



News from Rabbit Meadows...



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Can You Procure Items for Our Silent Auction?

With our biggest fundraising event of the year coming up faster than you think (May 19th), we're looking for help procuring donated items. Can you approach any businesses that you frequent with this [letter](#) and simple [form](#) and ask them to support Rabbit Meadows? Rabbit Meadows is a federally recognized public charity (501(c)(3)), and you can assure them that their donation will mean a lot to our shelter. You'd be surprised how many companies and individuals are happy to contribute if they are only asked to do so. So print out a few letters and forms, and bring them along on your errands to pop the question as you're supporting their businesses. Or send the links in an email with a personal request to anyone you know with services or goods to donate. And if you have services or new goods to

Between the Valentine's Day (which is of course for celebrating having some bun to love), National Adopt-a-Rabbit Month, and Leap Year, February is a special month! What better time to leap into volunteering at Rabbit Meadows, fostering a shy bunny, or adopting a new companion!

Foster Homes Needed

Just like people, some rabbits are a little shy. They just need some extra time with someone dedicated to helping them let their personalities shine. But shy bunnies have a tough time getting adopted. (Editor's note: When we adopted our last rabbit, my husband said it was fine that he was a shy one because "we don't need a party bunny!" And it has been heartwarming to see this once thoroughly alarmed bunny first stop dashing away at our approach and gradually start approaching us on his own.)

Fostering a bunny (or a bonded pair) is a great way to socialize these shy rabbits so they can help attract a

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Spotlight on Adorable Adoptables

Meet Cleopatra and Shanakee:



Cleo (left) & Shanakee are two sisters who were born in 2006. They are sweet, tame, and curious. Once they get to know you they'll warm right up to you. Cleo is the top bunny in this twosome. If you'd like companions who are not totally dependent upon you, come visit them at our Redmond shelter.

Meet Fluffers:

donate, then fill out the form yourself and send it in! Also, please start looking for places to post the auction poster (click [here](#) to print the poster). Our auction's success depends on all of us. **Thank you!**



Construction Update

Take a look at how things are progressing with our new shelter!



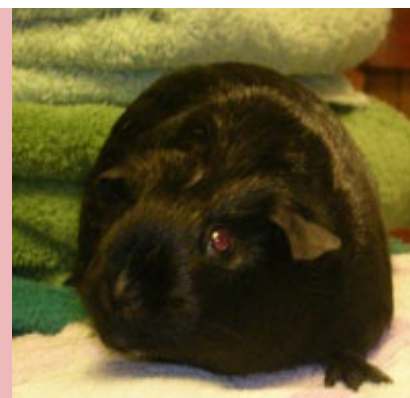
A huge "thank you!" to all the volunteers who have gotten us this far. Interested in lending a hand to help us complete the shelter? See our volunteer opportunities on the right for how you can be part of this legacy to Rabbit Meadows.

forever family. We now have a foster home for Lil' Bear, who has been at Rabbit Meadows for years, and we're looking for other foster homes for other bunnies. So if you can commit to at least one month, ideally with clicker training, to help bring a rabbit or two out of their shells, please let [Sandi](#) know (Sandi@RabbitMeadows.org).

Volunteer Opportunities Abound!

Rabbit Meadows is volunteer-powered, and it is amazing how many lives our volunteers change. Here are some of our current volunteer opportunities:

- > HTML-based web design: We are looking for someone who can work with our board to improve our website's design and functionality.
- > Accountant/bookkeeper.
- > Bunny barn cleaning every 4 weeks (great work out!).
- > Clipping bunny nails every 4 weeks.
- > Grooming/brushing rabbits every week.
- > Any of the following tasks for our new shelter: installing second-story windows, siding, gutters, prepare the driveway for asphalt, French drain (ditch), and, when the weather's better, painting.
- > Clean-up to prepare the area around the new shelter for landscaping.



She is looking for a boyfriend! Born in March 2011, Fluffer was purchased as a friend for an older guinea pig, but when that guinea pig passed away, she was surrendered to our shelter. Fluffers is a cutie with the white blaze on her forehead. As most guinea pigs, she hates the pick-up part, but she loves the part where she sits on your lap getting petted.

Time for a Tune-Up on March 3rd

Need the nails done? How about those scent glands? Our bunny and piggy salon can help! Drop by our Seattle store (14317 Lake City Way NE) **the first Saturday of every month from 2-4 pm**. Next date is **March 3rd**.

Nail clipping, scent gland cleaning and a general look over (rabbits): \$15.

Just nails (guinea pigs and rabbits): \$10.

Remember, those nails should be checked every 6-8 weeks--so see you soon!

And thank you for supporting our Seattle store, which helps fund our rescue operation and shelter.

> Replacing the chain-link fence.

> Building or installing an entrance gate.

> Landscaping the entrance.

Whew! As you can see, we always have lots to do. If you can help with anything on this list, we'd be grateful!

Please let [Sandi](#) know if you can help.

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