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Summer Reads for Rabbits

Looking for something good to read on the web while you're on waiting at the airport, for the bus, or otherwise find yourself with a little spare time and a web connection?

Check out these endearing [stories](#) about rabbits at the House Rabbit Society's website. There are several

New Shelter Progress: Up with the Walls

Now that the new shelter has a roof, loft and stairs, we are working every weekend to put up the outside walls. This past weekend we completed one



With very little training you can help us to put up the next wall! Put us on your calendar and come join us any weekend you can. The address is (approximately) 8310 250th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98053.

When you come out to the shelter, please be considerate of our neighbors and drive no more than 20 mph when you turn into our private road. Mosquito repellant is good to bring along when you come. [Contact us](#) if you have a few hours available to lend a hand. All our little critters thank you!

Commemorate your Companions in Our New Shelter: Participate in Our Tile Fundraiser!

Help us adorn the walls of our new shelter with photos of your companion animals on ceramic tiles.

We have several sizes available, and we can add text as well. If you want

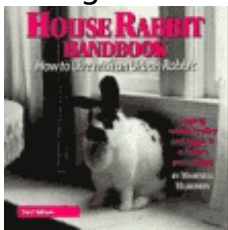


your furry friend to be forever memorialized on our shelter walls, please use the Paypal button [here](#) or fill out [this form](#) and send it in with your donation. The earlier to order you are, the nearer to the front of our shelter your ceramic tile will be. The funds will help us defray the building expenses for the new shelter.

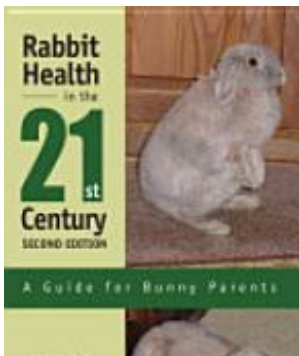
Stay Safe in Summer

Now that the weather is finally getting nice in the Puget Sound area. you may think your house

lovely stories available to read on the website. Looking for some old-fashioned books with paper pages? There is also a [list](#) of recommended books about living with bunnies at the House Rabbit Society's website. Top of the list is the excellent *The House Rabbit Handbook*. Drop by our Seattle store to pick up a copy if you do not yet own your own. It is definitely a "must read" and is also a fantastic way to introduce others you know to the idea of living with rabbits.



A good reference book we recommend if you already live with a rabbit (or with several!) is *Rabbit Health in the 21st Century: A Guide for Bunny Parents*, by Kathy Smith. You don't have to look far for this one either as we carry this one right in our Seattle store too!



...get some sleep, you may think your house rabbit or other little critters would like some time in the sunshine and fresh air. It is great to give them some exercise (which they need every day anyway). It is also a delight to see happy critters tear around or stretch out for a nap in the grass. **There are a number of safety issues that must be kept in mind anytime you take your little one(s) outside:**

> Not everything outside, even in our own yards, is safe for our little companions. Make sure no toxic fertilizers or pesticides are on the plants and grass. Make sure there are no moldy or poisonous plants.

> Closely supervise your companion at all times. It just takes a second for a loose dog or an eagle or hawk to swoop in and frighten or attack. Also, the sun and wind can be tiring (and dangerous to your companion): you can only sense when your companion is ready to return to the safety of her home if you're keeping a close eye on her.

> Do you have raccoons or skunks in your area? Raccoons live all over the Seattle area -- even if you have never seen them, they are there. Raccoons and skunks



often carry a roundworm that can be fatal to rabbits if they get it. For example, if a rabbit eats grass where raccoons contaminated by raccoon feces, the rabbit could ingest one of these roundworms -- with fatal results because its larva attack the rabbit's brain tissue. For more details, visit our web page on [cerebral larva migrans](#).

It is one more reason to be careful of where your rabbit plays outdoors.

> And of course, never leave your companion out at night. Even in a secured enclosure, the mere smell of a predator can literally frighten your little companion to death. As we say around here, "A rabbit's place is in the home!" The same goes for our other guinea pigs, hamsters, chinchillas,....

Spotlight on 4 Adorable Adoptables



Dear little **Roxy** deserves a good home! This little girl is the only one left from a litter of



Did you know...? Our Seattle store has excellent products to meet all your companions' needs. Best of all, all your purchases at our store support our rescue, adoption, and educational efforts. Our store is 100% volunteer staffed. Drop by and visit: we're now open every day!

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We also have some adoptions out of our Seattle store -- check out the information about Roxy, Bramble, and Matilda in this newsletter.

Do you see the radio buttons for "**Like**" (**Facebook**) and "**Tweet**" (**Twitter**) at the top of this newsletter? If you like this newsletter, please spread the word!



She's about three months old! As very social animals, rats must live in pairs (or more). Roxy currently lives with her mother's two rex sisters. Come visit her at our Seattle store. Her adoption fee is \$10.

Have you ever met a talkative bunny? Well, meet little **Acorn!** When you rub her cheeks and jaw area, she loudly tells you how much she likes that. When she arrived she was not spayed and would lunge and growl. Now that she's spayed she will growl occasionally (just more talking!), but the lunging has gone.



Because she'll nip at your clothes if you stop petting her, she might be best in an adult or older child home. She'll definitely want to live in the family room, or the center of the house. And you may not want to sleep in the same room as her because her snoring may keep you awake. Acorn has a lot of personality and is ready to be a much beloved companion.

And the last adorable adoptable for this month is a PAIR of lovely guinea pigs, **Bramble and Matilda**. Bramble is a neutered male who was born around June of last year. Matilda, a spayed female, was born around May of last year. They now live together at our Seattle store and would like to go together to their new home...and live happily ever after. For those romantics out there, perhaps you know their special song (read "Matilda" for "rose"): "Love grows like the bramble and the rose. Round each other we will twine." Aw, so sweet!



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Bunny & Guinea Pig Tune-Up First Saturday of 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 2-4**. 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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