

Sierra's Story



I'd like to introduce m'self. I'm known as Sierra (Gramps to some), and I believe m'self to be of Scottish decent, given me 'andsome good looks and me magnificent red fur. No, Sierra ain't no sissy name - I'm all MAN little lassies and I'll knock the tail off any of ya that dare to tell me different. I'm named after a mountain range for gosh sakes! If the slave doesn't quit calling me Gramps - I'm about ready to set her straight with a swift kick in the arse with me big and 'andsome red-furred back feet. I'm only 11 - well ok ok, working m'way up to 12yo right now, but I've still got a few oats I could sew and there's a bonnie little golden 'aired lass named Jazzy just on the other side of this metal fence that I've been sneaking kisses from for the past coupl'a months (wink wink). I had lived with some humans for most of my life (not sure I want to waste print space to talk about them b'cuz when I was 9yo they decided they didn't want me anymore! - THUMP!) But I landed feet first at Brambley Hedge Rabbit Rescue and there I met my main squeeze, a bonnie wooman named Erika! Well, I thought I was in bunny heaven when I'd gaze upon Erika each and e'vry mornin' - Aye, she was MY lady!! She was always talking to me, and I got to hang around on her hip each mornin' while she fed the rest of the warren (ya see, I'm

special! -- m'rugged good looks bagged me some extra time with her - how could she resist!). I liked living with Erika cuz I knew she loved me - and she loved me SOOO MUCH that after a coupl'a years she let me go live in another wooman's home and that's where I'm at now. Yup - I'm in a real honest-to-goodness home of my own. I've got LOTS of toys (send balls with bells please) - very important ya know, it really shows your "status" (i.e., ahem Chief Rabbit) and how wealthy a rabbit can be - and I've hit the jackpot!, found that pot of gold!, won the lottery!, I'm filthy stinkin rich!! I've got room to run and play 24 hours a day. I don't have a cage anymore, but I do have 3, yes 3!, litterbo - ehhh THRONES! (yet another "status" symbol!!) Not to mention, I've got a lass by the metal fence that I sneak a little fur-to-fur time with. I've also got 2 of my very own tunnels too! So ... with all m'loot, me 'andsome good looks and m'brilliant red fur - are there any fair furry maidens out there lookin' for a sugar daddy? Hmm? (wink wink!) Thanks for reading about me - now send me lots of balls with bells in them and RAISINS! Very hoppily yours, Sierra You can see me on my website (page will be up after 6/12/00) -

<http://www.geocities.com/Petsburgh/3537/stacey.html> (just click on my picture!)

(Written with Love, by Sierra's foster mommy, Stacey Shirer)



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Brambley Hedge Rabbit Rescue

NEWSLETTER

June 2000



Springtime.....

in nature, it is a time of renewal, the beginning of a new life cycle .. at Brambley Hedge, it s a time of rescuing abandoned /orphaned wild and domestic baby bunnies! Each year there is an increase in the number of domestic bunnies that are taken into our shelter, and the number of infant cottontails/ Jackrabbits that are rescued. These little lives are saved with the help of our network of volunteers and donations from you. *Springtime is OUR time of need; need of help from YOU.* We'll never be able to save them all but, with your help, we'll continue saving those we can.

Donations can be sent to:

**ERIKA SMITH
BRAMBLEY HEDGE RABBIT
RESCUE
PO BOX 54506
PHOENIX, AZ 85078
(480) 443-3990**

Orphaned Wild Bunnies

What do you do if you find an orphaned baby cottontail or jackrabbit??? Our expert, Lorna Swiggers, has the following advice, "DON'T FEED IT!" The best thing you can do for an orphaned wild bunny is to cover it and keep it warm. A small cardboard box lined with a washcloth is great. The next thing to do is contact your nearest rescue rehabilitator and arrange to get the baby to them as soon as possible. It is extremely important to handle the infant as little as possible because stress is a major factor in their survival. All unnecessary movement should be avoided.

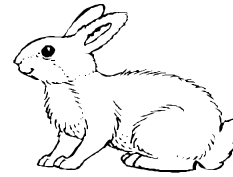
Lorna started saving the lives of orphaned wild bunnies and injured domestic bunnies four years ago. Her neighbor's dog brought in 3 newborn cottontails. One look into those tiny faces and she fell in love with them. Her mothering instinct took over and she started feeding them and caring for them. Although one died the next day because of its injuries, the other two were fine. Soon their little eyes opened, and they grew fur. She marveled at their progress and watched them grow bigger and stronger. It was a moving experience to see such helpless little creatures grow into beautiful, healthy cottontails. Her labor of love truly paid off and the word spread that Lorna knew how to care for orphaned/injured bunnies. Her clientele began to increase and continues to do so (and she loves it!). There is always room at Lorna's house for another injured/orphaned bunny in her "Bunny Room", which used to be her son's bedroom.

Lorna and hubby Art, also share their home with five domestic rabbits, four felines, and a squirrel named Woody. Their bunnies are Scotty, Jiffy Pop, Cassidy, Jasmine, and Toby. With the exception of Scotty, all the bunnies have their own pet cat. Jiffy Pop has Silhouette, Cassidy has Oliver, Jasmine has Benny, and Toby has Shadow (who is a 20 pound black male who takes orders very well). Bunnies and kitties get along well. Even Woody, a Minnesota resident whom Lorna rescued from the Humane Society, fits right in and is just "one of the family." Lorna's house is a happy place with good bunny karma. a place where buns, kitties, and just about anything else with four legs and fur can come to be safe and warm. Thanks

Lorna for the lives you have saved already....and the tiny tails that have not found their way to your doorstep. If you find an orphaned wild bunny, please contact Lorna at (480) 998-2020.

April/May

Adoptions



Misty Salt Brownie
Speedy Maximus Bandit
Wookie Sweetheart
Buster Batman and Robin
Snowball Guido Mugsy

Wishing our adopted bunnies and their new families a long and happy life together!

A New Addition.....

Now that their new addition, little DRAKE Miller is almost 8 months old, Rhonda and Wayne are hurrying to finish the new addition to their home. Wayne had worked on the plans all during Rhonda's pregnancy and is doing most of the work on the addition himself. Rhonda is a tenured volunteer with Brambley Hedge and has 4 foster bunnies and 5 of her own bunnies scattered throughout her house and garage. They will be housed in the new addition when completed. With the onset of summer much too early this year, the heat has been hard on her garage bunnies. Coolers and frozen water bottles help but the answer is to get them inside the A/C.

Rhonda has been a volunteer and a foster mom for 4 years and has religiously helped with garage sales, bunny barn clean ups, promoting public education on rabbits as house pets (she's even been featured on Pets-On-Parade!)

Wayne has coordinated seminars on bunny care for the Humane Society and a local girl scout troop, as well as appearing on the Channel 5 morning show.. Rhonda and Wayne anticipate the addition for the bunnies will be completed by August, 2000!



Volunteers are always needed to help with cleaning and bunny grooming/feeding.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Stacey Shirer at (602) 443-3990

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