



Brambleley Hedge

RABBIT RESCUE

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BUNNY GIFT GUIDE

Yes, it's getting to be that time of year again. It's not too early to start thinking about holiday gifts for the long-eared love-bun in your life. And what better place to find the perfect present for that hard-to-please lagomorph of yours than at the Brambleley Hedge Rabbit Rescue Rabbit Supply Store? Whether you are owned by a lovable Lop, a fantastic Flemmie, or a delightful Dutch, they are sure to love one (or more) of these special treats:



BIG BAG O' BUN FUN

Here's something your bunny is sure to enjoy. What could be more fun than ripping open a paper bag full of tasty, fragrant hay, safe-to-chew twigs and tree branches, and little wooden toys to toss around? This great, hand-crafted item from Luv Bites, Brambleley Hedge's own label of rabbit products, appeals to all your bunny's senses of fun and discovery. Also available in a slightly smaller size, we know this gift will entertain and please your bunny!

TAKE 'N' BAKE "U-BAKE-EM" TREATS

Between meetings with their parole officers, the scientists at Luv Bites Laboratories came up with this great idea - chewy, nutritious treats that you bake fresh for your bunny! Made with wholesome ingredients, they come in a variety of flavors, and easy preparation instructions are included. Now that it's getting cooler you have no excuse not to turn on the oven anymore, and we think making these easy and flavorful treats for your rabbit should be near the top of your to-do list.



PET GREENS GARDEN

You don't need a green thumb to give your bunny the tasty, healthful benefits of fresh live greens any time they want them. The Pet Greens Garden contains everything you need - seeds, growing medium and instructions. You don't even have to plant them anywhere - just supply water and a sunny windowsill and the greens will grow right in the bag! Super easy and super-delightful for your salad-lovin' rabbit.

- Stephen Guida



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EAR MITES When They "Mite" Be A Problem!

The subject of ear mites in rabbits is probably more appropriate for Halloween than Christmas, but it's something of which everyone who has a companion rabbit needs to be aware.



Is your rabbit scratching their ears? Or shaking their head from side to side? If so, they may have ear mites. Mites are a type of arachnid (closely related to spiders and scorpions) which feed on plants, animals, mold and dirt. One of the most common places a rabbit gets mites is the ears, hence the name ear mites, or as they are scientifically known, *Psoroptes cuniculi*.

Sometimes despite our best efforts to avoid such a discomfort to our little companions, they can still get ear mites. Some things you can do to try and avoid your rabbit getting ear mites would be to always provide them with a clean and comfortable living environment, and to keep up with their grooming especially after they've been playing outside. It is still a good idea to look for the symptoms regularly though.

Symptoms for ear mites would include scratching of the ears, shaking of the head, one or both ears may droop (may be hard to tell when it comes to lops), and reddish brown crusting in the ear canal. Some of these symptoms also apply to simple wax build up in the ear canal so it is always good to check your rabbit's ears personally and look for the reddish brown crust around the ear canal before rushing them off to the veterinarian as soon as possible.

Ear mites can cause your rabbit a lot of discomfort in the end so if you suspect your rabbit does in fact have ear mites, please seek a professional opinion from your veterinarian.



- Zabrina Larson



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Lapine Lucy Explains Everything!

This issue: Transportation

Lapine Lucy here...I have again taken the opinions of my fellow rabbits on what they think of human activities, and the topic this time was "in motion", which generated a lot of thumps. We don't like to travel as much as you might, so we'd like to share some important things to consider now that the heavily travelled holiday season is upon us.

We really do prefer to stay at home, with a very obedient and experienced bunnysitter/slave. What's the point of going anywhere exciting? We'd probably just chew up your passport anyway if you weren't looking. We enjoy supervised romps in the yard – that is enough excitement for us. We like to "air our furs out" and "stretch our paws" in the comfort of our own outdoor exercise pen!

Airlines have their own policies about us. Some let us ride in the space underneath the seat, while others stick us in with other animals and luggage. What injustice! Please check around and see which airline we can earn our bunny wings on. We are more prone to airport stress than even you are and although not ideal, it is admittedly the quickest way to cross a huge amount of distance.

Car rides are a necessary evil – we travel in them to get to and from vet appts, the bunnysitter's house, and adoption meet-and-greets if we don't have our forever home yet. Make sure we have a carrier that is roomy enough for us to turn around in and lift our heads. A nice soft towel or "blankie" allows us to settle in. Boats are freaky for us – "The earth is moving – the earth is moving!" We can't vomit so we don't get seasick in any obvious way. It's not an optimal travel mode for us though – very slow!

Lastly, pet strollers are pretty cool to go out in and tour the neighborhood but we really are ground dwellers and we like to feel our paws on terra firma. Make sure to check on us frequently during the first stroll to see if we are enjoying ourselves. If not, keep to letting us "tour" our yard while you watch our fancy binkyng footwork.

- Wendy Frushon



Spotlight On English Spots



One of the oldest breeds of rabbit is the English Spot. The English Spot originated in Britain in the middle of the 19th century when they were established through selective breeding. They soon became a very well-liked breed in Europe, as well as in the United States when they were first introduced here in 1910. The English Spot is thought to be closely related to the Checkered Giant, which has very similar characteristics.

English Spots have a very elongated, arched body with tall, upright ears. They average 6 to 8 pounds, making them a medium sized rabbit. They have a white base coat with colored markings that can be black, chocolate, grey, blue, or tortoiseshell. Most English Spots have these colored markings on their ears, around their eyes, on their nose in a butterfly shape, a long stripe down their back called a herringbone, and other spots scattered on the rest of body. Some English Spots, nicknamed "Charlies," have colored ears and a half butterfly marking on their nose that looks similar to a Charlie Chaplin mustache, which is where they got their nickname.

English Spots are a very friendly breed and enjoy human interaction. They are also a very energetic breed and like all rabbits they require much time each day to play and exercise in a safe, open environment.

- Reid Lycio



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Brambley Bunny Bucks:

Help Us Save More Bunnies!

Brambley Hedge Rabbit Rescue is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that receives no government funding of any kind, whether national, state or local. Our entire operating budget comes from donations from the public. To enable us to continue providing important, life-saving services to unwanted and abandoned domestic rabbits, Brambley Hedge Rabbit Rescue participates in several yearly events and activities to obtain these critically-needed funds. As always, 100% of the funds we generate with these activities go to the support of the more than 150 bunnies in our shelter and foster care network.

Bowl-A-Rama: Held annually in early August at a bowling alley in Scottsdale, the PACC911 Bowl-A-Rama is a big deal with dozens of local animal welfare agencies all coming together to make it a very lively, busy and fun event. Our "Bowling for Bunnies" team consisted of 8 members who raised funds to benefit our rescue. Friends and supporters of the Rescue can pledge money for their favorite bowler, and many volunteers came out to support and cheer on the team! Once the day was over, our team raised a record \$3500 along with an additional \$50 for winning the cheer contest (big thanks to our young volunteers Zabrina Larson and Reid Lyscio for coming up with the winning cheer!). Besides being loads of fun, the Bowl-A-Rama brings awareness of our mission to the community at large. It also gives us one more opportunity to wear "bunny ears" in public for fun and photos, and that is always a good thing!

Christmas Raffle: During the year-end holiday season, Brambley Hedge conducts a Holiday Raffle, with some awesome prizes donated by generous individuals and local businesses. Chances for the raffle can be purchased through our website, in our annual holiday donation appeal which is mailed to the friends and supporters of our rescue, or at our Thrift Store. Be sure to check our website for the raffle announcement, and to see the great prizes which are just waiting to be won. Your chances of winning something really cool are greater than you think!

WORK ON BRAMBLEY HEDGE'S NEW RABBIT SHELTER CONTINUES!



Future site of our new rabbit shelter

In a major capital improvement project, Brambley Hedge Rabbit Rescue recently acquired a property in north Phoenix, which will be the site of our new headquarters and shelter. In early October a group of hard-working, enthusiastic volunteers met one Sunday morning to complete the demolition of an old structure in the back yard and clean up the property in preparation for the construction of a brand new rabbit shelter! When completed, the new shelter will be nearly three times the size of our present building, and will permit us to have a separate medical care area, as well as more room for storage and supplies. Our volunteers worked hard and can take pride in a job well done, but there is still much work to be done. If you would like to help, please go to our website for the latest updates and information about our exciting plans for the future!

- Stephen Guida



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ASK DOCTOR BUNSLEY

Dear Dr. Bunsley,

As I remember from last year, right about this time the humans I live with tend to get a little crazy when it comes to food, and spend the better part of a whole day eating everything in sight. Then they complain about how much they ate and how they will have to continue eating the same stuff for the next week. How can I get them to make better choices about their diet, and if I can't do that, how can I get more treats?

Weight-Watching Wabbit

Dear Watcher,

You're treading on some delicate ground here. Getting between the humans and their food obsessions can be a pretty risky business. Apparently, turkeys did something a couple of hundred years ago that really got the humans angry, and look where they ended up - on a serving platter with stale bread shoved up their bums. You'd be better off thinking up bigger and better ways to get away with stuff while they're passed out in their food comas.

Dr. B

Bunny Laffs



"Yes, I know the TV picture is a lot clearer - but I can't sit like this forever!"

Bunny Model: Selena



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