



September 2011 News from Rabbit Meadows

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Board Opening

We're looking for a new board member to join our current team:

- Sandi Ackerman - Executive Director
- Jill Tamane - Secretary
- Erika Parsons - Treasurer
- Janet Myers - Director
- Matthew Parsons - Board Consultant

As a small organization, we need a "hands on" board member willing to assist in fundraising, participate actively in our annual events (currently our Silent Auction and our Easter Egg Hunt), contribute ideas and comments on board matters, and help with other tasks. Please contact Sandi at Sandi@RabbitMeadows.org for more information.

Shelter Progress

We've made a lot of progress on the new shelter this summer. Over the past two months, Janet and Sandi have completed the majority of the framing. Matthew saved us a lot of time when he came by several times with a very noisy nail gun and his engineering knowledge.





This weekend nine volunteers worked to complete almost half of the buildings vapor barrier and windows! A very exciting milestone.

Be a part of Rabbit Meadows' history in the making! We are working on the building most weekends and would love to have you join us. If you have a few hours to help, please contact Sandi at Sandi@RabbitMeadows.org and put "Building Volunteer" in the subject.



Photos: Top right-Janet & Matthew figure out how to frame for that tricky angle. Center-Sunday's work party: Matthew & Erika Parsons, Steven Troy, Peter Weisberg, Pat & Tim Bailey, Janet Myers. (Not pictured Joseph Swain & Sandi.)

Got Your Tile Yet?

Help complete our new shelter by ordering a commemorative tile picturing your own dear animal companions. Here's a picture of five tiles to give you an idea of the options. A variety of sizes are available. Your tile can even include text, such as the animal's name or "In memory of." Depending on the size you select, you can order a tile for \$25 to \$75. The proceeds will help defray the costs of our new shelter.



We will install the tiles on the new shelter's walls: Tiles from earlier orders will be placed near the front of our shelter, and later ones will be to the sides, so order early, even if you don't have your photo ready yet! Rabbits, hamsters, cats, dogs, and critters of all descriptions are welcome on our walls. For details and to order, visit our [website](#) or use this [form](#).

Adoptions: Summer Report

Adoptions have been somewhat slow this summer.

We've placed:

- 1 Guinea Pig,
- 1 Chinchilla,
- 1 Wild Mouse,
- 18 Rats, and

13 Rabbits (however 4 of the rabbit adoptions didn't work out and the rabbits were returned within 2 months. Sandi thinks that perhaps she was distracted by the construction work and didn't screen adequately.)

Bunny of the Month



Zack is very social and loves attention. Zack and his brother Zeke were born approximately July of 2009. They lived together until May of this year, when Zeke unexpectedly died. Zack's been somewhat depressed since Zeke passed on and would like to find a girl friend of his own or a human friend who would spend



a lot of time with him.

Shake, Shake, Shake!

Does your rabbit shake his ears a lot? It can look really cute, but he may be telling you he has a problem. Excessive ear shaking, as well as scratching his ears more than once in a while, can mean several things:

- Wax is building up. If left untreated, this can lead to an ear infection.
- There's a piece of hay or a foreign substance stuck in his ear.
- There are bugs...the most common are ear mites.
- There is an ear infection.

Lops have more problems with ear infections than up-eared bunnies. Their ears cover the opening creating a warm, moist environment that is perfect for bacteria to breed in. After an initial veterinary exam, if there is wax found then we recommend a vet visit every 6 months. Otherwise, visiting your veterinarian once a year should do it. Check [our web page for vet referrals](#).

Bunny & Guinea Pig Tune-Up First Saturday of Every Month

Time for a Bunny/Piggy Tune-Up? 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 2-4pm**. 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!

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