The Sacramento House Rabbit Society

Who We Are, and Why We Do What We Do

The Sacramento House Rabbit Society is a local network of about 200 rabbit lovers who keep these wonderful animals as family companions and house pets. We treat our rabbits like most people treat their cats and dogs – they live indoors with us, they’re litter trained and they’re spoiled rotten! Our members love to amaze friends and coworkers with stories about their rabbits who beg for treats, come when they’re called or otherwise love to prove that they have distinct and fun personalities. Once you’ve seen a house rabbit in action, you’ll wonder why on earth you never gave any thought to these creatures before!

The answer to that, quite simply, is that most people still think of rabbits as sweet but simple creatures who should be kept in a hutch outdoors. (Think for a moment, though – if you kept a kitten outside, caged all the time, the kitten would never develop a personality. Rabbits are no different!) Any rabbit has the potential to be a wonderful, interactive companion. All it takes is a little understanding and interest on the part of the human owner.

It all starts with a little spark of knowledge…

SHRS volunteers are dedicated to educating the public about the delights of living with rabbits at house pets. We encourage new and longtime rabbit owners alike to call us with questions about their pets. We offer free, printed information on a variety of topics such as rabbit health, behavior, litter training and longevity. Once a month, we host an adoption/information clinic where we encourage people to bring their own bunnies to socialize (we’ll clip their nails and check their teeth and fur, too!). We maintain a list of rabbit-savvy veterinarians, and we’re willing to give referrals when necessary. We try to be a visible presence at the shelters and at pet-related public events. Our members have even given classroom talks about rabbits and participated in veterinary conferences.

We run a bunny phone hotline that is checked daily, and we maintain a website that offers helpful information and links to other bunny-friendly sites. We answer all sorts of questions – and if we don’t know the answer, we’ll try to dig it up for you. For us, volunteering is a two-way street, and we are constantly learning more all the time.

The SHRS Foster Program

Our members do much more than just talk, though. The SHRS is a part of a much larger, national organization that is focused on animal rescue and placement. Here in Sacramento, we have a network of about 10 foster homes, with

Interested in Joining the House Rabbit Society?

The annual membership to the House Rabbit Society is $18. This includes a subscription to the House Rabbit Journal. The annual membership fee for the Sacramento Chapter, which includes the quarterly All Ears in Sacramento, is $20. The House Rabbit Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. All membership fees are tax-deductible and go towards care expenses for the rabbits and for providing educational materials, such as these newsletters.

☐ Please sign me up for the National Membership, $18  ☐ Please sign me up for the Sacramento Membership, $20

☐ Please sign me up for both for $35  ☐ I have enclosed an additional donation of $___________

Name:

Phone:

Address:

e-mail address:

Return with check payable to House Rabbit Society to: Sacramento House Rabbit Society, P.O. Box 19850, Sacramento, CA 95819-0850
Would you like to help local rabbits and bunny-lovers? Volunteers must be members of Sacramento House Rabbit Society (to join, see reverse side.) We could use volunteers in the following areas:

- Public Events (staffing education tables)
- Fundraising Events
- Distributing Literature
- Working with Shelters
- Transporting rabbits to the National Headquarters in Richmond
- Fostering

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