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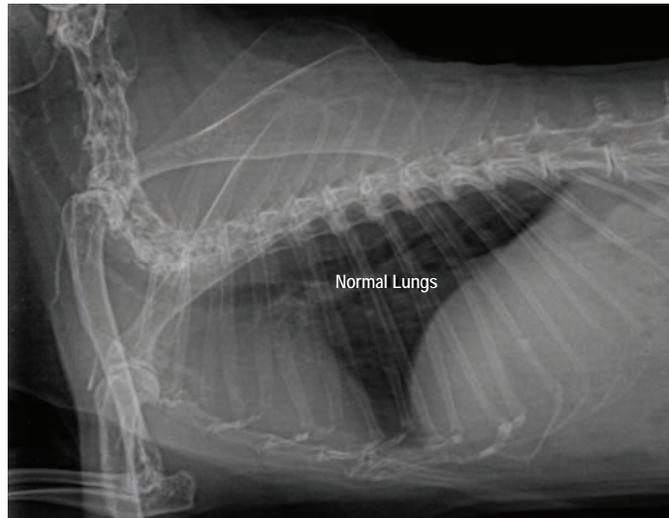
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## House Rabbits Respiratory Problems Part II – The Lower Respiratory Tract

By Barbara Oglesbee, DVM, DABVP

The respiratory tract is anatomically divided into two portions: 1) The upper respiratory tract, which consists of the nose, sinuses, inner ear, and trachea and 2) The lower respiratory tract, which consists of the lungs, the lining of the lungs (the “plura”) and the space between the lungs and chest wall.

One of the most common causes of respiratory disease in rabbits, both of the upper and lower respiratory tract, is bacterial infection. This is often caused by the bacteria *Pasteurella* sp., but can be caused by many different types of bacteria. As discussed in Part I of this article, infections can be



persistent and slowly spread, even with antibiotic treatment. Infection from the nose and sinuses can move down the trachea into the lungs, causing pneumonia, pleuritis (infection of the lining of

the lungs, or “pleura) or lung abscesses. These infections are often subtle and insidious in onset.

Early symptoms that we see in people, dogs and

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## CHRS Welcomes New Educators

By Karalee Curry

In our ongoing effort to plan for the future of CHRS and keep working toward our goals, last year we asked several of our most knowledgeable and trusted volunteers to become licensed HRS Educators. This process involves completing an application which is reviewed and approved locally. Educators are required to uphold and

promote the philosophies and values of HRS regarding the care of companion rabbits, and to represent HRS in working with the public. They will complete a one-year “training” period, after which they will be fully licensed representatives of CHRS.

We are excited to share the roles these new folks will play in our Chapter.

### Heather and John Dean Educators in Training

Heather assists with adoptions and John answers our Help line one day a week. They are both involved in media relations for CHRS and “Make Mine Chocolate!”

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### Upcoming Events!

- ♦ **Midwest Veterinary Conference**  
February 24-27, 2011
- ♦ **MMC/CAHS Rabbit Day Information Fair and Bake Sale**  
April 2, 2011
- ♦ **Talk About Animals! Worthington Library Northwest Branch**  
May 22, 2011

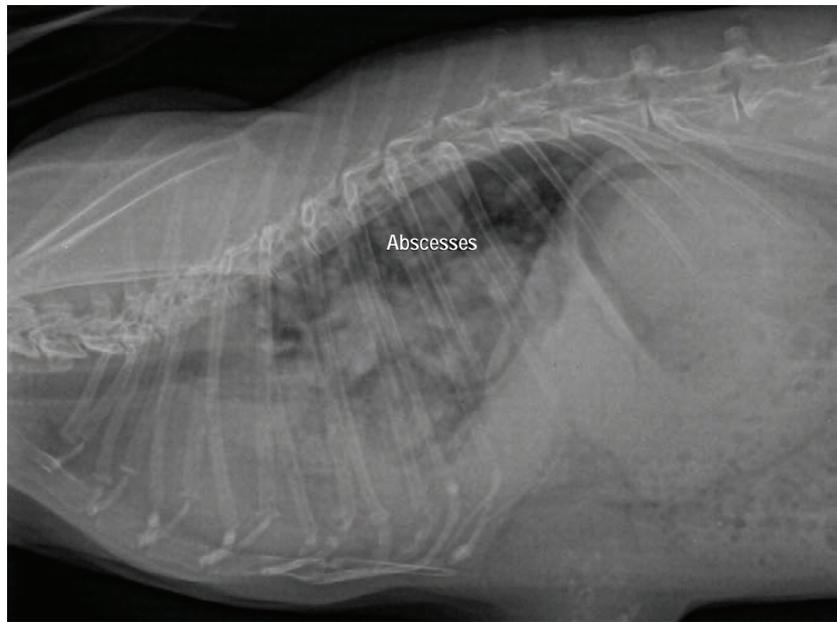
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## Lower Respiratory

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cats, such as coughing, hacking and wheezing are not seen in rabbits. More often, the symptoms of pneumonia are vague: decrease in appetite, activity or social behavior. Difficulty in breathing is generally not seen until disease is advanced and therefore less treatable, so it is important to have your rabbit checked if you notice symptoms, especially if seen along with or after signs of nasal or sinus infection. Other disorders, such as heart disease, tumors of the thymus and lung cancer can all mimic pneumonia in rabbits. To differentiate pneumonia from these other causes, X-rays, blood tests and sometimes ultrasound are needed. Weeks to months of antibiotic therapy is usually required to treat bacterial pneumonia or pleuritis.

Successful treatment of respiratory disease is much more probable if it is detected early. As with upper respiratory tract infection, treatment of pneumonia can be frustrating in rabbits. This frustration is due in part to the limited number of antibiotics that are safe to use in rabbits. Remember, in people and in other pets such as cats and dogs, there are dozens of antibiotics that can be chosen to effectively kill the bacteria causing infection. Many of these antibiotics, if given to a rabbit, can kill off the normal bacteria in the rabbits' intestinal tract and cause potentially fatal intestinal disease. Therefore, we are limited to fewer than 10 antibiotics to treat pneumonia in rabbits. If the infection has been longstanding, starting out as "snuffles" and already treated with some of these antibiotics, the bacteria often become resistant to the few antibiotics in our arsenal, and the chance of successful treatment is low. Additionally, some types of bacteria, especially



some strains of *Pasteurella*, produce toxins that destroy lung tissue and damage the lining of the lung. These changes are usually permanent, and make the rabbit more susceptible to future bouts of pneumonia.

Treatment of pneumonia and pleuritis generally require long-term antibiotics. Treatment can range from several weeks to on-and-off treatment life-long. In some cases, antibiotics are delivered directly to the lungs by a fine mist (nebulization). If the rabbit has difficulty breathing, other drugs, such as bronchodilators (used to open up the airways) may be added. Along with these treatments, there are things you can do at home to help your rabbit. Provide a healthy, nutritious diet containing fresh grass or timothy hay. For these rabbits, it is particularly important to be certain that the hay is not dusty or moldy, as this can irritate the lungs. Make sure that the cage and litterbox are cleaned daily as ammonia from urine will also worsen the infection. Good ventilation is a must, and air filters may be helpful.

Occasionally, bacterial infections in the lungs will not just cause

pneumonia, but will also cause abscesses to form within the lung tissue. Abscesses are pockets of pus, surrounded by a capsule of scar tissue. These pockets can range from the size of a pinhead or pea, to the size of an egg. The pus inside of them tends to be very thick and paste-like in consistency. The capsule of scar tissue was produced by the body to try to imprison the infection, but actually works against our ability to treat the infection. This capsule prevents the rabbit's blood supply from entering the abscess, so that antibiotics cannot reach it. By "walling in" the infection, the rabbit has walled out our ability to get antibiotics to the place that they are needed. This is true regardless of where the abscess is located. If an abscess is under the skin, or in the jaw (seen commonly in rabbits with dental disease), the abscess and pus can be surgically removed. Unless there is just one big abscess in an area where a lung lobe can be removed, surgery is not an option for abscesses in the lungs. Therefore, treatment with antibiotics may temporarily help to stop the abscess from growing, but eventually, disease will be fatal. Early treatment of

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## Wishing for A Happily Ever After: Adoptable Bunnies

Is your fuzzy Princess waiting for her Prince Charming? Is your Handsome Prince searching for a damsel to rescue? Or are you looking for your own fairy-“tale?” Don’t let these sweeties turn into pumpkins! Find your perfect happy ending at [www.columbusrabbit.org](http://www.columbusrabbit.org).

### Spunky and Charlie

These cute brothers were born on May 28th, 2010. Spunky is a brave knight who's not afraid of anything! Charlie is the court jester and loves to play and clown around. All that activity works up an appetite, so they are good about eating their greens and hay. Relaxing means kicking their legs out behind them in utter contentment. These boys will probably weigh about 4lbs. Because they are gentlemen, they have PERFECT litter box habits. Even though they are brothers, **these boys will be adopted separately!**



Spunky is wishing really hard for a new home!



Charlie loves his pellets!

### Fivel

This handsome prince got his start as a stray who was saved by a good Samaritan. Today, Fivel is a strapping young bun weighing in at 3.5 pounds. He is 1-1/2 years old, and is very active and does some of the fastest bunny 500's you will ever see. He loves his chew toys, hay and cottontail cottage. He has yet to meet a veggie he doesn't like and he enjoys being kissed on the nose. Fivel is neutered and litterbox trained. If you are looking for some “bun” to sweep you off your feet—and give you lots of laughs—look no further! Fivel is your man!



### **We need foster homes!**

Want to make a difference in the life of a bunny?

We need experienced CHRS volunteers to care for abandoned and unwanted bunnies while they await placement in permanent, loving homes.

All you need is a little extra room in your house and your heart. CHRS can help with the rest—vet care, housing, supplies, litter boxes, food, toys (fosterers pay for hay and greens).

Want to try it first before committing? Want to help but can't commit full time? Even signing up to be an emergency or temporary foster home is a big help. Temporary shelter can mean the difference between life and death for a rabbit in critical need.

Contact Danielle Patterson  
[danielle@columbusrabbit.org](mailto:danielle@columbusrabbit.org)

### Emmy

This fashionista princess has dramatic black and white markings, including a white “M” in her black fur! It's how she got her name! Emmy LOVES to show off how clever and energetic she is by quickly navigating her cardboard maze, sprinting through her quick tube, racing around the carpet and then finishing her performance with a gravity-defying hop into the air. Emmy is very social, loves pets and will even use you as a back rest while she kicks her legs out! She loves to squeeze into small spaces, so bunny-proofing is a must! She has perfect litter box habits, loves her pellets, leafy greens and timothy hay.



## Wishing for A Happily Ever After: Adoptable Bunnies



### Molly

Molly started life as a real damsel in distress: she spent three or four years at a daycare center confined in a cage so small she couldn't even stretch out. It was no way for this 12lb. gal to live! She now adores having room to run in a large house and relishes her supervised time out in the family room even more. She is friendly, inquisitive and eager for attention. Some of the effects of her long confinement are still evident, but she is completely: she is territorial and will lunge or even bite when it's a trusted person. She loves pats and will sit blissfully to be scratched. She may lunge or even bite unexpectedly if you touch her too roughly or that she doesn't like the way you're patting her. She can react aggressively to sudden movements. Don't get the wrong impression; Molly isn't mean. When she's sweet, she's very, very sweet—and that's most of the time. She just needs a special home with patient and experienced people who know what they're getting into. If you think you could give her that home, please send in your application!

**Adopted!**

### Mickey

This Prince Charming will win your heart with his cuteness and sweet funny ways. He jumps onto his little chair and sticks his nose through the pen and waits for us to scratch his head or rub his nose. Of course, food is good too! Mickey loves to have someone sit in his pen while he dances and binkies around. Mickey adores being petted and just hanging out. He is very friendly and outgoing and so far loves anyone that will stop at his pen to give him some pets. Mickey is young, about 10 months old and weighs 3 1/2 lbs. He is neutered and has excellent litterbox habits. He is a good hay eater and loves his pellets and veggies. Mickey stole our hearts from the day he came into our foster home so expect your heart to be stolen too!



### Hannah

Hannah is a princess with beauty and brains, and an opinion on everything! She loves being the center of attention and is as sweet as she can be, but... she also wants her own way. At about 9 lbs., she is a bigger bun. Hannah is about 3 yrs old and very active, so she needs lots of space to call her own. Hannah is vocal with tooth purrs of contentment and grunts of excitement about her food. She loves to race over to greet you and then melt down for pets. Hannah loves her hay and veggies and enjoys playing in her cottontail cottage. With an interactive bun like Hannah to share your home, you won't be lonely.



## Ohio House Rabbit Rescue Center

By Heather Dean

Imagine our community with a facility that provides shelter, food, safety, and socialization for pet rabbits who have been rescued or abandoned. Every rabbit housed in this facility would have a 4'x4' space to live in until placed in a forever home. This facility would have an on-site veterinary suite to ensure that the rabbits' medical needs are met. The facility would feature two "What's Hoppenin'" rooms - spaces for families to get to know the rabbits before they adopt. There would be a library and classroom full of valuable information designed to teach families how to care for their new friend and to educate the general public about the responsibilities of bringing a rabbit into their home. In addition to assisting individual rabbits, the facility would serve as the hub for a network of all rabbit rescue groups in Ohio, so they may build upon one another's best practices and successes.

An organization named Ohio House Rabbit Rescue (OHRR) is working to make this facility a reality. The facility is called the Ohio House Rabbit Rescue Center: A rescue, adoption and education center. Based in Columbus, Ohio, OHRR is composed of a Board of Directors, a Director, and a diverse Planning Team. All are working to establish the Ohio House Rabbit Rescue Center guided by the mission to rescue abandoned pet rabbits; to seek suitable homes for the rabbits; and to educate the public on how to properly care for rabbits as indoor companions. To achieve this goal, the organization worked with Blostein/ Overly Architects to create a working model of the Center's floor plan and layout, and to design a conceptual rendering of the Center's exterior. Additionally, Heather Dean was appointed as the Director of OHRR to begin raising awareness

in the community and building relationships as the organization embarks on a Capital Campaign.

OHRR relies on community support to make the Ohio House Rabbit Rescue Center a reality. Please visit [www.ohiohouserabbitrescue.org](http://www.ohiohouserabbitrescue.org) for more information about OHRR and plan to attend one of their upcoming events. As a rabbit parent, you will not want to miss the 1st Annual Midwest BunFest, a multi-state event for pet rabbit owners, providing information, advice, and support related to living with a house rabbit. This event is designed for owners and their rabbits, as well as vendors, animal educators, veterinarians, corporate sponsors, and the general public. The event will feature educational presentations, Ask-a-Vet, a Bunny Spa, Glamour Shots, a Bunny Lounge, a rabbit supply store, a Kids Craft area, and a silent auction.

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## Exciting News from Capital Area Humane Society

By Danielle Patterson

The Capital Area Humane Society (CAHS) now has two additional sets of eyes looking out for the rabbits. In the fall of 2010, CAHS hired a new chief veterinarian: Dr. Laurie Millward. If that name sounds familiar, it's because Dr. Millward, prior to becoming chief veterinarian, was the contracted vet in charge of the rabbit spays, neuters and medical emergencies at CAHS. We are truly blessed to have such a talented and dedicated individual from the veterinary world, who is so passionate about rabbits, at the head of the CAHS medical department. (In fact, the rabbits themselves could not have "paw picked" a better vet to look out for

their specialized needs.) Dr. Millward even has two rescued rabbits of her own! One came from the 2009 26-rabbit confiscation case in Delaware County and the other was abandoned at a car wash parking lot at Polaris.



The other new face at CAHS is Amy Shears. Amy started volunteering in the summer of 2010 and has made her way onto the Volunteer Leadership Committee in record time. She is now responsible for coordinating and distributing the monthly rabbit socialization calendar and E-mailing all rabbit related communication to the volunteers.

Amy is also a great photographer who really captures the lovability of the buns in her pictures, which has in turn helped the rabbits get adopted more quickly at CAHS. We are so very fortunate to have Amy's enthusiasm and innovation to help

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## Lower Respiratory

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respiratory infections may prevent this heart-breaking outcome.

X-rays, blood work and sometimes an ultrasound are needed to diagnose lung abscesses (also known as “pulmonary abscesses”). These are often visible on chest X-rays, but can look identical to lung cancer, or the spread of other types of cancer to the chest (“pulmonary metastasis). If there is a question as to whether the spots seen on the X-ray are cancer or abscess, an ultrasound, followed by needle biopsy will differentiate.

Another very common disease that causes difficulty breathing or respiratory distress in rabbits is thymoma or thymic lymphoma. These are common types of cancer that occur in the thymus. The thymus is a gland that is located just in front of the heart, and is responsible for making white blood cells to fight infection in the normal rabbit. Tumors of this gland can become very large, compressing the lungs and making it difficult to breathe. Other symptoms of thymoma/thymic lymphoma include bulging eyes, and certain recurrent skin

conditions. The diagnosis can sometimes be based on X-rays, if the tumor is large. It is difficult to see the tumor when small because the tumors tend to sit right on the heart like a cap on an acorn, making it look like the heart itself is enlarged. An echocardiogram, a type of ultrasound, can be used to differentiate thymic cancer from heart enlargement.

Some thymoma and thymic lymphomas are potentially treatable. In some cases, they can be removed surgically. Remember, these tumors sit right on the heart, so it is not a surgery that most veterinarians are comfortable performing. Generally, these cases are referred to a board-certified Veterinary Surgeon who has experience with this type of cancer. Alternatively, rabbits may be treated with radiation therapy. This requires several visits to a Veterinary Radiation Oncologist, located at large veterinary referral centers, such as universities. The patient must be in relatively good health, since general anesthesia is needed during radiation therapy.

The third most common cause of difficult breathing in pet rabbits is congestive heart failure. Congestive heart failure is usually seen in middle-aged to older

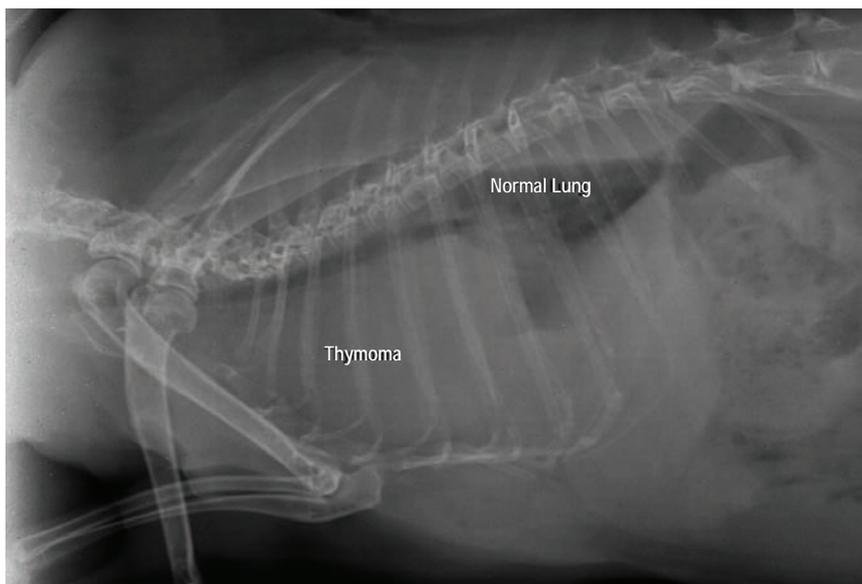
rabbits. Occasionally, it occurs in young rabbits if they have a defect that they are born with. In any aged rabbit, congestive heart failure can be caused by infection that has spread to a heart valve. This is usually seen in rabbits with long-standing infections, such as sore hocks. Regardless of the cause, when the heart begins to fail, fluid begins to build up in the lungs, causing labored breathing. The diagnosis is made with a combination of X-rays to look at the size of the heart and see the fluid building up in the lungs, and basic blood work. To determine the actual cause of heart failure, an echocardiogram is needed.

Although congestive heart failure is a progressive disease that will worsen over time, there are several medications that will help the heart to function better, and that will pull the fluid off the lungs. The type of medication that will be most beneficial depends on the cause of heart failure, and will vary from patient to patient. The most common medication given is Lasix, which is used to help draw fluid from the lungs. Although, the disease is always progressive, and eventually the medications will stop working, many rabbits can live comfortable lives in heart failure while being treated.

Unfortunately, most diseases of the lower respiratory tract in rabbits are more serious than those of the upper respiratory tract. However, with accurate diagnosis and proper administration of medications, along with a good diet and loving home, most patients can live a comfortable, quality life while being treated. 🐰

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*Dr. Barbara Oglesbee operates an exotics-only private practice within the facilities of Capital Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center in Hilliard, Ohio. Call 614.870.0480 for an appointment.*



# International Rabbit Day 2010—September 26, 2010

## Local CHRS Members Celebrate

### Bunnyfest in San Diego

from Julie Schram

Due to work-related training, I wasn't able to be in Columbus to celebrate International Rabbit Day with my fellow bunny-slave brothers and sisters of CHRS. However, before anyone starts to feel too sorry for me, the training was in San Diego. I flew out to San Diego on Saturday (the 25th) and convinced my cat- and dog-loving friend, with whom I spent the weekend before heading off to the conference, to take me to Bunnyfest (sponsored by the San Diego House Rabbit Society) the following day.

On the day of Bunnyfest, my friend and I arrived in time to see the bunny harness races. Though a few of the buns made it to the finish line, most of them decided they weren't going to do what their human wanted and hopped into other lanes, ran back toward the 'starting line,' or just flopped down mid-stride. A big surprise there—a bun with a mind of his/her own!

After the races were over, we wandered around and explored the various booths. In keeping with the International Rabbit Day theme, each booth displayed the flag of a different country. Of course, SDHRS had a booth where they were selling t-shirts for Bunnyfest 2010, SDHRS logo merchandise, as well as various other rabbit-themed items. The many vendors who were present supported HRS by bringing their items to sell as well. Since several of those in attendance brought their fur-children, there was even a 'lagomorph lounge' offering bunny sitting services so bunny parents could browse and shop freely without worrying about the safety of their furry child.



In addition to the informational and vendor booths, there was also a silent auction, photo contest, and Kid's Korner (an activities area for human children). Like those of us at CHRS, members of SDHRS also like to play games. Although I was afraid of looking foolish and finding out just how little I might really know about rabbits, my friend persuaded me to enter Bunny Jeopardy. The winner of Round 1 played the winner of Round 2 to determine the overall winner. The champion received a \$20 gift certificate to be used at the HRS Premiums Booth. Also no points, or in this case 'carrots,' were deducted for wrong answers, or should I say questions. My name was chosen as one of the three contestants for Round 1, and somehow I ended up with the most carrots. As I waited for Round 2 to end, I became increasingly nervous. In true Jeopardy fashion, sometimes one contestant has the advantage over the others as he/she is likely to be more knowledgeable in a particular area. It was finally time to begin Round 3, and I was very discouraged when the categories for said round were revealed. I was certain I didn't stand a chance. After all, one of the categories was 'History of SDHRS,' and the other finalist was, of course, from the San Diego area. When Round 3 was over and the final 'carrot' count was in, I was pleasantly surprised to find out

that I didn't embarrass myself- I WON!!! I guess I have learned a thing or two from my fellow CHRS brothers and sisters, my children (aka rabbits), as well as on my own, over the years.

Although my friend is not a bunny slave like me, she is, as noted above, an animal lover. As we were leaving Bunnyfest, she told me she had fun and also learned a few things about rabbits. And isn't that one of HRS's goals- to educate the public about proper rabbit care and behavior?!

### CHRS Bake Sale at CAHS

from Terri Davenport Cook

CHRS members also had fun right here in Columbus, too! The Capital Area Humane Society let us set up an information table in their lobby. To benefit the rabbits at CAHS, we held a raffle (which included a house rabbit "starter kit") and, with the help of Linda Davies and Job's Daughters (a girls' service group), hosted a bake sale filled with delicious treats! CAHS volunteer Amy Shears made flyers and recruited others to help out, including our own "clown" Judy DeRoche to provide facepainting! The real stars were the rabbits of CAHS, who enjoyed their special day lounging in exercise pens, munching on greens, and soaking up the extra attention. 🐰



## New Rabbit Shelter

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This event is the first of its kind in the Midwest!

OHRR upcoming events:

- May 1, 2011-Mad Hatter's Tea Party Art Event and Silent Auction at Galleria Evangelia in Clintonville
- June 2011-Wine Tasting at the Wetlands
- August 2011-Beer for Bunnies
- September 18, 2011-The 1st Annual Midwest BunFest in Whitehall 🐰

*In addition to serving as the OHRR Director, Heather Dean is an Educator in Training with the Columbus House Rabbit Society.*

### Safe Haven at CAHS

For victims of domestic violence, concern for the safety of a beloved pet can sometimes cause delays in seeking help. To ease this concern, CAHS offers the Safe Haven program, which provides (at no cost to the owner) emergency temporary housing for pets of victims of domestic abuse. Pets also receive any necessary veterinary care. Once victims are safe and have stable housing, they can reclaim their pets.

CAHS began Safe Haven in 2006. Since that time, three rabbits have been through the program. They were successfully reunited with their owner.

For more information on the Safe Haven program, call (614) 315-0102 or email [safehaven@cahs-pets.org](mailto:safehaven@cahs-pets.org)

## Easter 2011: Making Plans for "Make Mine Chocolate!"

Easter is coming and it's time to gear up for our annual "Make Mine Chocolate!" campaign. We continue to gain momentum across the US and internationally with new Partners such as Rescue Chocolate out of New York City, whose specialty is fair-trade, vegan chocolate.

This year we may find ourselves challenged by what promises to be a cute and funny film about the Easter bunny. "HOP" is an animated/live action movie to be released in April 2011. It's about a guy who accidentally injures the Easter bunny, and then finds him to be a difficult houseguest during his recovery. We will keep an eye on this and may try to set up information tables at local theaters or

run our Public Service Announcement prior to the movie.

We are also planning a "Make Mine Chocolate!" Rabbit Day Information Fair and Bake Sale at the Capital Area Humane Society on April 2, 2011, 12:00pm to 5:00pm. We will feature the adoptable rabbits at CAHS and CHRS/CAHS volunteers will be on hand to answer all your questions about living with a house rabbit. The event will include raffle prizes and a bake sale. CHRS member Linda Davies has again offered to provide tables full of delicious baked treats prepared by her girls' service group Job's Daughters. Proceeds from this event will go to support the rabbits at the Capital Area Humane Society.

### Exciting News from CAHS

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our rabbit friends find wonderful and loving homes. Amy is already hard at work planning a "Make Mine Chocolate!" event at the shelter at the beginning of April, which you won't want to miss! Amy has two rabbits of her own – an 8 year old Mini Rex named Chase and a 7 year old Lionhead named Little Bunny.

So, by adding these two people to the existing loyal volunteer base at



Capital Area, there isn't a more opportune time to become involved at CAHS to help the homeless rabbits of central Ohio.

To inquire more about volunteering at Capital Area Humane Society, please contact Amy Shears at [amys@columbus.rr.com](mailto:amys@columbus.rr.com) or 614-562-4893. 🐰

*Danielle Patterson is an Educator-in-Training with CHRS. She serves as Volunteer Leader at CAHS and as a CHRS/CAHS liaison.*

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## New Educators

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### **Laine Kathary** **Educator in Training**

Laine maintains our membership databases and mails membership renewal forms. She also updates the Constant Contact database and answers the Help line.

### **Megan Lynch** **Educator in Training**

Megan creates and sends our Constant Contact e-mails and updates our Petfinder account.

### **Danielle Patterson** **Educator in Training** **Fosterer in Training**

Danielle now heads up adoptions with the help of Karen Winstead and Heather Dean. She also serves as a liaison with the

Capital Area Humane Society as well as with the Humane Society of Delaware County.

### **Megan Metzger** **Educator in Training**

Megan plans our social activities and also answers the Help line.

Our other Educators/Fosterers include Karen Winstead and Terri Cook. Karen has been licensed since 2005. She assists with adoptions and answers the Help line. She also plays a pivotal role in our ongoing relationship with CAHS. Terri has been licensed since our chapter was formed in 2002 and has fostered since the 1990's. She handles educational events and oversees our Help Line volunteers.

Each of these Educators provides a vital piece of what it takes to make our Chapter run.

In addition to their specific tasks, they regularly volunteer to staff our booth at local events. They care for our foster rabbits as their own, in some cases providing extraordinary medical care or sanctuary housing. They transport fosters to meet with potential adopters. Much of what they do is "behind the scenes," from making copies or folding brochures to answering emails and phone calls. They aren't doing it for the recognition; they are doing it for the love and betterment of the rabbits. But each of them will tell you they find it vastly rewarding.

If you would like to volunteer with CHRS, please contact Terri Cook at [terri@columbusrabbit.org](mailto:terri@columbusrabbit.org). 🐰

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## Education Event Highlights of 2010

By Terri Davenport Cook, Heather Dean and Julie Schram

### Vet Conference and Other Spring Events

*from Terri Davenport Cook*

We started off a busy Spring 2010 with our annual booth at the Midwest Veterinary Conference in February. In April, we "hopped" to pass out MMC flyers at the Short North's Gallery Hop. That month, we were also invited by Girl Scout Troop 1388 of Dublin to attend their Adoption Fair at Coffman Park. It was a bright, chilly day, but Betty, our spokesbun, didn't

seem to mind! We finished the month with a presentation at the Grandview Library. May saw us at Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo and the Pet Promise Rescue Run. The rest of the summer brought Slobberfest, Dog (& Cat) Days of Summer, The Diley Hill Animal Emergency Center's Open House, and finally, Wessiefest. Our year wrapped up with the International Rabbit Day celebration at CAHS. It all made for a busy summer, but our volunteers proved they were up to the task.

show were adoptable bunnies Chestnut and Chelsie. Gallery owners Evangelia and Kathleen were gracious hosts and had an entire room set aside for our X-pens and information table to educate visitors about rabbit rescue and the proper pen set-up for a pet rabbit.

Our educational display was surrounded by four walls featuring beautiful photographs, paintings and prints. All of the works in the gallery featured animals. The most popular area at the event was the



### Dog (& Cat) Days of Summer: Exhibition and Adoption at Galleria Evangelia

*from Heather Dean*

Julie Schram and Heather and John Dean were honored to represent CHRS at Galleria Evangelia's Dog (& Cat) Days of Summer: Exhibition and Adoption event. Of course the stars of the



## Event Highlights

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dog washing station-lots of clean dogs in the neighborhood that day!

The animal-friendly event not only helped us raise awareness in the Clintonville community, but also featured rabbits among cats and dogs as a house pet. Evangelia and Kathleen hope to make this an annual event with proceeds benefitting the participating rescue groups.

### WessieFest from Julie Schram

CHRS once again took part in WessieFest, an outdoor event held



along the Alum Creek Trail in Westerville to celebrate nature and family fun. Besides CHRS, other participants included wildlife education, conservation, and awareness groups, as well as food and musical entertainment. The day of the event was warm and sunny, which brought out a

good sized crowd, including several families with children of varying ages. Although only a modest amount of literature was handed out, many people stopped to comment and ask questions about our adorable little foster bun, Chelsie (a calico-colored lion head). This was the second event I attended where Chelsie was present, and she couldn't have been much more relaxed. Of course, she played up to all the attention she received and was a big hit to say the least!

Thanks to Megan Metzger and Lynda White for being there to assist with this event. 🐰

## Store Reward and Gift Cards CHRS Benefits when You Shop!

### Kroger Gift Cards

Register your Kroger Plus Card at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com).

Log in to your Kroger Rewards Account or create a new one.

Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.

Our Non-Profit Organization (NPO) number is 81463. Register with our NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.

If you have questions, visit the Customer Service Desk at your local Kroger store.

Then, remember to swipe your card when you shop!



### Giant Eagle Gift Cards

When you buy Giant Eagle gift cards from Columbus HRS, we get 5% of the value. Use them same as cash.

Just by doing your grocery shopping, you are helping us help more needy rabbits.

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