



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....

Bouncing Baby Bunnies

As the COVID-19 restrictions start to ease and we prepare to increase our capacity, we are once again experiencing a surge of new and pregnant rabbits coming into the rescue.

This is common for springtime, however the impact feels a lot larger this year as we have not been able to fundraise to the same levels during lockdown.

Right now, Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage has 30 baby bunnies in the system from recent rescues. Some are being raised offsite, and other litters are onsite (or due to arrive soon). All of these bunnies will eventually need to be desexed, vaccinated and microchipped. Most will be placed into homes soon.

In order to raise the funds we have introduced a baby bunny sponsorship option on our website: <https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/product-page/baby-bunnies>

There are many sponsorship options and contributing to the care of the babies is just one way you can make a difference. There are a



number of VIBs (very important bunnies) also looking for support.

Virtual sponsorships make a thoughtful gift, and with Christmas quickly approaching this could be a good option for your bunny loving friends and family. All sponsors will receive a certificate of appreciation, photo & information about your bunny, and all donations are tax deductible.

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MoSuKi Bunny Shop

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Our Silver Sponsor: MoSuKi Bunny Shop

MoSuKi Bunny Shop started in October 2015 with the aim to provide rabbits and guinea pigs with treats and products appropriate for them, and also to help fundraise the vaccination costs of all rabbits at Big Ears Sanctuary in Tasmania.



Over time, we have started to help other rescues around Australia with donations of goods for their fundraisers, or small fundraisers for them.

Today, the MoSuKi gang consist of Momo, Sunny, Lily, Bubbles, Brownie & Mellow, who aim to test every single product we sell to make sure it is all appropriate, safe and delicious!

As well as home-made treats, MoSuKi Bunny Shop also offers a range of excellent bunny accessories, toys, hay, Oxbow and Burgess products, and some lovely merchandise and bunny related items for the 'hoomins'. They have even recently released some cute items to prepare for Christmas!

MoSuKi primarily take online orders, but also stock their treats at some resellers in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and other online stores. Visit their website to find out more and order your treats: <https://mosukibunnyshop.ecwid.com/>

You can also follow them here in Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mosukibunnyshop>



Foster and Adopt Now

We are now approaching Christmas when the orphanage becomes very busy.

So we're looking for permanent homes for some of our foster rabbits and our babies> If you can provide a permanent safe, indoor home please contact us. There's nothing better than waking up in the morning to a couple of furry faces looking for your love and attention, and listening to the sound of cheeky scampering at night. Our VIBs have some existing health challenges, however this does not interfere with their cuteness. If they go into permanent foster then vet bills are covered by the orphanage. We also supply basic housing equipment, litter & hay trays and ongoing training for our foster carers.

We will also be placing our babies into permanent homes soon. The babies will come with their own temporary nursery enclosure, so you will have plenty of time to do a "big bunny" setup as they grow. They will return to us for their desexing surgeries when 3 to 4 months old. More information about adoption and fostering can be found here: <https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/adopt-foster>.



Spring is in the Air

Winter has finally come to an end, and many of us might be in a Spring-cleaning mood to prepare for the warmer months. So, how about giving our homes some love and our furry friends' enclosures a bit of a revamp?

There are so many great reasons to house a bunny indoors – not only do their personalities shine when they are part of the family, but you are also protecting these sensitive creatures from fear, illness, heat and predators if you share your home with them.

Whether you decide to create a corner enclosure for them or give them full reign of the house, there are a few important things to do to ensure a safe and effective set up:

- ◆ Some bunnies love to chew, cables are just like spicy hay! Make sure to protect your electrical cables – carefully positioned furniture that bunnies can't jump on or crawl under work well if you don't want to fence everything off. [Click here for information on how to bunny proof your home.](#)
- ◆ Make sure there is always fresh hay & water available. We like to use trays lined with recycled paper litter topped with hay, and water in sturdy ceramic bowls so they can't be easily tipped.
- ◆ Create a place that your bun can hide and feel safe – if you have an excess of cardboard boxes from all that lockdown online shopping, then get creative and make them a castle! Just make sure not to use any strong or toxic adhesives in case your furry friend wants to add their personal touch. Cat tunnels are also very good.

- ◆ Some bunnies aren't great on hard tile or timber floors – cotton bathmats or runners are handy as they can be thrown in the washing machine easily. Jute or natural fibre mats are also good however can only be spot cleaned.
- ◆ Toys! Rabbits like to be entertained, and so they don't decide to entertain themselves with your cushions or rugs, it's a good idea to have some toys available. Our Silver Sponsor [Mosuki Bunny Shop](#) has many options.

We have more info and some great examples of indoor house rabbit set-ups on the website here: <https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/indoor-setups>



NAIDOC Week 2020

A reminder that this year, NAIDOC week is taking place from 8-15 November 2020 instead of July.

NAIDOC week is a time to celebrate the culture of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is a time to learn, and to participate in activities to support indigenous communities.

The theme for 2020 is “Always Was, Always Will Be”. This is to recognise that First Nations people have been the original occupants of this country for over 65,000 years.

Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage supports NAIDOC week and recognises the importance of acknowledging the long history and culture of this country's original custodians.

More information about NAIDOC week can be found here: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020



VOLUNTEER CORNER

NOW RECRUITING

As Melbourne starts to open up we are also preparing for the busy summer and holiday period.

We are currently recruiting new volunteers for the summer period, to help us through until February 2021. The position is shelter attendant to work directly for with the rabbits in animal husbandry, cleaning enclosures and doing the welfare check, while giving them some love and attention.



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)

If this sounds like something you have been waiting for please visit the website to apply: [https://
www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/volunteer](https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/volunteer)

Due to COVID, these positions are limited so apply now.

THANKYOU TO OUR COVID VOLUNTEERS

We wanted to once again thank all of our regular COVID volunteers for the support they have provided over this very difficult time.

Big thanks to: Monica, Anna, Celene, Nicola, Nikita, Hailey, Jonathan, Peggy & James, Teo & Adrian, Amy & Richard, Annabel, Cassie, Kara, Melvina, and Ihsan - all of the bunnies are binkying for you!



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Volunteering?

Join us now...

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