

Rabbit Sanctuary Newsletter

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**OUR MISSION: TO PROVIDE RESCUED DOMESTIC RABBITS
A HOME FOR LIFE**

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It took a couple of weeks, but finally Teresa Cawley secured the little grey bunny that had been hopping around her neighborhood. “I can’t keep you, but I’ll find you a good home where you will be safe and loved,” she promised. The good home and loving family Teresa was looking for turned out to be her own. Her family loved the bunny, and the bunny loved them.

Now, two years later, the family must uproot and move to Florida. Teresa and her family agreed the move was going to be too stressful and the trip too long for Clover. Furthermore, in Florida Teresa and her husband would be at work all day and son Peter in school all day. Clover would be alone in an empty apartment with no protected outdoor area like she currently enjoys. Unanimously the family agreed, “Nothing about this move is good for Clover.” Teresa promised Clover, “If I can’t find a good home for you here, then you’re coming along and we’ll make the best of it.”

Teresa’s vet told her of the Sanctuary. She visited and knew Clover would be safe, happy, and well looked after here. When she was told Clover would have a mate, Teresa was overjoyed, “A mate is the missing ingredient in Clover’s life! A mate is something I’ve always felt Clover longed for.”

Artemus

Mail is disappearing from mailboxes in a rural neighborhood. Samantha Barnard works at the Post Office that serves the area and was asked to check into the situation.

“Park out of sight. See if anything or anybody appears suspicious,” her boss instructed. So, after her early morning mail delivery, Samantha sat in the mail car in an obscure spot to keep watch. Everyone in the neighborhood had left for work, leaving behind their empty houses in a seemingly lifeless neighborhood. After about 15 minutes, Samantha thought, “Nothing happening here” and decided to leave. Then, someone appeared.

He went from mailbox to mailbox and yard to yard. He seemed interested in picking violets and dandelions that grew at the base of the mailboxes and not at all interested in people’s mail. He couldn’t reach or open the boxes anyhow. He was a tiny black bunny.

Samantha cares about animals and was concerned the defenseless tiny bunny, only a few months old, was out on his own. Abruptly her mission switched from stolen mail to rabbit rescue. Samantha knew she would never be able to catch the little “speedo.” He was very quick. He did not hop. He zipped and zoomed and darted and dashed. She also knew he wasn’t going to have anything to do with her trying to talk, coax, or reason with him. Also, she thought, “What if there is someone in one of these houses watching me as I run all over homeowners’ properties in pursuit? I would become the suspicious person and probably get reported to 911.” This was a complicated situation for sure. Samantha’s only option: “I’ve got to surprise the little bunny, secure him, and exit out of here as fast and inconspicuously as possible.”



The little bunny at last settled down and concentrated on serious grazing on the large expanse of lawns. “Now’s my chance,” Samantha thought. Carrying a large mail tub, she walked briskly up behind the bunny. In one fell swoop she slammed the tub over him and just as quickly flipped the tub upright. Peering down into the tub, she saw the feisty little bunny chewing on a mouthful of grass. Just then realizing what had happened, the bunny peered up at her, eyes wide with surprise.

Despite her humane intentions and the ultimate success of her compassionate mission, Samantha felt a little guilty. “I bum rushed him,” Samatha confessed. “It was the only way.”

The Happy Ending

Clover arrived at the Sanctuary in April 2018. Artemus (aka “Artie”) arrived the next month. Caroline situated them in neighboring but separate corrals and cautioned them, “You each will have to wait for an appropriate mate, and it may be a long wait.”

Overnight Artie climbed to the top of his corral and jumped into Clover’s enclosure. When Caroline discovered the rabbits’ new living arrangement, she was reminded that sometimes rabbits make their own choices. Despite Artie’s bold move and Clover’s acceptance of his company, this was not the arrangement Caroline envisioned. Artie is one of the Sanctuary’s smallest rabbits, weighing in at 4 pounds. Clover, on the other hand, is one of our largest, tipping the scale at 9 pounds. At the time, Artie had not yet celebrated his first birthday, and Clover was 3. In the world of Sanctuary rabbit pairing, this was not an arrangement expected to work. But as Artie and Clover would be quick to tell you, “None of that has anything to do with it. It’s LOVE!”



Continue the kindness!

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Clover, Artie, or both!

Your sponsorship fee of \$40 or more per rabbit buys hay, chow, and medical care.

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We Gratefully Acknowledge

As a non-profit, we depend on both dollar and in-kind donations to sustain our work. When donations are received, recipients promptly receive a thank you which serves as a token of our grateful appreciation and as a tax receipt. At this time, we’d like to publicly acknowledge gifts received from caring, compassionate companies throughout the country:

Gayle Hawks and Vickey Corpuz at CCA Business Cards in San Diego, CA printed and sent us 1000 cards. We’ve long said, “We need business cards.” But, of course, the needs of the bunnies come first and business cards were always put on a back burner. No more! We now have 1000 cards thanks to the efforts of two very kind ladies thousands of miles away.

A tip of the hat to Lisa Hoerth of Central Garden & Pet Company for a donation of new feeding bowls. Despite their gentle demeanor, rabbits give their dishes heck! We’re very grateful for the new bowls which came our way from Chilton, WI.

When one thinks of laundry detergent, a rabbit sanctuary might not be the first thing that comes to mind. Well as it turns out, we go through a great deal of laundry detergent. Due to their limited mobility, many of our special needs rabbits in our Bunny Medical Building soil the heavy saddle blankets on which they lounge. This requires doing laundry daily. Our appreciation goes out to Bill C. at Grove Company in San Francisco for donating three bottles of detergent to us. They sure came in handy!

Of course, these donations would not have been possible if not for the efforts of Christopher McCann who researched and reached out to these companies. Thanks, “Brother!”



Bucky Billy shows his appreciation for a donation of Care Fresh bedding! Party on!

At My Father's Knee By Val Magin

Like many of you with your own parents, I grew up on stories my father told me about his childhood and the events and experiences that shaped his beliefs...beliefs he passed onto me. Dad grew up during the Great Depression, one of seven children. Needless to say, times were tough. He spoke of lunches consisting of gravity sandwiches, made by taking two slices of bread, one in each hand, and grabbing some "gravity" from the air around him. Basically, the "sandwich" amounted to two slices of bread.

Perhaps because spaying and neutering were not common practices and even if available out of his family's financial reach, he remembered the inhumane ways in which unwanted litters were disposed. But Dad was an animal lover, and he managed to make a pet of one of the family's chickens. He recalled how the chicken would walk him to the corner every school day and be there to greet him at the same corner when school recessed. This ritual went on for quite some time until one day the chicken was absent from her usual after-school post. When questioned, his mother denied any knowledge of the chicken's whereabouts. Fast forward to their evening meal, and I think you can guess what the family had for dinner. Evidently, the chicken had outlived her egg-laying usefulness. From that day forward, chicken was not a welcomed menu item.

He recounted his first hunting experience when he and a few of his buddies took up arms and set out into the woods. The young men managed to corner a rabbit, encircling the small being so it had no escape. He remembered the quivering rabbit, too frightened to make eye contact and seemingly resigned to its fate. Perhaps it was at that very moment he realized the value that rabbit placed on its own life and that he had no right to it. Stepping out of the circle, he gave the rabbit a means of escape and the opportunity to live another day. With that, his hunting career lasted but a few hours.

No doubt it was through these stories that my own love for animals was born and nurtured, and I count this as one of his greatest gifts to me.

You may be wondering what brought about these reminiscences, conversations held more than half a century ago. You see, in my volunteer role I fill the sponsorship requests. For Father's Day 2019 one of our supporters gave her father the gift of "adopting" Spots. Her note read, "Happy Father's Day. I love you." That was all it took for these memories of my own father to come flooding back.



In Memoary of Rabbits

Clancy, Toby, Chance, Buffalo, Cocoa, Isabel, & Bosco
by Ron & Patrice Pruitt

Bunny Rabbit, Cookie Man, Annie, Chessie, & Hopnot
by Sharon Valle

Kiriakides by Mary Ann Kiriakides

Fox, Tiki, Bambi, & Doe by Eric & Elaine Unger

Gus, Roxy, Jack, & Jenny by Sharon Nichols

Hoppy by Steve & Becky Quinn

Milargo by Tom & Genna Gutierrez

Ming by Greenville Cat Clinic

YoLo by Lynn Barnett

In Honor of People

Debra Reuter by Charles Stroup, MD

Sanctuary Volunteers by Jim & Honey Robinson

Mary La Porte by Donna Kwilosz

Larry House by Janey House

In Memory of People

Lorraine Bailey by Michelle Shaw

Laura Arrington by Donna Arrington

Lisa Ann Hoffman by Gordon & Holly Nason

Landry Layson by Lourie Nicholson

Landry Layson by Renee Layson

Legacies

- If you have named our Sanctuary as a beneficiary in your will, or are considering doing so, make sure that we are listed as Rabbit Sanctuary, Inc. The address is:
- Rabbit Sanctuary Inc., P. O. Box 80036 Simpsonville,
- SC 29680

Covid-19

Due to the Covid-19 virus, Sanctuary volunteers took a leave of absense for a few months. The rabbits and I miss everone but gradually we're getting back on track.

Meanwhile, daily care continued as usual! Dale and Becky kept the rabbitats clean, and Michael and Debra kept up with the sanctuary grounds and garden.



Thank You New and Renewing Members

Includes donations given through June 4, 2020

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Thank You

Auction for a Kaws

Talk about timing! Talk about luck! Both were squarely positioned in Keli Miller's corner this year, no doubt.

Auction for a Kaws is an annual event, nay gala, organized and accomplished by Keli and her dedicated team. It's a stylish affair with only one principle idea behind the evening...raise as much money as possible for ten local animal rescues.

Of course, the event's success isn't based on luck. Team Keli has done this for over 10 years and the evening seems to run like a well oiled machine. So where did the luck and timing come in? The fund raiser is usually held in February. This year it was held on March 7. Just three weeks later, the state was shut down. We shudder to think what might have happened if the event had to be cancelled.

As one of the animal rescues who benefit from this huge event, we are very grateful timing and luck were in Keli's corner. And we are even more appreciative that Keli and her team continue to believe in our work, share our vision, and continue to support us.





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OUR VISION: To see the DOMESTIC RABBIT win his rightful place as a valued and beloved COMPANION ANIMAL

The Rabbit Sanctuary provides a HOME FOR LIFE for rescued domestic rabbits. Rabbits given a second chance at life by kind people who, regardless of inconvenience, expense or even their own safety, made an extra effort to help rabbits in need.

Our Sponsor-A-Rabbit program, a virtual adoption program, offers an alternative to supporting the cruel pet industry and the bunny mills. For \$40.00 or more you can choose and virtually adopt one of the Sanctuary's rescued rabbits. You will receive a photo of your rabbit, certificate of adoption, sanctuary news letters and invitation to our annual Picnic with the Rabbits. Sponsorship is renewable annually. Additional rabbit adoptions are \$40.00 per adoption.

Your support is vital to our ongoing work. Please help as you can. In return, we will devote ourselves to ensuring a wonderful life for the rabbits.

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