



**Julius**

The volunteers could not believe that Julius really came in with a broken front leg. He was giving kisses and love even as they made sure the break was stable and rushed him off to the vet. Even as the vet tech tried to position the leg for x-ray's this young boy is giving kisses to the vet tech. It seemed the break must be healed, but it wasn't.

He is an amazing little boy with an astounding amount of love for people. He is in foster care while his leg heals, but any adopter will be lucky to have this bunny in their life. He will be neutered and is litter box training.

**BUNNIES URGENTLY NEEDING SHELTER**  
**P.O. Box 91452**  
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**B.U.N.S**

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**Zorro's Tale – A Soft And Fluffy End**

“Isn't he sweet?” Heather smiled down at the little bunny that gazed up at us his paws resting on the hutch door. His eyes were optimistic and friendly. The rest of him did not look that good. He was skinny. His fur was dull, thin and dirty. He looked like a little old man.

“He smells.” said Jean opening the hutch door and lifting the little boy to expose a rear end soaked in urine and matted with feces.

“I know,” said Heather “but look how friendly he is. His name is Zorro. See, he just wants to be held and petted. Poor little boy.”

Zorro went to see Dr. Ann O'Brien at Noah's Ark. He was under weight; his kidneys didn't work well and he had a growth in his anus. His feces were soft and tended to stick to his fur. “The staff calls him Zorro O'Brien.” She laughed. “His cage is by my desk. Every time I sit down to work he runs over to see me.” “I could foster him for awhile and we'll see how he does.”

With the help of Dr. O'Brien, BUNS would be able to provide a kind and loving home for him to live out his last days. So we thought.

Zorro was made comfortable in Dr. O'Brien's living room. He had to be bathed daily as he was constantly soiled. His compromised kidneys could not concentrate urine so he was drinking and peeing large amounts, needing his litter box changed two to three times daily.

Slowly, his fur started to change from rough and brittle to soft, clean and silky. His sides slowly began to fill in. He started exploring his surroundings, always coming back to Dr. O'Brien for the requisite petting session. And then one day – he felt good enough to try a half-binky.

“I was surprised and delighted,” Dr O'Brien says. “Here was this little guy that was just so loving,

a very sociable little bun that I had mistaken for an old man who had lived a hard life. Turns out he was a young guy who had never been cared for properly. All I did was give him the right food and some TLC, and he bloomed.”

“I want you to see Zorro,” Dr. O'Brien said as we were setting up the Basic Bunny class. She opened the door of a carrier and out hopped - a different bunny. He was handsome. His fur glistened. He was bigger and he was healthy. Heather and Jean stood gazing down at this new bunny. He looked back with optimistic and friendly eyes. Zorro's eyes - Eyes that could see a better tomorrow even in the midst of pain and trouble, “I'm going to adopt him. He's really Zorro O'Brien now.”

**Do you have room in your heart and home for a special rabbit with special needs? If not, can you contribute to their vet bills and care?**

All of our B.U.N.S. bunnies are special and have all experienced the heartbreak of being neglected, abused, and abandoned. **Are you ready to change someBunny's life?**



*Zorro before months of treatment and love from Dr. Ann O'Brien.*



*Zorro O'Brien, now, healthy, happy, and filled-out.*

**Bunnies Urgently Needing Shelter is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to finding safe loving homes for abandoned rabbits in Santa Barbara County.**

## Clicker Training

A popular trend is emerging in rabbit behavior: Clicker training. And leading that trend is BUNS Santa Barbara and Andrea Bratt Frick. What is clicker training? It is the same concept as clicker training with a dog: prompting good behavior through a click and rewarding with a treat and praise.

Check out

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/clickerbunnyandcritters/>.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Pellets were designed to make rabbits fat so they would be nice and tasty for human consumption? Since we don't eat out pets, we recommend feeding pellets in moderation:

2-4lb	rabbit	1/8	Cup	daily
5-7lb	rabbit	1/4	Cup	daily
8-10lb	rabbit	1/2	Cup	daily
11-15lb	rabbit	3/4	Cup	daily

## Quote for the Day

Animals share with us the privilege of having a soul.

--Pythagoras

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

At Bunny Festival we will have a craft booth for the first time. *Do you like to craft?* Contact E.B. Mazetti at 687-4674.

Of course we always need volunteers on the day of Bunny Festival. *Can you help set up/tear down, or man a booth for a few hours?* Call Jean 683-0521

We always need *volunteers at the shelter*. It takes an about an hour to feed our hungry bunnies their daily vegetables and straighten up their living areas. Send an email to [buns@silcom.com](mailto:buns@silcom.com).

As always, if you don't have time to give, *monetary donations* are always needed to keep up with our vet bills. B.U.N.S. is a non-profit 501(3)c and your donation is tax deductible.

*We would like to recognize and thank each of the following for their support and commitment to our bunnies.*

*We could not do it without them!*

**Thank you and goodbye to an amazing volunteer. Heather Starr and her husband have moved to Washington state. She will be missed by bunny and human alike.**

**Dr. Ann O'Brien  
Noah's Ark Veterinary Clinic  
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UPCOMING EVENTS  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Basic BUNS

August 21, 2005

Goleta Public Library 1:30-4pm

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bunny)

Free instruction on basic bunny feeding, housing and care. Children will enjoy making salads and bunny toys.

Contact Jean for more info 683-0521

### B.U.N.S. Rummage Sale

DATE: Saturday, September 17, 2005

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: 7565 Hempstead Ave.  
Goleta

All reusable household items and clothing will be gratefully accepted

(no refrigerators or mattresses, please).

If you have any questions or need items picked up, please call:

Jackie Zaida: 968-3209

or Kathleen Setka: 682-6123

## B.U.N.S ADOPTABLES



*Dominic*, a neutered Netherland dwarf may look like a Saint, but he will steal the parsley right out of your hands if you don't watch him. He is litter box trained and looking for a home with plenty to keep his divine interests occupied.

*I can do it. Buffy* doesn't understand she is a dwarf bunny and very small. She has the heart and attitude of a much larger bunny. Buffy adores other rabbits and would really like a friend that she can teach her tricks to. Does your bunny want a friend? Buffy has been spayed and uses her litter box.



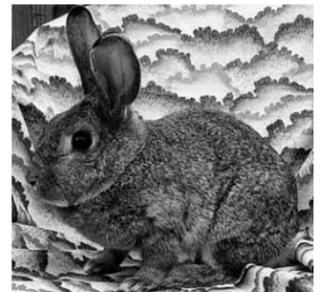
*Conner* is a neutered male. Conner is grace come alive. He loves to run and dance, but enjoys quiet moments having his ears rubbed. Conner uses his litter box.

The shelter knows these two boys as *Horatio and Stephano*, but their previous mom knows them as Sparkle and Pixie. They were living with several other bunnies but have decided to strike out on their own. They are a loving pair and play well with children.



Are you coming to take me home? *Jesse* is a young boy looking for a home that can handle his energy and affection. He is inquisitive and loves to run through tunnels and sit on laundry baskets. Could this little power-house fit into your family lifestyle? He is neutered and uses his litter box.

*Cloe* is a spayed female agouti. On the surface, Cloe looks like any brown bunny, but underneath she's really a rainbow. She's true blue, with a pink tinge to her ears when she is being petted. No one would ever call her yellow, but she can be a little nervous when life gets scary. She uses her litter box and would pass the white glove test.



Among *Hazel's* favorite pastimes are eating parsley, laying in the sun, and socializing with the lop that lives next door. Does this sound like a good time to you too?