



THE BUSY BUN-E NEWS



South Australian Companion Rabbit Association

Games for you and your bunny.

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With a little imagination we humans can brighten up the life of our furry friends. Most of the time we just throw some toys in and hope they entertain themselves but in actual fact you should interact with your bunny to assist in its understanding that we are not predators to them but their family. These are some ideas to help you on your way to enhancing your bunnies life and in turn yours as well.

1. **Playing catch;** For catch you need a light weight ball, one of those from the cheap shops with a bell in it is great as it has holes for the bunny to grasp it with its teeth. Tossing the ball gently to the bunny for a start or rolling it past bunny gets it used to the sound and movement. After a short while bunny will pick up the ball and toss it away or even to you to return. This game should only go on until the bunny is bored and then stop as bunny may get angry if you persist in throwing and think of it as a missile instead of a toy. You can also roll toilet rolls, old baby toys and anything else that comes to mind even old plastic flower pots are good.
2. **Tug of War.** Old towels knotted up are great for this game but please be gentle as teeth get caught and can be pulled out. Even ribbons are good and you need only offer the smallest resistance for the bunny to have a great time.
3. **Maze;** Make a maze of cardboard boxes it's a fun project for all the family and you get a laugh and bunny gets to have a wonderful time exploring, put some treats like sultanas or almonds and even better for bunny to investigate and find.
4. **Bowling pins,** set up for bunny to knock over and roll around great fun for all. Cheap plastic ones are easily found at cheap shops for a few dollars.



BUNNY FIRST AID KIT. Simple items for immediate help.

Ivomectin oral solution.

This treats; worms, mites, lice, fleas and many other internal parasites.

Infacol drops found in the baby section of supermarket. Good for swollen tummies in buns with stasis issues.



Debrisol for treatment of wounds, great also for debriding old infections and puss on wound sites.
Calcium syrup, good for a rabbit that is lethargic, 0.05 of a ml to give boost.
Vit C tablets to boost immune system. Crush and add to water or food.

Mother buns who will not feed their young.

Often calls come in from novice bunny owners that their pet bunny has had an accidental litter of kits and the mother just wont feed the baby bunnies. This is common and there a two choices.

1. You can feed the baby buns with a bottle and formula, both of which you can get from your local Vet or Pet shop.
2. Using the mother you can use her milk and feed the babies by turning her over and feeding the kits from her 3-4 times per day. Feed until they look full.



Breed of the Month...The Dutch Rabbit.

Its funny but the English get the credit for the current Dutch rabbits development. However it origins lay in Belgium, which was a part of the Netherlands which is why the name Dutch. The lovely marked breed has been seen since 1825 and were known as Brabancons at that time. The English renamed them Dutch from their ancestry. These rabbits are striking in their markings and have been perfected over 150 years to todays Dutch marked buns we see today.

Medium in size, lovely nature come in most colours. Lilac in Photo of WILDWOOD LILY





Book your Quiz night table soon, 31st July, 2010. 7.00 pm



Hi every one book your table soon for our upcoming Quiz night. Lots of prizes, silent auction of Art prints and memorabilia.
Adults \$10.00 each
Children under 10 yrs \$5.00 each. ALL WELCOME

2010 PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES.



No-no's of Correcting your rabbit.

If your rabbit has misbehaved please don't;

Hit, shake, kick or shove your bunny as rabbits are very fragile creatures .

Nor can you yell at or chase your rabbit as it is a prey animal and will suffer greatly from the height-ened fear responses' and could also suffer from physical injury from running away due to startling .

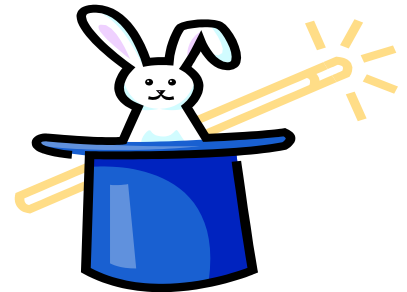
Never withhold food as punishment. Never leave your rabbit unattended as punishment or leave it without affection or interaction as a punishment. Never use the word don't as animals have no concept of negatives and only focus on your responses' you send to it and end up hating you for punishment or noise that instill fear into you pet. The best thing you can do is reward positive behavior and remove bunny from negative situations, so as not to offer new naughty situations.

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Baby Rabbits
4 hours old
Dwarf Lops



In Memoriam: Our thoughts go out to Sue for the loss of a little rescue in her care this past month. Also our deepest sympathy to Andrea and Nick for the loss of Mr. Rabbit from a Jaw abscess. Over the Rainbow Bridge you go little buns.

Our Monthly Meetings.

Just a reminder that we can start on time if every one is settled in by our start time of 7pm. If we start at this time we can usually be finished by 9pm.

June Meeting will offer a Talk on the Dutch breed of rabbit with live examples.

An introduction to rabbit hopping and display of how to make simple jumps to train your bunny.

A members talk on their rabbits and how they keep it/them.

Vaccinations by appointment at 6.30pm before meeting. Call 82548601 to book prior to meeting.

