



We're Thankful for You!



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Returns?!

It is always hard for us when we see an adoption fail -- especially when it just seems to be a misunderstanding. We have recently had rabbits returned because "the rabbit doesn't like us" or "they're just not friendly." Rabbit Meadows works only with prey animals. By nature, they are suspicious and must learn to trust before they can relax and become part of the family. And we must learn to speak their language to gain that trust -- it comes with time and patience. When people adopt dogs, they usually plan on spending time at dog

Shelter Update

Our new shelter is taking shape! The first floor will feature a reception, adoption area with a place to spend time with potential companions, an education room, boarding room, utility room, and bathroom. A loft will feature areas to quarantine incoming animals and those waiting to be spayed/neutered. We'll also have a clinic where animals can receive veterinary care.



The building now has siding on the back and north side ground floor.

We have all of the remaining siding and have a potential volunteer to install it. We still have several other volunteer opportunities:

- **Windows:** We have one half-round window in the front, but still need another for the other side of the door. All the other ground floor windows are in place. But we need seven more 6'x2' windows for upstairs.
- **Gutters & Downspouts:** We have gutters and downspouts but need help to install them.
- **Asphalt:** We also need a 20' x 10' asphalt apron.

If you or anyone you know might be able to help with any of these tasks,

obedience class and doing "homework" with their new pet for several weeks or months. They spend time daily, walking and playing with the dog.

Rabbits, guinea pigs, and rodents need the same time and dedication to become a part of the family -- it isn't instant. And each animal has his or her own personality: some are shy, and some are outgoing.

With a little effort, any animal can become a wonderful companion who will be very thankful that you gave her a home. We are so thankful for the joy these little animals bring into our lives.

Tips for Bonding with Rats, Guinea Pigs, and Others

Rats are very smart and love to do tricks for you.

And as you can see from this video, it is not just about tricks -- these rats are devoted to this human and vice versa! Click on the images below to go to the videos. Here's a charming one on rat tricks:



And the same goes for guinea pigs, too:



In fact, all these critters have an enormous capacity to interact and bond with you when you spend the time to make that

please get in touch. Thank you!

We're Thankful...

- for Whole Foods, which donates organic veggies to our critters 365 days a year!
- for Gayle Schneider who has donated two cases of veggies, plus carrots and other goodies once a week for at least the past 10 years!
- for the following volunteers, who clean the bunny barn once every 6 weeks:
 - Art Land & Kristin Frasier, who began volunteering in May, 2003;
 - Tracy Mullen, who began volunteering in October, 2004; and
 - Betsy Crumb, who began volunteering this year. She has been volunteering weekly to fill in when we don't have other scheduled volunteers.

Where would we be without our amazing volunteers and supporters - including many not on this list! Thank you very much to you all.

The Christmas Bunny MOVIE: Save the Date!

Watch the most heartwarming film of the holiday season -- and benefit Rabbit Meadows at the same time!

**Sunday, Dec 18,
2011**

Noon-2pm

[Edmonds Theater](#)



The Christmas Bunny is a family film starring Brady Bunch mom and Dancing With The Stars contestant Florence

spend the time to make that happen. Our last newsletter provided you with a link to "Clicker Training Your Rabbit" but rats and guinea pigs can also be trained using the same approach. You just have to put some time into getting to know your new companion. For more detailed advice (articles & videos) on how to get there, even with shy ones, click [here](#) -- the same wisdom applies to all our little animals.

And let us know how it goes! Send us a note or your own video at editor@rabbitmeadows.org

Looking Pretty for the Holidays!

Your bunnies and guinea pigs can get a little salon treatment from Rabbit Meadows! Actually, these are the essentials that they all need any time of year.

Drop by our Lake City store on the first Saturday of the month from 2-4 pm, and we'll fix them up nice and pretty:

- Nail clipping \$10 for rabbits & guinea pigs.
- Scent gland cleaning for your rabbit is an additional \$2.

Great Gift Idea:

Do you know someone who has an animal companion to memorialize? Make a gift of a tile to our shelter with the photo. Proceeds will help our new shelter. Order [here](#) or fill out [this form](#).

Henderson. This is the story of a lonely foster child (Sophie Bolen) who finds a lost, injured rabbit in the woods on Christmas Eve. The Bunny Lady (Ms. Henderson), who runs a rabbit rescue in an old barn behind her Michigan farmhouse, nurses the rabbit back to health. The Christmas Bunny is an independent film that was shot in the winter of 2010 in and around Grand Rapids, Michigan. Check out the trailer: (If you can't see the trailer, click above to view in your browser)

Tickets are only \$6.00. You can reserve seats through Paypal at www.RabbitMeadows.org.

Proceeds to benefit Rabbit Meadows. Put it on your calendars -- we hope to see you there! Contact thechristmasbunny@rabbitmeadows.org for more information.

Critters of the Month

Emma & Bungie Jr.



Siblings born on July 14, 2005, Emma and Bungie Jr. are a loving, bonded pair. Sadly, they were returned when their humans tired of them. They like attention and will entertain you for hours. Both are

spayed/neutered and ready for a kind forever home.

Snow Pea & Cyclone



Two sisters, Snow Pea is a gregarious, adventure-seeking baby guinea pig, while Cyclone is more shy and cautious. Both enjoy hanging out with bunny roommates.

These two are not at Rabbit Meadows: please email CardamomSpruce@Live.com or phone 206.353.2866.

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