

## MISSION & VALUES

Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage and Rabbit Run share the same mission and values.

We support the view that **all sentient creatures have intrinsic value** within their own lives, and rabbits have the right to live a fulfilled and happy life on this earth as one of nature's creatures. We advocate rabbits as indoor pets as they are prey animals, and not a predator to any other creature.

**Humans** the most intelligent species on the earth, **have an obligation** to protect and care for animals entrusted to their care. Therefore we believe that no animal should be purchased unless the buyer can provide a safe and happy environment for the animal and can afford veterinary care. Neither is it in the animal's best interest to be purchased as a gift for someone else, including children, who may not know how, or want to take on the responsibility of long term care for an animal.

### **We do not support industries or legislation**

- (1) that results in unbearable pain and suffering to any animal,
- (2) that abuses and causes distress and pain to animals in favour of human needs,
- (3) that breeds animals for profit with disregard for their welfare or
- (4) that sells animals without providing the correct information about their care to new owners.

We are repulsed by the meat rabbit industry, who use the most gently and intelligent NZ and Californian White rabbits, which are bred to be subjected to a disgraceful and cruel existence until they are slaughtered very young. **We are ashamed that the most feared predator to rabbits are humans**, and that humans, could develop such a cruel animal control method such as the myxomatosis virus, to inflict on nature's creatures and not allow a vaccination to be available in Australia for pet rabbits.

**We are committed to providing educational services** to encourage responsible bunny ownership, due to the large number of young rabbits, which are mistreated or die, due to neglect or ignorance about their care, or end up in shelters, many of which are euthanised so early in their lives.

# CODE OF ETHICS

Rabbit Run Away Orphanage is committed to the ethical treatment and moral rights of animals that share our world and in particular pet rabbits.

## Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage Inc...

- continues to be a voice for these creatures
- working to protect them from abuse and neglect and unnecessary euthanasia
- educating the public and policy makers to ensure adequate care is provided for them

## By Joining the Association...

members agree to abide by the Rules of Association listed on our website as well as maintaining

- respect for the work of the Association
- open and transparent communication with the Association
- respect towards the volunteers in their day to day care of the bunnies
- confidentiality in regard to the Associations data bases and other operational processes
- Uphold the spirit in which the Association was started and continues to operate