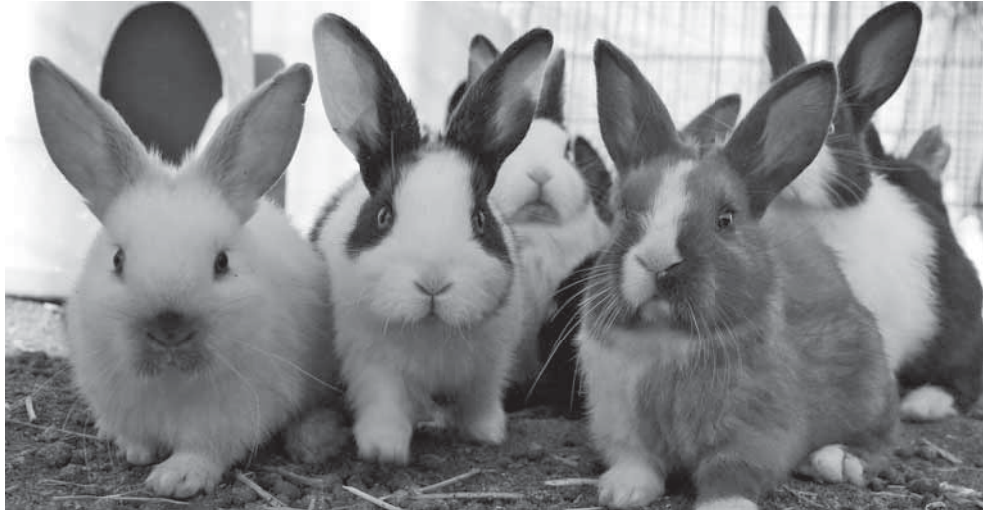


THE BUNSTREET JOURNAL

We have been in over our ears for quite some time...

Tim Patino, Board President
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Being President of Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary has never been an easy job for me. It all started with the love of one bunny and a few years later, several hundred. Not unlike most non-profit organizations and other businesses, when I wake up in the morning I never know what kind of obstacles or frustrations we may experience as an organization that day. But when I go to bed at night, I know the day was worth it. Our cause of helping domestic rabbits makes it all worthwhile.



We always feel it is necessary to share with you all the events and happenings at the sanctuary through our mailings and on our website. Right now, we have a very important announcement to share with you. I am happy to report that Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary

"We will be stronger than ever before and will continue to help abandoned, abused, and neglected rabbits in need."

will be able to carry out its mission for many years to come because of an important decision and rekindled partnership.

The decision and partnership I mention are somewhat bittersweet, but once again healthy for our organization. As we look for ways to survive and continue our work in this down economy, we first have to look at where we are and how we got there. We were a very small organization just a few years ago when almost overnight - with the help of Best Friends Animal Society and just one rescue

in Reno, Nevada called "The Great Bunny Rescue of 2006" - we became the largest rabbit sanctuary in the country. Now, three years later, we struggle financially every day due to the rapid growth of a few years ago.

As we explored ways to continue to accomplish our mission, one alternative came up through our relationship with Best Friends. This alternative had never been an option in the past with their prior leadership. Today with a new regime calling the shots, Best Friends has found room at their sanctuary for our beloved Reno rabbits. With all of our options reviewed, this opportunity made the most sense and this process is almost complete - our Reno rabbits are going to live at the greatest animal sanctuary in the world!

Best Friends is very excited to take on this challenge. The decision and move happened very quickly but we know it is the right thing for all of the animals. The rabbits will be settling in at their new home in Kanab, Utah as this goes to print - with brand-new rabbit runs and shelters keeping them safe, misting systems keeping them cool, and mountain fresh air. While we will truly

miss them, we are very confident the rabbits will be well taken care of as they make their move.

Our biggest expenses have been related to the care of the Reno rabbits, costing us almost 80% of what we take in annually. Neither we nor Best Friends ever anticipated the health issues and other challenges the Reno rabbits would experience. Unfortunately, with donations being down and costs always rising, we fall short of our financial needs to survive and operate as a sound organization. This is a business decision, yes -- but it is also in the best interest of the animals. If one day we found we could no

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What's Hop'i'ning

Upcoming Events

Work Days

Sunday, August 30, 2009
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, September 27, 2009
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, October 25, 2009
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Casino Nights

Monday, August 10th through
Thursday, August 13th
5:00 pm – 2:00 am
Marriott at Eagle Crest
Ypsilanti
License #M49889

Work Days are when we tackle those bigger projects like painting, maintenance and repairs, and other tasks. If you are interested in helping with any of the upcoming Work Days, please contact info@rabbitsanctuary.org for further information.

Proceeds benefit the rabbits!

Volunteers will be needed to help with this event. Please visit www.rabbit-sanctuary.org for more information and to sign up!

The Bunnies Get a Billboard

It has been our dream for several years to have a billboard showcasing the sanctuary. So, we wrote letters to various billboard companies asking if they would consider a donation of space. CBS Outdoor responded with a very generous donation of a small billboard for a six-month period, and we can renew it after that! We are

thrilled, and our very own Junie B. is a star! (And it's totally going to her head!)

If you're in the area and traveling north on U.S. 23, it's on the right side of the road just after Exit 27. Check it out and let us know what you think!



The Buns Got a Cooler That Needs Fixin'!

A few years ago we received a donation of a walk-in cooler to store greens for the bunnies and food for the pigs. But the compressor doesn't work. In the summer, greens only keep a day or so, and in the winter they freeze. The compressor and the labor to install it will total around \$2,500, money we can't spare from the daily operating budget. If you have a spare compressor lying around, or have the skills to install one, please let us know! Email info@rabbitsanctuary.org for more information.



Our Mission

To provide sanctuary to rescued rabbits and educate the public regarding the joys of house rabbits, proper rabbit care, rabbit health, and rabbit behavior.

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In Over Our Ears

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longer operate, the alternative could be much worse for all the animals at our sanctuary.

That all being said, the move is complete and we are restructuring. Because of this decision, we will be able to follow through on our mission to help domestic rabbits. We will be stronger than ever before and will continue to help abandoned, abused, and neglected rabbits in need.

We know what our limits are now, and have accumulated a great deal of knowledge over the past three years. We have also positioned ourselves as a professional leader and resource in the animal rescue world. That work will continue and we will focus all of our efforts on behalf of our beloved bunnies.

The sanctuary will still operate almost as usual, with tours, events, adoptions, and day-to-day care of the rabbits, cats, and pigs that will continue to call Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary their home. As always, we will need your support to continue this work.



A new day has come and a fresh page in GLRS history is waiting to be written. Now more than ever, we need our volunteers to step up to show our resident bunnies some love – cleaning pens, passing out treats, or just stopping by to hug some bunnies.

We also still need your financial support. The rabbits who remain will still rely on your support to provide them a safe home and plenty of food and love while they wait for their new families to find them. Your donation today will help us carry out our mis-

sion. We need your help to continue to rescue rabbits in need and educate the public to prevent future suffering for domestic rabbits. We can't do it without you!

Thank you for your continued support and for giving the bunnies in our care hope for the future!

Editor's Note

If you are currently sponsoring one of the Reno rabbits, you'll soon be receiving a letter with a list of bunnies remaining at GLRS who still need sponsors. There are many rabbits who have been with us for a long time, for one reason or another, and who would appreciate their very own sponsor! We hope you will open your hearts to these bunnies.

GLRS is funded entirely by contributions from individual donors and a few grants from foundations. Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary does not receive any funding from any government body or municipality. If it were not for caring individuals like you, we would be unable to provide a safe haven to the rabbits here at the sanctuary.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____.

I am enclosing a check/cash.

I wish to charge my contribution to: VISA MasterCard

Card # _____ - _____ - _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

Please make this a monthly contribution on my credit card until I notify you otherwise.

One-time donations as well as monthly contributions can also be made through PayPal on our website, www.rabbitsanctuary.org.

Please make checks and money orders payable to Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

Please return to: Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary • P.O. Box 7 • Whittaker, MI 48190. Donations may also be made at www.rabbitsanctuary.org. Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. MIC5 21900.

YouTube Videos Helping Rabbits Get Adopted

When GLRS first signed up for a YouTube account, we thought it would be a great way to share the wonders of the sanctuary, let the public know about the plight of domestic rabbits, and garner support for these wonderful animals.

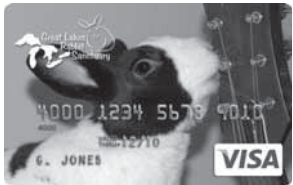
As it turns out, this has also been another avenue in helping GLRS find the rabbits loving, forever-homes. Hagrid, an adorable, easy-going lop, found his new family thanks to a video posted on YouTube!

Please visit us at www.youtube.com/GreatLakesRabbitSanc. We are looking forward to adding more videos soon about the sanctuary and the rabbits who are looking for their forever homes!



Hagrid found his forever home after his video was seen on YouTube!

Introducing the GLRS Visa Platinum Card



- 0% Introductory APR on purchases and balance transfers for 6 months. After this period, a low variable APR will apply.
- **\$50 donation to GLRS by the bank when you first use the card, plus ongoing contributions!**
- No annual fee and no additional cost to you.
- Enhanced Visa Platinum benefits, including 24/7 Emergency Customer Service and 100% Fraud Protection, Purchase security, Warranty Manager and much more.
- Earn points at hundreds of participating online and neighborhood retailers.
- Earn up to 15 bonus points per dollar at select merchants.
- Redeem points for your choice of name-brand merchandise, event tickets, gift cards, or travel reward options.

Apply online (visit our website at www.rabbitsanctuary.org) or write to us for a paper application you can mail directly to the bank.

Social Networking for the Rabbits

Visit Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary on the following sites:



www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=41770262994



www.twitter.com/GLrabbits



www.youtube.com/GreatLakesRabbitSanc

Helping the Rabbits

Top 10 Ways to Help the Rabbits, for Free (or Mostly Free)!

10. When you search the Internet, use GoodSearch and the rabbits get a penny for every search! Go to **www.GoodSearch.com** and designate us as your charity today, then use GoodSearch every time you're online!
9. Check out our **wish list** and see if you have anything the bunnies could use sitting around your house gathering dust. See it listed on the right, or go to our website and click on "how to help" for an updated list any-time!
8. On **Facebook**? Join our group and ask all your friends to do the same to help spread the word! Visit www.rabbitsanctuary.org for a direct link to our group.
7. When you shop online, use **www.iGive.com** or **www.GoodShop.com**. If you designate GLRS as your charity, the bunnies will get a portion of everything you spend at no cost to you!
6. Wear your support! We have tons of cute GLRS merchandise on Cafe-Press (**www.cafepress.com/rabbitsanctuary**) and by wearing your support, you are spreading the word about GLRS every time you walk out of your house. (OK, so this one isn't free...but who can resist a t-shirt that says "Buns Rule!"?)
5. Do you Tweet? Follow us and tell all your followers about us to spread the word! Check us out at **www.twitter.com/GLrabbits**.
4. If you do your grocery shopping at Kroger, **register your Kroger Plus card** online, and every time you shop at Kroger, the rabbits will get money! Visit our website for more information.
3. **Recycle** your old used toner or ink cartridges, cell phones, PDAs, or Blackberries. Give them to us and the bunnies will get some cash. Email info@rabbitsanctuary.org if you have some to donate!
2. Sign up for the **Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary Visa Platinum Card!** It's free for you (no annual fee and 0% interest for six months PLUS rewards!) and the bunnies get \$50 from the bank if you use it just one time! Apply online (visit our website at www.rabbitsanctuary.org) or write to us for a paper application you can mail.

And the #1 way to help the rabbits for free.....

VOLUNTEER!!!

There are lots of ways to help, from being a Bunny Hugger to helping plan special events.

Visit our website at www.rabbitsanctuary.org for more information.

Wish List

Always Needed

- Fresh, leafy-green vegetables and carrots
- Toys for the rabbits
- Newspapers
- Carefresh bedding
- High-fiber/low protein/timothy rabbit pellets
- Timothy or other grass hay, and straw
- Branches from apple trees (untreated)
- Good-sized ceramic bowls to hold water for bunnies
- Hay balls/racks

Can Always Use

- Empty 1 gallon jugs with handles for indoor bunny water
- Postage stamps
- Gift cards to Lowe's, Home Depot, Sam's Club, or Tractor Supply Co. (TSC)
- Paper towels and tissues
- Nitrile or latex gloves
- Individual-sized bottled water, for our hard-working volunteers
- Tools of all kinds
- Plywood and lumber
- Trees to plant in the rabbit yards
- Large garbage bin with lid
- 35 gallon or large recycling container with wheels

Just Need One

- Portable building for office space
- Mini-excavator
- Trailer for hauling hay
- Repair services for riding lawn mower
- Compressor for walk-in cooler (please email us for further information)

Time Is A Precious Gift

- Volunteers!
- Handyperson who will do odd jobs at low cost
- Experienced grant writer

Classifieds

Thumps of Thanks

CBS Outdoor, for their generous donation of billboard space.

For a 5000 watt generator and transfer kit through the Power to the Paws program, courtesy of the Petfinder.com Foundation and our friends at Merial.

John F. Porter for the generous donation of a riding lawn mower.

David Adams for the generous donation of a truck.

Dr. Lewis of All Creatures Animal Clinic, Dr. Katherine Parks of Easthaven Animal Hospital, and Dr. Clarkson of West Arbor Animal Hospital for treating our rabbits.

Dr. Cavender of Salem Veterinary Services for spay/neuter services.

PETCO and the PETCO Foundation for their ongoing partnership and continued support.

Busch's, Produce Station, Whole Foods, and People's Food Co-op, all in Ann Arbor, and Busch's in Tecumseh for donating their throwaway greens for the rabbits.

All our volunteers and staff whose commitment, hard work, and dedication ensure the rabbits have a safe and loving place to live.

In Memory /Honor

Generous gifts to GLRS were received in memory and honor of the following special people and animals:

LINDA ARNDT - In honor of a wonderful bunny named D.B.

BRAXTON BLAKE - In honor of Eugene Kornfield

BRIEN COMERFORD - In Honor of All God's Creatures

PAMELA DEMONACO - In honor of "Ella" for Lisa Gibala - Warren

ELEANORE L. GATES - In memory of Smokey (my rabbit when I was a kid). He loved to eat. Brook Miller - For Lilith Cheetham

In Memory /Honor

SHERI GIARDINI - In honor of Sandra Giardini

JOAN GREEN - In honor of Jean Hanson

SANDRA JELSOMENO - For Verena Ward

MARIANA KOPACZ - In memory of my daughter's bunny Caramon

SUSAN M. KORNFIELD AND PETER G. COGGAN - In honor of Eugene Kornfield

LISA LAMANCUSA - In memory of a bunny named Hamish who just passed away. He was about 10-11.

THERESE POCRNICK - In honor of those who dedicate themselves to this cause!

CHARLENE G. RAIFSNIDER - In memory of Sparky Sue

MICHELLE ROGERS - In honor of Tim Patino

SALLY RYON - In honor of Lois Gilbert's birthday

PATTI SAROKAS - In memory of Beauregard

BETTY LOU SNYDER - In memory of H.B. (stands for Hershey Bar) Bunny Rabbit

MATT SUDER - For Mom - from Henry and Audrey

SHARON WELLER - In memory of Prof. Dink (rabbit) & Morris (female cat). It was love at first sight for Dink.

SUSAN WILHELM - In memory of my parrot, Maggie, who passed away on July 24, 2004

SARAH WILLIAMS - In memory of Crystal

ANN WORTINGER - In honor of Rudy and Ginger, 2 GLRS bunnies

Volunteers Needed

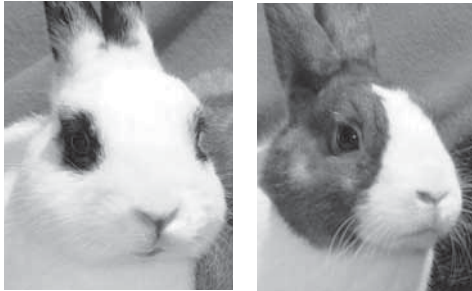
As a volunteer-run organization, we depend on having a solid group of committed volunteers to keep the organization vital and healthy. Volunteer opportunities include feeding & cleaning, socializing needy animals, grounds maintenance, and fundraising. For a full list of volunteer possibilities, please visit our website: www.rabbitsanctuary.org.

Loving Home Wanted



Coconut is a female lavender mix rabbit, approximately 4 years old, who came to the sanctuary in 2005. She was very skittish when she first arrived, but has become very friendly. **Wanda** is shy, and depends on Coconut for comfort. She is a beautiful, caramel colored American Sable mix and is approximately 3 years old. They are bonded and must be adopted together.

Loving Home Wanted



Zander is a hotot, born in October 2001. He was given lots of love and spoiled to the point of being severely overweight. Now he is down to a good weight and still loves to snuggle. **Charlie** is a brown and white dutch born in July 2005. He loves to take naps under blankets and be petted on his nose. **Nelly** is a black mini lop born in September 2005. She was abandoned at a wildlife sanctuary. She is a bit of a loner, and quite a jumper. She has a lot of personality - a bit of a bully but the others don't seem to mind. **Harvey** is a brown dwarf mix born in March 2001. He was a classroom bunny, very sweet and very smart. He is nicknamed Harvard. These rabbits are bonded and must stay together.

Loving Home Wanted



Lily is about two years old. She was surrendered by a family who had children she did not get along with well. Lily is very sweet, but the noise and energy level of children is a bit much for her. She doesn't like to be held, but will happily sit for hours being petted. She like lots of room to dart around in and explore. Will you give her a new home?

Loving Home Wanted



Alice is part Hotot and part mini-Rex. She's not quite old enough to wear black eyeliner, but will eventually have black rings framing her beautiful blue eyes. She adores being petted, but is quite the squiggly worm if you try to hold her! A home where she receive lots of attention would be perfect!

To see all our rabbits available for adoption please visit our page at

Petfinder.com

ADOPT A HOMELESS PET

www.petfinder.com/shelters/rabbitsanctuary.html



CK & Dexter are brothers from the same litter who are victims of the downturn in the economy. They were surrendered due to financial setbacks of their family. Named after the notorious CK Dexter Haven played by Cary Grant in The Philadelphia Story, they are both sweet, yet mischievous. Neither particularly enjoy being held, but they do tolerate it quite well, and they can't get enough petting. Though they are brothers, they are not bonded and therefore can be adopted separately.



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Loving Home Wanted



Tiki is the handsome, debonair, suave lady-killer of Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary. He is a knockout with that silver-blue coat! **Farah** is his little woman. She came to the sanctuary from the mean streets of Toledo, Ohio. They both love running, jumping, and playing...and FOOD, their favorite subject!

Loving Home Wanted



Ozzie came to the sanctuary after he was abandoned behind a parking lot. He loves nose rubs and cilantro and is learning that people are nice. He is a very sweet guy and would enjoy the love and affection that would come with a home of his own!

Loving Home Wanted



Jules is a four-year-old mini-Rex who loves to run and explore. Sadly, she had to be surrendered when her family found themselves with financial difficulties. She would love home where she will get lots of pets and lots of run time.