



Welcome to Ladybird Word; our online newsletter where we keep you informed about what's happening at [Ladybird Animal Sanctuary](#). We're grateful that you've chosen to follow us on this journey as we grow and continue to help animals in need in our community and beyond.

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RESCUE NEWS



Bagel



Brioche



Banana

We rescued [Bagel](#), [Brioche](#) and [Banana](#) from a shelter in Quebec. We weren't provided any information about these bunnies at all, but when Pound Paws reached out to us for help, we were happy to welcome this mini trio in. Thank you

to Pound Paws, and thank you to the organizers and drivers at Freedom Drivers Animal Rescue Transport for getting the bunnies to us safely. [Learn more...](#)

FOSTER NEWS

PENELOPE

Penelope came into Hamilton Animal Services as a “stray.” This chonky bunny was definitely not a stray. More than likely she was abandoned outdoors by her owners when they no longer wanted her. Behaviourally, Penelope was not doing well in the shelter, so Hamilton Animal Services reached out to us for help. We got Penelope out of the shelter and got her into the vet. [Learn more...](#)



Available Animals

ADOPTION NEWS



Congratulations, Moby and Marvin!

Moby and Marvin were born in a shelter and lived with their mom in Ladybird foster care for the first four months of their life. We're so happy to report that these sweet, bonded siblings could be adopted together to a loving forever home. [Read more...](#)

Success Stories

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

This amazing businesses are teaming up with Ladybird this spring for some great new fundraising efforts.



Tru Earth

Help save the environment and animals in need at the same time



Plantables

Order online for your garden plants shipped directly your doorstep



Mornin' Buzz Coffee

Get your local coffee fix and help rescue animals in need



Tandem Tarot

In person readings!
Find out what's in store for a good cause



Hello Cannabis

Donation drive beings with a fun event on March 27th



Kitchen Cat Textiles

Handmade bunny-themed oven mitts, aprons and more!



March Membership Drive

Join our vibrant community of animal defenders during the month of March 2021 and receive an awesome Ladybird essential tote as our gift to you!

We'd like to welcome new members Jacqueline, Sue, Jean, Rosemary, Elizabeth, Christine, Rick, Sheryl, Beatrice and Terri. We're so glad you're here!

[Learn more...](#)

Help Build the Farm

In 2021, be a part of making Ladybird's dream sanctuary a reality.

With humble beginnings as an adoption and foster network based in Hamilton, Ontario, Ladybird is ready to meet the next BIG challenge to fulfill the original BIG dream. Ladybird is working towards acquiring a property to host Ladybird Animal Sanctuary, where we will build and run a safe haven for animals in need. This is the time to realize our goal; the future is now.

THE VISION

Ladybird Animal Sanctuary strives to achieve a balance between three main values to create a harmonious and self-sustaining gathering space for the community and animals to engage and thrive. The values include: **Animal Welfare**, **Environmental Sustainability** and **Community Engagement**.



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Rabbits are #notjustforeaster

Easter is right around the corner, which means breeders and pet stores will be selling "Easter bunnies." You'll see an increase in online sales, and your local pet store will have "new stock" of baby rabbits to sell to whoever has the cash. The

majority of these bunnies come from facilities akin to puppy mills where hundreds of rabbits are kept in deplorable conditions. When the babies are shipped out, the adult rabbits are left to languish and make more babies. They live a life of suffering, just so someone can make money.

Rabbits should not be given as gifts at Easter or any other time. The majority of pet store “impulse buy” rabbits are dumped in the wild or surrendered to a shelter, and their chances of surviving either scenario are slim. Oftentimes, abandoned rabbits end up in terrible shape. Our permanent resident rabbit, **Easter**, is a perfect example of this.



Statistics say that four out of five rabbits purchased during the Easter holiday are abandoned or die of neglect within twelve months. Rabbits are social and intelligent creatures, and they can live 10-12 years. They require specialized care and are not low-maintenance "starter pets" for children.

Every time someone purchases an animal from a breeder or pet store, they are contributing to the overpopulation issue. This is why shelters and rescues are continuously full of rabbits.

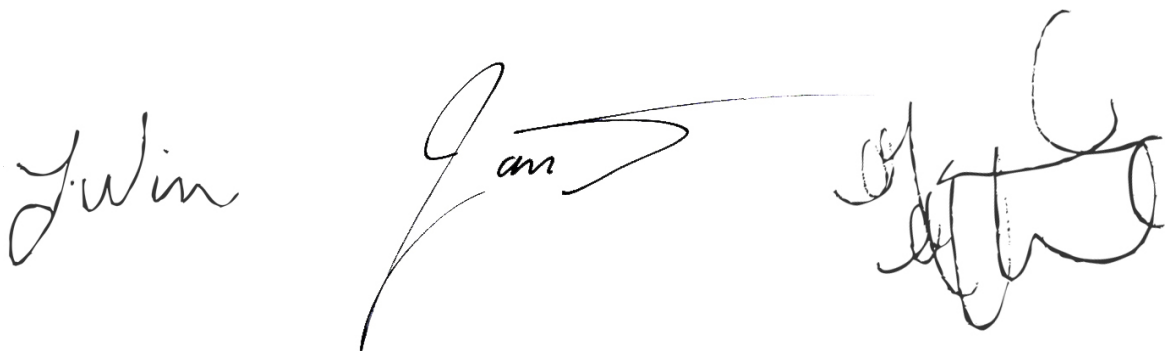
Rescue organizations provide vet care to their animals prior to adoption in order to ensure their health. A rescue will have an application and screening process to be sure adopters are a good match for the bunny. Unscrupulous breeders and pet stores will sell to anyone and often don't provide buyers with the correct information on adequate housing or proper care.

There are many rescue organizations and shelters in the area that have rabbits available for adoption. We are just one of several dealing with the constant influx of rabbits needing help.

If you want to adopt a rabbit, please do lots of research first. The website rabbit.org is a great place to start. Be sure you have the space to keep a bunny. Puppy pens are one option, and because they can be litter trained, rabbits can live "free range" in your home if it is properly bunny proofed. Find a rabbit-savvy veterinarian in your area. Not every vet clinic will treat rabbits, and when a rabbit shows signs of feeling poorly, their caregivers must act quickly, as rabbits can hide serious health issues for so long that by the time they're discovered, it may be too late. Be sure you are prepared to make a long-term commitment, and always adopt - never shop!

If you're thinking of giving a rabbit as a gift this Easter, please make it a plush toy or chocolate bunny instead.

Until next time, with love,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Julia'. The middle signature is 'Janine' with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right. The signature on the right is 'Melissa'.

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