

# All Ears in Sacramento

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## Holiday Gift Ideas for (and by!) the Rabbit Lover

We realize the Christmas countdown is sneaking up quickly, but if you're like us, you're probably still trying to come up with a few last minute ideas. We've compiled a little list of items you might want to consider tucking under the tree.

The quickest way to cover last-minute shopping is to hop online and look up one of these sites:

- **Bunny Heaven**, [www.bunnyheaven.com](http://www.bunnyheaven.com). This New Jersey-based company carries more than 100 rabbit-themed products, from t-shirts and jewelry to ceramic soap dishes. Check out their holiday-themed figurines. Very cute!
- **The Bunny Store**, [www.thebunnystore.com](http://www.thebunnystore.com). A great resource for "crafty" gifts, including puppets and stuffed animals. They also carry bunny cookie jars, miniature hinged boxes and holiday ornaments.
- **Jodi Jensen's** web site, [www.jodijensen.com](http://www.jodijensen.com). Jensen does some of the prettiest watercolors we've seen – much of her work features bunnies in the garden. Her work is reprinted on everything from wallpaper to notecards.

No Internet access, or is time too short? That's ok – we can help you there, too. If a friend has lost a beloved friend in the last year, a donation in his or her memory is a lovely holiday gift. The Sacramento SPCA (916.383.7387) lets you purchase an engraved brick with an animal's (or a friend's) name on it, which will become a permanent part of the facility.



*Some fun finds online: jewelry and shirt available at Bunny Heaven; art print available at Jodi Jensen; ornament available at The Bunny Store*

And there's always plenty of ideas for shopping locally. Try a local nursery to find a sweet rabbit statuary, garden stake or outdoor thermometer for the gardener in your life. Stop by the stationary store to pick up some elegant rabbit-themed writing paper. And if all else fails, hit the mall to find the classic Christmas gift – bunny slippers!

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# Greetings SHRS Members and Volunteers:

Wishing each of you a very special Happy and Joyous Holiday season! And many warm greetings to all of our current foster rabbits and "alumni" who have found wonderful homes.

The year of 2005 has been a very interesting and eventful one. We have been implementing many changes within the chapter and starting new programs to reach a greater house rabbit audience. It has been a busy year for us and with the continued support of our dedicated volunteers, we are reaching out to more house rabbits in our community.

The main change is we are incorporating as our own non-profit 501c(3). By incorporating, we will be able to receive annual grants from National House Rabbit Society as well as apply for grants from other foundations. We have also established a Board of Directors, which meets monthly.

In addition to our regular duties of rescuing rabbits in need, fostering, hosting monthly adoption days, pet therapy, special events, and assisting the public with rabbit education, we have been aggressively working to raise funds for our chapter. Due to the rising cost of good veterinary care, it has been necessary to increase the level of reimbursement to our fosterers to enable them to continue saving rabbits.

Some special projects we are working on are as follows: 1. Donating a "Starter Kit" containing an *HRS Handbook*, bag of hay, and handouts to shelters we work closely with, to teach adopters proper rabbit care. 2. Providing cost-effective bagged hay for the general public and volunteers. 3. Donating *HRS Handbooks* to public libraries in California. 4. Hosting guest speakers at adoption days. 5. Assisting shelters financially to upgrade their rabbit cages.

In the spring we had a very successful fund raiser which netted almost \$2000! It was hosted by Rose Zahnn, owner of Healthy Habits Fitness and Yoga Studio, at her studio in mid-town Sacramento. We had wonderful vendors and a silent auction. We are looking forward to an even bigger and better event this spring – we'll keep you posted!

We are also hosting "guest speakers" at certain adoption days and seeing if the response will be great enough to host guest speakers on a routine basis. Our first guest was Mary Argo, a pet communicator, at our November adoption day. It was well attended and Mary was booked with pet readings the entire day. Our next guest speaker will be Rose Zahnn at February's adoption day.

My hope is we can heighten public awareness of these quiet and greatly misunderstood creatures and better their quality of life. We will continue to strive to keep up with the increasing population of house rabbit owners and hope that with every year we make a difference.

My best to all of you for a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Margaret-Rose Batterman  
Chapter Manager



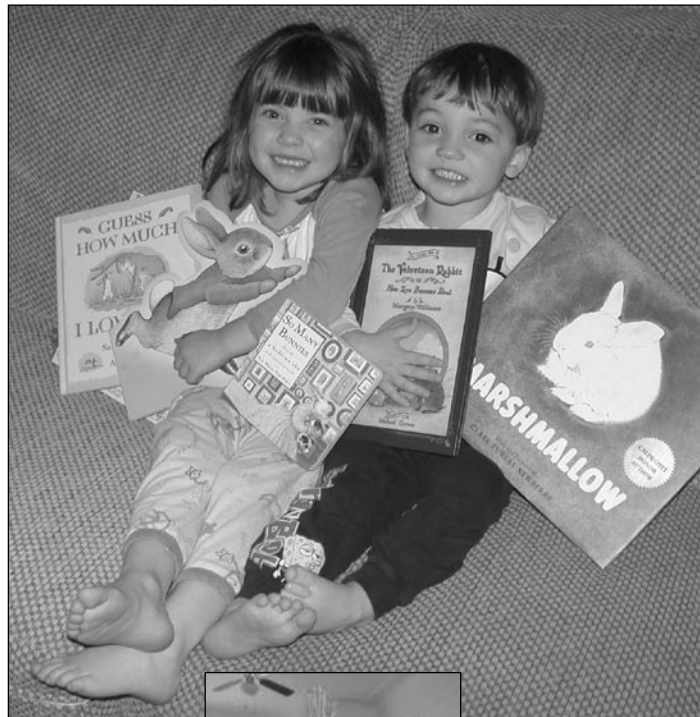
## Holiday Gift ideas *continued from page 1*

### Bunny Books for Kids: Our Top 10 Picks

If you're trying to think of a good holiday gift for a child in your life, consider the gift of a book. The recipient doesn't have to be a rabbit fanatic or live with a rabbit of their own. If you are a bunny lover, this is a gift that will reflect your personality – and every time the child settles down at bedtime and opens your gift, you'll come to mind. What more could you want from a special gift? Here are some tried-and-true favorites to consider:

- *Pat the Bunny (A Touch-and-Feel Book)*, by Dorothy Kunhardt. This little book has soft fur that babies can "pet" and pages to play peek-a-boo with. A perfect first-ever book! For babies.
- *So Many Bunnies*, by Rick Walton and Paige Miglio. A short rhyming and counting book that lists each of Old Mother Rabbit's 26 babies (each one's name starts with a different letter of the alphabet). Preschoolers will quickly memorize and recite along as you read. For babies and preschoolers.
- *The Runaway Bunny*, by Margaret Wise Brown. A little bunny imagines what it would be like to run away from home, but his soothing, assuring mother tells him that she would find him no matter what. A sweet bedtime story with lovely illustrations. For preschoolers.
- *Guess How Much I Love You?* By Sam McBratney. This sweet story tells the tale of Little Nutbrown Hare, searching for the right words to describe his love for his father. Big Nutbrown Hare says it perfectly: "I love you right up to the moon." For preschoolers.
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, by Beatrix Potter. We all grew up with the story of Peter and his siblings Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail. Introduce a new generation to Farmer McGregor's garden! For preschoolers.

- *The Velveteen Rabbit*, by Margery Williams. This classic story about a toy rabbit who longs to be real was originally written in 1922. The illustrations will warm any child's heart (and most bookstores carry a version that comes with a stuffed Velveteen rabbit as well). Ages 4-8.
- *The Classic Tales of Brer Rabbit*, by Joel Chandler Harris. These classic folktales feature a wily, clever bunny who can outwit any fox. Ages 4-8.
- *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale*, by Mo Willems. Little Trixie's day out with her father is nearly ruined when she loses her stuffed bunny. The writing in this book is hilarious and there's a happy ending. Ages 4-8.
- *Marshmallow*, by Claire Turlay Newberry. This sweet story is actually about a house rabbit, Marshmallow, who moves in with a cat, Oliver. Ages 4-8.
- *House Rabbit Handbook*, by Marinell Harriman. No, it's not a children's book, but for a pre-teenager who lives with a house rabbit, it's a fun gift with lots of great pictures (not to mention useful information). Every house with a bunny should have one!



*Katie and Alex enjoy their bounty of bunny books*



*Teepee from West Wales Willows; Critter Castle from BunnyLuv; White Tiger ornament by Christopher Radko available through SHRS*

## What About You or Your Rabbit?

If you've got all your holiday shopping done, check one more time – did you remember to pick up a little extra something for yourself or that special rabbit in your life? It's not too late!

- **Willow toys from West Wales Willows.** This company is located in Britain (no, your order probably wouldn't make it to California by Christmas) but it's worth a gander. These neat-looking willow toys would delight any bunny. Check out the fancy teepees! [www.westwaleswillows.co.uk/bunnytoys.html](http://www.westwaleswillows.co.uk/bunnytoys.html)
- **BunnyLuv Critter Castles.** These cardboard castles provide hours of entertainment for your rabbits. They're safe to chew on and delightful to explore. [www.bunnyluv.com/buncritcas.html](http://www.bunnyluv.com/buncritcas.html) or call (818) 988-4488.
- **Christopher Radko handblown glass ornaments.** The Sacramento House Rabbit Society has a terrific collection of these beautiful keepsakes at [www.allearssac.org/Ornaments1.html](http://www.allearssac.org/Ornaments1.html).

# Rabbits Available for Adoption

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**Casey** is a very sweet boy who would make a good match for a mellow female.



**Fiona, Felicia and Finnegan** (two girls and one boy) are friendly, playful siblings. They want to be adopted as a trio.



**Crockett** is a friendly boy with good litterbox habits and a desire to explore cardboard boxes.



**Buttercup** is a shy adult female lop with lots of love. She loves to explore. She needs a quiet home with no dogs or cats.



**Finley and Phoebe** are cuddly sisters who enjoy sitting on your lap while you brush them.



**'Eleu** is an adventure-some mini-rabbit. He is good at using his litterbox and escaping from his pen.



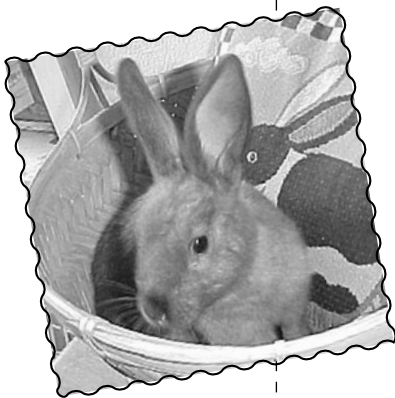
**Honey Bunny** is a 10 month old girl. She loves to run and play. She needs to be brushed weekly.



**Spike** loves attention and to be petted. He enjoys playing with toys. He is being litter trained. The vet thinks his ears were surgically removed earlier in his life.



**Cream** is a 2-year-old Florida White boy. He is very mellow and likes sitting on laps.



**Baby** was adopted by Stephanie Polizzi



**Hoppy Gilmore** is a young active and playful boy.



**Buster** is an affectionate dwarf Dutch boy. His incisors have been removed and he no longer needs teeth trimming.

## Recent Adoptions

**Carson** was adopted by Christine France

**Mopsy** was adopted by Kari Lemiere

**Truffle** was adopted by the Dehuyvene family



**Princess** is a good-natured "helicopter lop" who loves to scamper around the house.



**Sweetie and Little Bigwig** are a bonded brother and sister. They are friendly to people, dogs and cats.



**Natalie** was adopted by Melanie Curtis



**Latte and Garbunzo** (not pictured) were adopted by Natalie Del Porto



**Misha** was adopted by Melody and Eric Hazzard

# Upcoming Events

## Adoption and Information Clinics

Are you thinking about adding a bunny to your household? Or are you just looking to learn more about the one you've already got? Regardless of whether you've had a rabbit for years or if you're new to the joys of rabbit companionship, you'll have a great time at our monthly Adoption and Information Clinics. Come ask us questions about bunny behavior, care, grooming, nutrition, or anything else you can think of. We have free printed information on a variety of topics, and, of course, we also have our fabulous fosters on hand, waiting for just the right family to come along! The adoption donation is \$50 (\$75 for two), and includes a copy of *The House Rabbit Handbook*.

If you already have a bunny, you're welcome to bring him or her to the Clinic in a secure carrier. We do offer nail trims for a \$5 donation, but please call our hotline at least 48 hours in advance to set an appointment time (so we'll be sure to have someone available for you!). Please also bring your own, sterilized clippers. Grooming and de-matting services are also available outside of Clinic hours, but by appointment only. Call our hotline for more information.

### January 14

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Folsom PetCo

855 E. Bidwell Street

### February 11

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Arden PetCo

1878 Arden Way

### March 11

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fair Oaks PetCo

8840 Madison Avenue

### April 8

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Folsom PetCo

855 E. Bidwell Street

*Rose Zahnn (bottom row, second from left) with her Healthy Habits staff – and furry friends*

## Special Adoption Day Guest

### Rose Zahnn, February 11

We will welcome Rose Zahnn, owner of Healthy Habits, at our February 11, 2006 adoption day from 12 noon – 1 pm at the Folsom PetCo. Rose will speak about how she has successfully integrated her houserabbits into her workplace. This has brought great joy and delight not only to Rose, but to her clients who share their yoga classes and workouts with the buns.

The rabbits bring a sense of peace, calm and entertainment in a most unlikely environment. Rose will give us pointers on how we might better incorporate our rabbits into our daily lives.



## House Rabbit Society Philosophy

1. The House Rabbit Society believes that ALL rabbits are valuable as individuals, regardless of breed purity, temperament, state of health, or relationship to humans. The welfare of all rabbits is our primary consideration.
2. In line with our mission, we are against the exploitation of rabbits.
3. Except for unique situations, in which wild animals are being nursed or rehabilitated, it is in the best interest of wild rabbits that human intervention be held to a minimum.
4. Domestic rabbits are not the product of natural selection, but rather of human interference by means of breeding programs, and the product is a human-dependent animal who needs protection. It is therefore a human responsibility that these animals be cared for in a manner appropriate to their needs.
5. It is in the best interest of domestic rabbits to be neutered/spayed, to live in human housing where supervision and protection are provided, and to be treated for illnesses by veterinarians.
6. Domestic rabbits are companion animals and should be afforded at least the same individual rights, level of care, and opportunity for longevity as commonly afforded to dogs and cats who live as human companions.
7. Rabbits are intelligent, social animals who require mental stimulation, toys, exercise, environmental activity, and social interaction (from, as appropriate, people, other rabbits, or other animals).



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membership  
 expiration date



**Not a Member?**

Sacramento House Rabbit Society depends on donations to keep running. Please fill out the form below to keep receiving *All Ears in Sacramento*, and to support local rabbits in need! *SHRS does not sell or share our member's information with any other organizations or companies.*

**Keep in Touch!**

Time to renew your membership? New to the House Rabbit Society? The annual membership to the House Rabbit Society is \$18. This includes a subscription to the quarterly *House Rabbit Journal*. The annual membership fee for the Sacramento Chapter, which includes the quarterly *All Ears in Sacramento*, is \$15. The House Rabbit Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. All membership fees are tax-deductible and go towards care expenses for the rabbits and for providing educational materials, such as these newsletters.

- Please sign me up for the National Membership, \$18
- Please sign me up for the Sacramento Membership, \$15
- Please sign me up for both for \$30
- I have enclosed an additional donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to volunteer with SHRS (see choices to the right)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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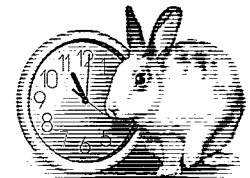
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*Return with check payable to House Rabbit Society to:  
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**Volunteer!**

Would you like to help local rabbits and bunny-lovers? We could use volunteers in the following areas:

- Public Events (staffing education tables)
- Fundraising Events
- Distributing Literature
- Working with Shelters
- Transporting shelter rabbits to local adoption days
- Fostering



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