



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....

**Rainbow Bridge
Remembrance Day 2020
Honouring and remembering
our much loved pets!**



Rabbit Run-Away Corporate Sponsorship Program

Welcome to the first edition of Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles for FY21.

This edition is all about our corporate sponsors—whose support allows us to run our foster care program to give orphaned bunnies a chance to stretch their legs and live with a loving family whilst waiting for their forever home. Or, in the case of our VIBs, allowing them a permanent foster arrangement to live out their years in a happy home, with the safety net of ongoing vet support.

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.

There are 5 levels of sponsorship available, ranging from \$250 to \$2000 with various inclusions to support the promotion of your business:

- ◆ Buy a bunny a little time
- ◆ Bronze
- ◆ Silver
- ◆ Gold
- ◆ Diamond

Information about our corporate

sponsorship program can be found on our [website](#).

Our Corporate Sponsors



Diamond Sponsor—Willow Woods Bunny Boarding

Who are we?

Willow Woods Bunny Boarding is a family-owned hobby business started some 7 years ago by a rabbit loving family who saw the need for a quality rabbits and guinea pigs boarding facility to give pet owners peace of mind while they travel for work or holidays.

What do we do?

As a unique indoor pet hotel, Willow Woods Bunny Boarding is one of a kind in Melbourne. Situated in the western suburbs, it is a custom-built space spanning 2 floors that is wholly dedicated to rabbit and guinea pig boarding. The business is insured and has an operating business permit from Wyndham City Council.

Playing, petting, cuddling, daily medicine feeds, middle of the night dashes to the vet, and endless cleaning / disinfecting are all part of the routine of running this well-regarded hobby business.

Has the Pandemic impacted us?

Most certainly! For starters, we have to suspend our bunny grooming services and the Saturday inspection tours for new customers. Our physical store (selling hay, toys, dried fruits etc) remains closed but happily, the online version of this store is still up and running. Our customers buy from us online and we ship to them via courier service providers.



Our boarding services have remained open all these while and to date, we have helped quite a few anxious owners to care for their pets in the midst of the COVID-19 chaos.

Want to know more?

Look up Willow Woods Bunny Boarding on Facebook and our websites at www.willowwood.com.au and www.lapinluxury.com.au to read about the experiences of the many satisfied customers.

As always, come see, be amazed and be convinced!

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NAIDOC Week 2020

Usually at this time of year we would be celebrating NAIDOC week, which takes place in July. Given the current global circumstances, the event has been shifted this year, now taking place from 8-15 November 2020.

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

Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day 2020



All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigour. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress their beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together..."

— Author unknown

The Rainbow Bridge poem is a lovely way to commemorate the loss of a beloved pet, and Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day was founded to celebrate the happy memories of when our pets were still with us.

"Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day takes is recognised on the 28th of August every year. Celebrate this day spending some time honouring your beloved pets. We'd love to see some of your photos online via Facebook or Instagram, you can use the hashtag [#RainbowBridgeRemembranceDay](#) to share.

"Loved and not forgotten" We celebrate the lives of all the buns that have crossed the 'Rainbow Bridge' particularly those that have left us recently. The quirky and unique Miss Moneypenny, who lived with us at the Orphanage.. Miss Moneypenny would run at you for pats and treats and if you were not forthcoming she would nip at you to let you know her displeasure. She was equally sweet when she wanted pats and attention. We will all miss her. The elderly Dalton who lived his best life with his foster carer although disabled prior to his passing. The regal Romeo, a black rex rabbit who left his girl Daisy behind to cross the bridge. The sweet and gentle Mrs Robinson, who battled an incurable abscess and left us recently. There are many others not listed, but all are sadly missed, but we are so thankful to have them in our lives for a short time.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers of the Month— July & August 2020

Today we honour two of our volunteers that are working behind the scenes to keep the Orphanage operating.

Working remotely from NSW is Jean who is looking after our social media platforms and other operations.

Working from England is India, who has conducted a virtual bunny yoga session via Zoom to help keep the funds coming in for the vet care of our rabbits.

A BIG THANKYOU TO BOTH OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.



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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