



# THE BUSY BUN-E NEWS

South Australian Companion Rabbit Association

## Cute Bunny of the Month;

Fonzie: age 6 weeks now he is 4 years old.

Fonzie is a Mini Lop, Seal Point in Colour. 1.4 kg in weight.

Neutered since 8 weeks old.

Loves carrots, celery and prunes. Wheaten hay and bok choy.

Mini Lops are a wonderful breed for the family and are compact for travel size convenience and suitable for a small flat or unit.

Cheeky and loving all at the same time.



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### Special points of interest:

*25th March, Northgate Childrens Service Bunny display.*

*28th March, Marion Community Sports Centre Rabbit Display.*

*Sunday 4th April. All welcome to Sallys Easter Bunny BBQ From 12noon BBQ Easter Egg hunt from 3pm.*

*Please RSVP BY 26/3/10*

*BYO Drinks and a chair.*

## Presidents Message. Sally Arnold

Hi and welcome to another newsletter, I would like to thank all the members who participate and come to the meetings, the more the merrier. There have been several of our members whos buns have escaped from there back yards over the past month or two and I would highly recommend getting your bunny micro chipped. This means that the animal is logged onto a central network and that your bunny if found and scanned by the Awl, RSPCA, Most Veterinary Clinics and some councils should be returned to you ASAP with little distress to bunny or you. Its worth every penny to get your loved one back home, SAFE. Regards to all. sally





## In memory of our loved bunnies.

4th March 2010.

Our hearts go out to Tim and Jodie for the loss of their lovely boy BUSTER the dwarf lop.

Buster was a little hero, and fought a terrible ear infection and abscess for over 2 years with a strength not often seen in bunnies. Tim and Jodie nursed him and loved him constantly though his illness and were heartbroken when he became seriously ill overnight and then passed away at 10.15 am

Our love to Tim, Jodie, Baxter, Bella and B.B at this time.

R.I.P. BUSTER a special little bunny.

12th March, 2010.

IN LOVEING MEMORY OF ROXY  
Our thoughts are with Janine, Dean and the kids for their loss of Roxy a lovely black otter Dwarf lop.

Roxy came to many meetings and will be missed by every one who knew her. Roxy died suddenly at home from a possible Bee or spider bite, which was a great shock to her family.

Our love goes out to Janine, Dean the kids and SONIC who misses her very much.

Over the Rainbow bridge you go....R.I.P. ROXY



## WITH EASTER COMES EGGS AND BUNNIES or not.....

Just a note before the crazy Easter season invades our thoughts. Please discourage your friends and relatives from getting a baby bunny for Easter from a pet shop, as soon after S.A. RABBIT RESCUE gets them when they start all the hormonal behaviors.

Please let them know that if they do want a bunny that it is a long term commitment and can not be discarded like a used toy.

FACTS;

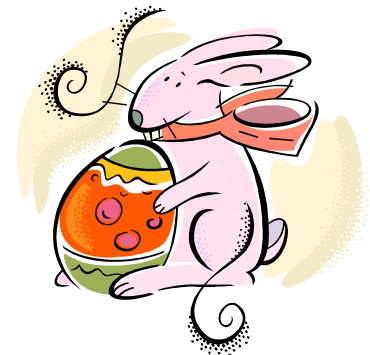
Rabbit are not low maintenance pets, and require time and expenditure to maintain.

Rabbits can live up to 15 years if well cared for.

Rabbits require routine Veterinary care e.g. Vaccinations, Spaying and Neutering which can be costly.

Rabbits can be aggressive when frightened, usually by small children. Our advice is to not get rabbits until children are over 7 years or well supervised when near the rabbits.

Rabbits can not be released into the wild as this is a death sentence for them and a environmental nightmare.



## 10 MOST COMMON AILMENTS OF RABBITS.

1. Dental Malocclusion. If your bunny is not eating as much or drooling or grinding its teeth , it teeth may be misaligned or overgrown. Which can be caused by incorrect food, or no chewing materials.
2. Obesity. Rabbit that eat to many high cal or low fiber foods and have little exercise can become overweight buns. To assess if bun needs to be put onto a diet look at it from above and it should be pear shaped

and you should be able to feel the ribs without seeing them.

3. Sore Hocks. This is common with over weight buns, rabbits that have wire bottom cages or that live on dirty flat bottom cages. Seen as irritated, scabby or cracked skin on the hocks. Clean skin and change rabbits environment is the easy fix.
4. Pasteurellosis; Snuffles is highly contagious , chronic bacterial disease of the upper respiratory system.

Which makes buns sneeze, cough and have a runny nose. If not treated can progress into pneumonia. Seek vet advice asap.  
5. GI STASIS. A major cause of death in young buns and pregnant does. Includes problems with the stomach, intestines and bowel. Diarrhea is common and causes dehydration and death. Prevention is to feed your bunny a high fiber diet and low carbs.

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6. Slobbers. Occurs when the heavy fold of skin on female rabbits necks becomes wet and soggy and smelly. It can lead to inflammation and infection. Some times caused by dental inflammation or damp bedding.

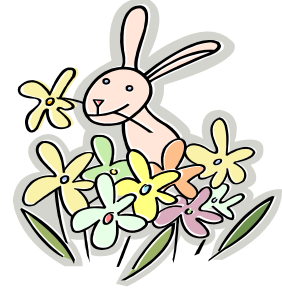
7. Coccidiosis. A parasitic disease spread from contaminated feed or water or other rabbits that have not been quarantined. Untreated by anti-parasitic medications and antibiotics rabbit die of ill thrift. Pot bellied appearance, anorexia, runny poo which is very smelly, lethargy and a rough coat can be the visible symptoms.

8. Ringworm. It manifests as circular red raised lesions on the head or body of the rabbit. Its highly infectious to humans and other animals. Seek vet advice asap.

9. External Parasites. Include fleas, Mites, Lice and Ear Mite can cause much irritation to your rabbit when you see your rabbit scratching ears or body, shaking its head, biting its tail area and may have noticeable flaky skin seek vet advice for appropriate treatment.

10. Hutch Burn. Wet and dirty hutch floors can cause hutch burn, which is when rabbits bum and genital area get inflamed and swollen which may lead to a secondary infection

which then would need treating with antibiotics and regular antiseptic cleaning of the area. Keep this area dry or healing will not occur.



## S.A. RESCUE & ADOPTIONS

Misty is looking for a lovely forever home please consider her if you have the time, she needs about 20 mins a week in grooming time. She is a full doe and French Angora cross.



Billy is a male Netherland Dwarf and has a lovely nature. He is house trained and very cute. Not keen on small kids under 6 years old. Lovely house bunny very small.



ALL RABBIT FROM S.A. RABBIT RESCUE are vaccinated, health checked and come with a de-sexing discount certificate if not already de-sexed.

Contact Sally on 08 82548601 for more info or other bunnies that are available.

Or check out the web site [www.wildwoodbunnies.com](http://www.wildwoodbunnies.com)

## S.A.C.R.A. CONTACTS.

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For any club enquiries.

Tuesday the 16th March, 2010

Cathy Skinner. B.V. Sc Hons

Open discussion on your pet rabbits  
Veterinary needs.

Breed Talk: Mini Lop

Please do not bring buns to club if you have any unexplained deaths, Myxo, Calici or Coccidia as this may infect

other club members bunnies.  
Thank you.



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**Before** bringing a pet rabbit into your home at Easter, please **consider** these **facts**:

- Rabbits are **NOT** low-maintenance pets! They require as much work as a dog or cat.
- Rabbits can live **8 to 10 years**; sometimes longer.
- The necessary **spay or neuter** can cost \$100 or more, and rabbits require routine **veterinary care**.
- Rabbits are **not cuddly** — they can become frightened when held!
- Pet rabbits cannot be set “free” — it’s a **death sentence**.

This **Easter**, why not make it a **CHOCOLATE** bunny or a cuddly stuffed toy instead?  
Let’s make it a Happy Easter for bunnies, too.

**Help spread the word that rabbits are NOT disposable pets.**

