



Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles



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Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage & HRS Australian Chapter



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

Life in Lockdown

The COVID-19 experience

The last three months has passed quickly and the world is a different place. Our new world consists of social distancing, hand washing, no physical contact with those not in our household. Even the bird at the orphanage practice social distancing!



Animals and COVID-19

Our animals do not know there is a silent pandemic threatening their human carers. We can pat and hug our animals who are unaware that they are now taking on the caring role by replacing our human hugs with warm fur hugs. This shows the wonderful role that pets play in our lives providing companionship, and relieving stress.

The Orphanage

The Orphanage is used to strict protocols for disease control as we have battled the unseen rabbit viruses for years. Now our protocols include the human virus as well. Both are invisible and take lives randomly. During this unprecedented time, we have had to make changes to all aspects of running the orphanage to protect humans as well as the animals. All visitors are now by appointment only. Visitors are asked to sign in and sterilise their hands before entering the premises, and practice social distancing. Our volunteers have been buddied up on our



rosters, so volunteers rostered together stay together - if one person wants to swap, then both members of the team either swap, or decide to complete their shift alone. There has also been a significant reduction in orphan bunnies on site - many have been adopted or fostered so we now require less people on site to care for the animals. We have also reduced the number of intakes to one or two rescues at a time. Most screening for new homes is done over the phone. All surfaces and touch points are sterilised at intervals during the day and we continue to run our virus air purification system. Training for volunteers has moved online, so that all volunteers are ready to resume with us when we re-open our doors.

Volunteers in COVID-19

The pandemic has affected us all in different ways, We spoke to a couple of our volunteers to see how they were managing.

Teodora and Adrian Misura are two of our power couples helping us onsite. We asked Teodora how she was coping.



What has changed significantly for you with the restrictions?

My work was split into working from home and going to the office. I miss visiting family and friends.

Is there one thing you will never take for granted again ?

The liberty to move unrestricted which can affect the choices you make, the decision you take, your relationships and your work.

How have your pets been dealing with you being home 24/7

I have two Netherlands Dwarf bunnies, and they absolutely enjoy us being home! We took this opportunity to improve their hidey houses, make new toys and treats and of course, there is more time to cuddle!

How do you feel about volunteering for during this period?

This did not change for us and gave us some sense of normality. There are strict restrictions in place at the Orphanage, but we enjoyed the opportunity to help and spend time with the buns out there.

Are you excited about resuming your regular routine?

Absolutely, I'm excited to go back to work. Although I will miss spending more time with my bunnies.



Adrienne Cheong was also happy to share her experiences.

Adrienne does a lot of work behind the scenes such as fundraising, social media posts and training sessions for other volunteers.

What has changed significantly for you with the restrictions?

How much caution I think to take to keep others safe (social distancing) and gratitude to front line workers!

Is there one thing you will never take for granted again ?

The ability to see my family and friends.

How have your pets been dealing with you being home 24/7

My 3 buns and 2 dogs have been much more lazy! And conveniently hungry?

How do you feel about volunteering during this period?

I have been running online fundraisers (e.g. Easter raffle) so it's been much the same! Apart from my weekly bunny snuggles!

Are you excited about resuming your regular routine?

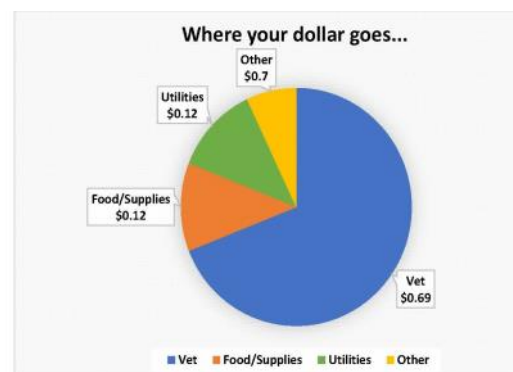
I've been working (healthcare) and finishing my animal science thesis so, life didn't really change!

Fundraising in COVID-19

COVID-19 has severely impacted our ability to fundraise, as most of our fundraising activities were cancelled when the pandemic reached Australia. We have run some raffles, however we needed to manage contactless delivery to get the raffle prizes and auction items to their owners. We have been innovating where we can—our wonderful volunteer India ran an online yoga session (from England!) to raise funds for the orphanage.

But we still need your help!

While we have been in lockdown, the orphanage has been unable to raise enough funds to cover the vet care. Our special needs rabbits, just like anyone's children or family members, still need medical support for their conditions. As such, we have had vet bills mounting up and have started a new GoFundMe campaign to raise these funds. For more information and to make a tax deductible donation please visit GoFundMe: [Rabbit Runaway Orphanage: COVID_19 & EOFY](#)



Source3: Treasurers Report 1/7/2018 - 30/6/2019

2020 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. We encourage you to support the businesses that support Rabbit Welfare in a real and tangible way.



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In Loving Memory...

During COVID lockdown we have sadly said goodbye to some of our buns, amongst them were two of our oldest buns who reached the grand old age of 11 and 13 years. Thoughts are with their foster carers whose love and care supported these buns through their autumn years.



1. Little Hugo affectionally known as “Hugo Bossy Boots” with his first and second bun wife. Hugo was a quirky, little man with a big personality.
2. Halle Berry, a gently, sweet natured bunny, who everyone loved. Both of the buns succumbed to age related conditions. They are both sadly missed by us all.

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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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers of the Month— May and June 2020

Apart from the love we have for every bunny life that passes through our doors and the generosity and warmth from our supporters... there are a team of incredible people we know we can depend on in a time of despair: OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following volunteers individually for their continued onsite help during this lockdown and award them ALL as our 'volunteers of the month';

Monica, Anna, Celene, Cassie, Nicola, Nikita, Hailey, Jonathan, Peggy, Teo, Adrian, Amy, Richard, Ihsan, Kara, Melvina, Annabel, Chia, Jean Adrienne and Rick. Gratitude also extends to those who are working silently behind the scenes Megan, Lee Ann and Tanya. A special thankyou to India who ran our virtual bunny yoga fundraiser. Our world would be a little smaller and far less joyful without you all.

**Thankyou and
Congratulations to all our
COVID-19 Volunteers from
Mark and Mannix and all
the other buns for your
dedicated care.**

