



rabbit meadows  
sanctuary and adoption center

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## January Newsletter

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## For those of you with adorable (but smelly) rats and mice:

We have started carrying **Healthy Pet<sup>tm</sup> Fiber Litter** from the same company that makes Carefresh.



Most people buy Healthy Pet bedding because it has superior odor control technology. It also absorbs up to 3 times its



## Silent Auction on May 19<sup>th</sup>!

Don't miss our favorite social event of the year! We're looking for volunteers to help make this the best auction ever. Can you spend a few hours a week from now until May to help make this happen?

## Educators in Bellingham and Spokane

In addition to operating a Shelter, a Sanctuary, and a Store, our organization is also the Washington Chapter of the national House Rabbit Society (HRS). That means we have statewide education programs, including the following:



Benita & Dennis Moore have recently joined us as HRS educators in the Bellingham area. They will be working with the [Whatcom Humane Society](#) and the general public, to help better the lives of rabbits in that area. If you would like to get in touch with questions or just to say "hello," contact:  
Benita: [benimoore@aol.com](mailto:benimoore@aol.com) or  
Dennis: [dmoore6284@aol.com](mailto:dmoore6284@aol.com).

Kit Jagoda and Tracy Martin are HRS educators in the Spokane area. Kit runs [Rivers Wish Animal Sanctuary](#), which includes Thumpqua Rabbit Sanctuary. Tracy works closely with Rivers Wish, and as a graphic artist, she pursues educating the public about rabbits by creating Easter billboards

weight in liquid and last more than 2 times longer than wood shavings. Its soft fibers protect sensitive skin too. Animals like it because it encourages natural burrowing behavior.

### **Meet Sally, Our Rat of the Month!**

Sally came to us from a vet clinic who found a box of rats left on their door step. Sally has a calcium deposit on her spine and although she has feeling in her fet, she's unable to walk. Sally absolutely loves attention and face rubs. If you have plenty of time to spend with her, come to our Seattle store to meet her.



### **Goodsearch**

Do you know if you use [Goodsearch](#) as your search engine that Rabbit Meadows can benefit? Last year with only one person signed up using Goodsearch for our organization we received a check in December for \$89! If only 10 people could use Goodsearch for Rabbit Meadows, we could receive a check for around \$890! In addition, when you *shop* through Goodsearch we receive a

and public service announcements. Check out Tracy's beautiful website at <http://rabbitron.com/>. Get in touch with Kit: [petekit@earthlink.net](mailto:petekit@earthlink.net) and Tracy: [rabbitron@comcast.net](mailto:rabbitron@comcast.net).

### **Foster Homes Needed**

We have numerous rabbits who have been with us for way too long. We are looking for temporary foster homes for one or two (a bonded pair) of rabbits for at least one month. Fostering means providing daily one-on-one playtime, grooming and socializing to help these rabbits overcome their shyness and encourage their great personalities to shine. If you're interested in working with Lil' Bear, please contact Sandi for more information.



[Sandi@RabbitMeadows.org](mailto:Sandi@RabbitMeadows.org).

### **How are we funded?**

We are able to continue our work of rescuing, spay/neuter and adopting rabbits, guinea pigs and rodents only because of your support. You support us by shopping at our Seattle store, since all proceeds go to care for our rescues. When you shop, you can increase your support by using cash or checks instead of credit or debit cards. Accepting cards cost us \$3,500 in 2011--that is a lot of spay/neuters. So if you have a choice, using cash/checks can add up to a lot of help.

When we place an animal in their new home, we ask for an adoption fee. The adoption fee does not cover the cost of the spay/neuters or of the food and maintenance we provide to the animals while they're in our care.

We board your rabbits, guinea pigs and rodents while you're on vacation. Although our rates are the lowest around, we do make money from our boarding fees.

We receive no government funding. Without your help, we would have to close our doors.

### **2011 - Rabbit Meadows' Accomplishments**

So with your help, what did we do last year?

146 New Rescues

We cared for a total of 279 animals:

89 Adoptions

Looking for Homes:

33 Rabbits

percentage of your shopping dollars. To see the most popular stores that participate, check out [this link](#). To get started just download the GoodSearch toolbar [here](#) and put "Rabbit Meadows" as your "cause."



11	Guinea pigs
22	Rats
2	Chinchillas
9	Mice
In our Sanctuary:	
5	Rats moved to Sanctuary status
105	Feral Rabbits
2	Elder rabbits
1	Guinea Pig

### **2012 Goals:**

#### Move into new Shelter:

- We will continue working on completing our new shelter. If you can, please set aside some time this year to help us complete this project. It's a rewarding way to volunteer a day or even just a few hours.
- Our floor space will be much larger and we will be able to help additional animals.
- We will have space for additional volunteers.
- We will have space to hold education seminars.
- We will have space to incorporate a vet clinic for spay/neuters. (This is currently not funded.)

#### Easter Egg Hunt (April 8<sup>th</sup>)

Last year's event was to introduce ourselves to our neighbors. It surprised all of us when 66 adults and 50 kids came from all over. We're looking for volunteers who can make animal balloons, paint faces, etc. for this year's event.

#### Silent Auction

This is currently our only major fundraiser. With your help we hope to make this event bigger and better than ever.

#### Increase adoptions

And of course, we'd like to increase adoptions by finding excellent homes. Once our new shelter is open, we believe that more people will come.

We'll advertise on Facebook and AdoptAPet. (We're looking for a volunteer to help keep our adoption info current.)

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