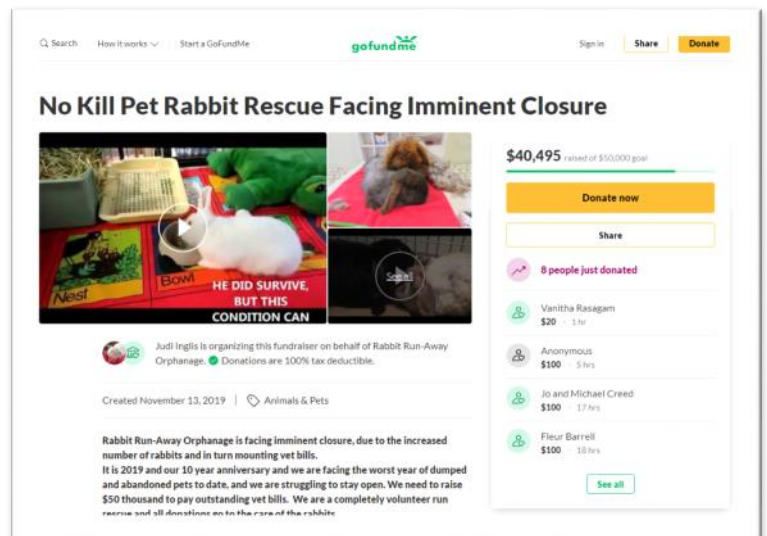
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## GoFundMe Campaign Update

Our [Gofundme Campaign](#) was started mid November to try to raise funds for the outstanding vet care. Without funds we were on the verge of closing. Thanks to the community generosity we have raised 40,000 of the 50,000 needed to pay of the outstanding vet bills.

Unfortunately we have also had many buns coming to us since the Gofundme was started, including mother rabbits with litters (another 20 in total) as well as 12 strays. We are at a loss of what to do, as to say no is to condemn these animals to be killed.





# VOLUNTEER CORNER

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## Volunteers of the Month: November & December 2019

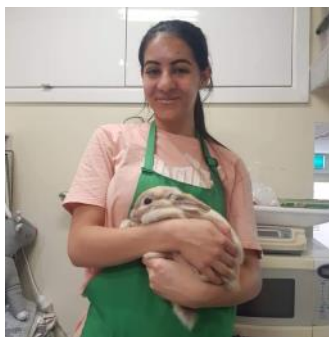
Congratulations to Tanya Meldrum and Yong Hwee Go (Jean). Tanya has been our treasurer for many years and Jean is looking after many of our social media activities. Both ladies are an integral part of keeping the Orphanage operating. Thank you for all of your ongoing work!



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

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

## Meet our student placement volunteers



Jaylan and Monica are undertaking Animal and Veterinary Studies at Latrobe University and have undertaken their industry placements at the Orphanage. We have loved having them working with us.



## Call for Onsite 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 8.30am and 12.30pm (or until finished), 7 days a week. If you are interested in supporting us, please [visit the website](#) to read about volunteer opportunities and apply online.

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