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# FRIENDS OF RABBITS



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## Sanctuary Update

### *Fight for Fred: An Unbelievable Act of Cruelty UPDATE*

Thanks to many of you for sending in donations to help with Fred's medical bills. He has improved tremendously and we are grateful that you have given him a second chance. I hope you realize that our organization is based on your support and you help us to make all our work possible.

Fred has gained a significant amount of weight and has regained some mobility. He is living cage free at my house with Buddy and Lucky, my two boy rabbits and with my two guinea pigs.

Unfortunately, he's still a bit unbalanced and lacerated his eyelid, which has a very unusual problem—the third eyelid has a tendency to protrude out and almost looks like the eye is about to fall out of the socket.

You can read his story at [www.friendsofrabbits.org/fred](http://www.friendsofrabbits.org/fred).



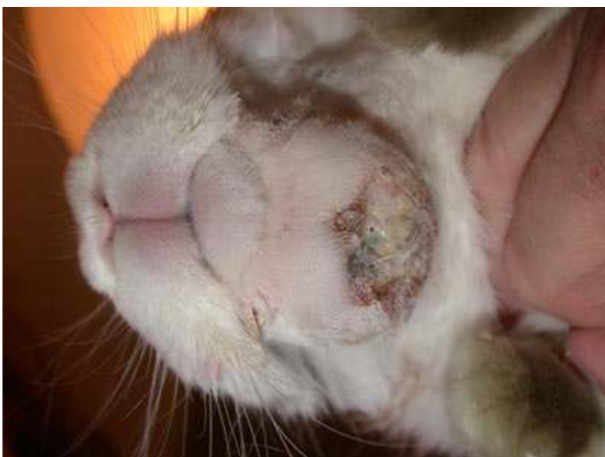
### *Archie's Story*

Archie is a beautiful English Spot rabbit rescued in July 2008 from Montgomery County Animal Control. He had been at this shelter since December of 2007 and his story is nothing short of a miracle. At the top of the shelter euthanasia list twice, he only survived due to two adoption applications that fell through, buying him the extra time he needed to remain alive. A Friends of Rabbits' volunteer stopped by to pick up another rescue and there he was, sitting in his cage with yellow discharge coming from his eyes and nose. He was pulled and released to our rescue two days later.

Expecting to treat him for a chronic upper respiratory infection, our volunteer brought him to Dr. David Crum at SEAVS on Monday, July 14. When Dr. Crum examined him, he found that Archie's primary problem was not a respiratory infection but serious dental disease. (We were told that Archie was missing most of his teeth except his top incisors.) Archie was left at SEAVS and the following day he had surgery for a very large jaw abscess. Both Drs. Crum and Stahl had not seen one this extensive. And yet, Archie was eating so many pellets that his bowl had to be refilled twice daily! Dr. Crum removed what remained of his rotting teeth. Since Archie was going to need to go back to SEAVS on a weekly basis for rechecking and repacking the surgical site of the abscess, Pam Hurley took him in and is currently providing his daily care, which consists of administering Pen G, Baytril, Meloxicam for pain and flushing out the site twice daily.

Pam brought Archie back to SEAVS on Friday, July 28 when Dr. Scott Stahl anesthetized him to see how the healing was going. He found that the infection was still progressing and removed more of the infected bone. Now, there is a huge hole where the infection was and when Pam flushes out the wound daily, the dextrose that she is using goes right into his mouth. After consulting with SEAVS about that, she cut the amount of dextrose in half so that he wouldn't swallow as much. Dr. Stahl recommended that if the infection cannot be kept under control, Archie may need to be humanely euthanized. Archie goes back to see Dr. Stahl on Friday, August 1 and we are all hoping for the best.

Despite his uncomfortable situation, Archie is still eating very well. Pam decided that his mouth was too delicate to continue the hard pellets, so she adds warm water to them to make them more digestible and enjoyable. On Tuesday, July 29, Archie was feeling amorous for the first time. This could have been the result of spotting Molly, Pam's elder bun just outside the gate. So, it appears that he was feeling well enough to respond to his hormonal urges that morning. Hopefully, that is a sign that he is on the mend. Updates will be posted.



## Community Service: Helping You Care for Your Rabbits.

### Open Houses

Bring your rabbit over for a free nail trim and grooming. We have some fantastic new grooming tools to help you get off your stubborn mats and areas that might need special attention and cleaning. We'll get those scent glands cleaned out as well.

Open Houses are held every other month on the second Saturday or Sunday. Please visit our calendar of events online at <http://www.friendsofrabbits.org/calendar.htm> for more. Photos from past Open Houses are available on our Past Events page at <http://www.friendsofrabbits.org/pastevents.htm>.

### Spa Days

Bring your rabbit in for an extra special treat! Your rabbit will be pampered with a manicure, pedicure, full service grooming and a massage by our rabbit massage therapist Aileen Hudspeth-Kennamore. For this event we have a *suggested donation* of \$25.

All your donations from our Spa Days help to support the rabbits at the animal shelters. If the shelter intends to segregate a fund specifically for the rabbits, then the shelter receives all the proceeds from the Spa Day. This helps ALL the rabbit rescue groups in the area when they rescue rabbits because the rabbit would have been spayed/neutered through these donations. For upcoming Spa Days, visit our calendar of events at <http://www.friendsofrabbits.org/calendar.htm>. Photos from past Spa days are available on our Past Events page at <http://www.friendsofrabbits.org/pastevents.htm>.

### Outreach

We have adoption days and education booths set up at local pet supply stores. These events bring exposure to the rabbits for adoption as well as educate many people who already have rabbits.

### Rabbit Supplies for Sale

Celebrate our new supply location at Vanessa's house! Selling rabbit supplies is a way we help the rabbits and you. We offer rabbit supplies at a substantial saving compared to stores/internet and the profits all go back to helping the rabbits directly. We offer supplies for sale at the following locations:

Susan Wong	Columbia, MD	<a href="mailto:susan@friendsofrabbits.org">susan@friendsofrabbits.org</a>
Kevin Anderson	Bethesda, MD	<a href="mailto:Kevin.Anderson@marriott.com">Kevin.Anderson@marriott.com</a>
Mikki Staab	Falls Church VA	
Joe Monaco	Centreville, VA	<a href="mailto:bunrescue@juno.com">bunrescue@juno.com</a>
<b>OPENING AUGUST 9:</b> Vanessa Hartman	Silver Spring, MD	<a href="mailto:vanessahartman@yahoo.com">vanessahartman@yahoo.com</a>

### Hay Update

We have lots of bales of fresh Timothy Hay (100%), mixed bales of brome and orchard grass, mixed bales of alfalfa and orchard grass. We're hoping to see some bales of mixed hay with rye. Many people found that their rabbits are enjoying the variety of hays that we have available. Unfortunately we will no longer have the Harlan products available to us.

## Friends of Rabbits Event Update

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Please RSVP at [events@friendsofrabbits.org](mailto:events@friendsofrabbits.org) and ask for directions or details. All events are subject to change. Please check the latest newsletter and calendar of events online at <http://www.friendsofrabbits.org/calendar.htm> for the latest events.

### Open Houses

Open houses to help you care for your rabbits. All Open House will be from 1 to 4 PM.

August 9 (Saturday)	Vanessa Hartman's house in Silver Spring
October 11 (Saturday)	Susan Wong's house in Columbia
December 13 (Saturday)	Beth Rosenfeld and Van Johnson's house in Alexandria

### Spa Day

September 13 (Saturday) Animal Welfare League of Arlington. (703) 931-9241. Please call Pam at 703-305-5993 (w) or 703-578-1876 (h) or [events@friendsofrabbits.org](mailto:events@friendsofrabbits.org) for a reservation.

### Celebrations *(dates will be confirmed in upcoming newsletters!)*

August 30 (Saturday) Lori's graduation and Fulbright scholarship at Dave's house in Silver Spring. 2pm. Please leave your bunnies at home for this event. Contact us at [events@friendsofrabbits.org](mailto:events@friendsofrabbits.org) for directions.

### Other events with groups that have helped rabbits that might interest to you:

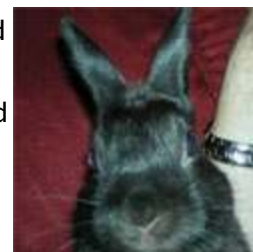
September 20 (Saturday) COK (Compassion Over Killing) fundraiser at Susan's house in Columbia, MD. Time TBA. [www.cok.net](http://www.cok.net)

October 12 (Sunday) 1 to 5 PM. Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary 11th Annual Open House and Fundraiser. [www.animalsanctuary.org](http://www.animalsanctuary.org)

## Check Out The Happy Stories on our Hall of Fame Page!

We are fortunate to have gotten several rabbits out of area shelters and into loving homes. Since last October, Friends of Rabbits has managed to adopt out approximately 50 rabbits. We want to thank our many adopters for making this all possible. Here are just a few of their stories. (You can read more on the Hall of Fame page of our website at <http://www.friendsofrabbits.org/hof.htm>)

**Achilles** was rescued from Prince George's County Animal Management in Maryland 2008. He had been confiscated by the police from the home of a drug dealer who was planning to eventually feed him to a snake. Achilles was severely malnourished and scared when he arrived at Friends of Rabbits. After weeks of TLC he grew to love life and people again. On 5/17/08 he was adopted by T.C. Sottek of Gaithersburg, Maryland.





Congratulations to Oraly Spatz! She is the proud parent of two great buns, **Beano** and **Vegas**! Beano had been the beloved pet of a young child who passed away. Out of grief, the family could no longer look at him and placed him up on Craigslist where he sadly fell into the hands of a hoarder. He was then confiscated by animal control and in danger of being euthanized when he was rescued by Friends of Rabbits. Vegas was turned in to a Maryland shelter when her owner didn't want to care for her any longer. Beano and Vegas seem to be soul-mates and we are happy that this all came to a happy end for them both.



**Cinnabun** was a rescue that came to us from Prince George's County Animal Management in Maryland. Elderly Cinnabun was suffering from problems with her front teeth and eye problems when we took her in. On 4/26/08 Cinnabun met the Cammaroto family of Port Tobacco, Maryland and they fell in love with her despite her older age and teeth. While visiting Cinnabun's foster home to fill out the adoption paperwork they spotted baby **Cadbury** and decided to open their homes and hearts up to one more rescued bun.



**Clyde** was rescued from a terrible cruelty situation where he had been left to starve and die in someone's backyard. He was removed by an SPCA worker and taken in by Friends of Rabbits. After months of rehabilitation, Clyde found the attention of Dulce and Johan Bjoerklund of Fairfax, Virginia. Dulce and Johan are avid travelers, so Clyde will get to travel the globe with his new adoptive family.

**Mom** was living under an outside shed together with her baby, Cadbury, when she was taken in by animal control. Friends of Rabbits was called when the shelter ran out of space to house them both. Always a wonderful and loving mother, she deserved to find the best home possible. In July 2008 she finally did! Friends of Rabbits wishes to thank Polly McCarty of Columbia, Maryland for giving Mom the security and love she can finally depend upon.



**Nacho** was rescued from Prince George's County Animal Management in Maryland. He had been confiscated from the home of an arrested drug dealer who intended to eventually feed him to a snake. When Nacho came into Friends of Rabbits he was terrified. After months of living in safety and love, he grew to enjoy being around people. On June 27, 2008 he was adopted to Dr. Lisa Wei of Arlington, Virginia. Dr. Wei also adopted a couple of other cuties from us, bunny babies **Rascal** and **Cheddar**, who were also awaiting their forever home. Friends of Rabbits wishes to thank Dr. Wei for opening her heart to these three rescued angels.



## Wish List

### **Wish List from fosters and volunteers:**

We are always in need of the following items:

Cloth Towels – all sizes, condition – should be absorbent and a few holes or tears acceptable

Not Too Old Computer/Laptops (please 3 years or newer)

## Notes and Bunny Hugs

### **Thanks to everyone for your support.**

We hope you are able to attend all of our upcoming events. Thank you for your continued generosity.

We need it more than ever with so many rescued rabbits.

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