

This is only the beginning.

Of course we'll continue to expand our range of education literature and hold our highly regarded conferences, but below are just some of the other steps being planned by the RWF to help make a difference...

- Working with schools to directly educate primary school children about caring for their pet rabbits.
- Providing grants to organisations or individuals to further our aims.
- Producing a 'Rabbit Awareness' Pack that can be used by vets, schools, pet shops etc to hold events for their clients, students or staff.
- Providing 'Outreach Officers' who will be able to work with local schools, pet shops and vet practices

How you can help

As you can see, we have the blueprints for achieving a better life for all domestic pet rabbits, but to continue we need your help! Please consider the following:

- Make a donation. RWF administration costs are minimal so virtually all of your donation will pay for the vital welfare and educational work of the RWF
- Contact the RWF about holding an educational event, for your school, vet practice or staff.
- Ask for bulk copies of our leaflets and spread the word.
- If you know of anyone who loves rabbits, please tell them about the RWF and encourage them to join the Rabbit Welfare Association.
- Organise an event and get sponsorship - please get in touch if you would like a sponsorship form
- Organise a fund raising event - please get in touch if you would like any help or suggestions
- Join the Rabbit Welfare Association - see back page for details



This leaflet is brought to you by the Rabbit Welfare Fund - the charitable wing of the Rabbit Welfare Association.

If you love rabbits, please consider supporting the Rabbit Welfare Fund. You can make a donation, or you may like to join the RWA. As well as fund-raising activities, most RWA members kindly make a small donation to the RWF in addition to their annual £15 RWA membership fee. RWA members receive a fabulous quarterly magazine packed with health, behaviour and care advice to help you to build a wonderful relationship with your bunny - whether she/he lives indoors or out.

To contact the RWA/ Rabbit Welfare Fund:

Ring the RWA National Helpline on 0870 046 5249

**Write to us at PO Box 603, Horsham,
West Sussex RH13 5WL.**

Log onto our websites

<http://www.rabbitwelfare.co.uk>

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Contact the National Helpline to order bulk supplies of leaflets or send SAE for single copies.

For sponsorship or advice on organising a fundraising event, please contact Claire King:
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The Rabbit Welfare Fund

WHY



Because rabbits deserve better



Although rabbits are the third most popular domestic pet in Britain, RSPCA statistics show that they are often the most neglected. Many still live lives of solitary confinement in small hutches, without the opportunity to satisfy their basic fundamental needs. Rescue Centres are full of rabbits who have suffered through the ignorance of their owners and then through no fault of their own become unwanted. Sadly many pet owners do not understand just what a rabbit needs to live a healthy, happy life. **The Rabbit Welfare Fund believes that Rabbits deserve better.**



What is the Rabbit Welfare Fund?

The Rabbit Welfare Fund is a charitable trust fund set up by the British Houserabbit Association, now part of the Rabbit Welfare Association. Registered as a charity in March 2001, the RWF received its original funding from the donations given by members of the BHRA to help in its educational projects.

The aims of the Rabbit Welfare Fund

The fund is dedicated to improving the standard of life of domestic rabbits kept as pets in Britain. Rabbits need to be fed and cleaned daily, they prefer the company of another rabbit and they should have safe, roomy accommodation and have access to a safe exercise area. They also need annual vaccinations and should be checked by a vet regularly. **We want everyone to know how to give their rabbit the life they deserve.**

We aim to achieve this by:

Advancing the education of the public in the care and ownership of domestic rabbits kept as pets in Britain and to further advance the knowledge of rabbit medicine amongst the UK veterinary profession.

Conducting or promoting the conduct of clinical research and then publishing the useful results of such research into specific health projects in order to increase understanding of common health problems in domestic rabbits. The RWF only funds humane research. We prefer to support clinical studies which benefit the rabbit taking part, as well as providing answers that will help our rabbits.

Practical action

Every year thousands of our educational leaflets are produced and distributed via veterinary practices, rescue centres, pet shops and directly from the RWF. The range of leaflets we

produce expands each year and addresses common health and behavioural problems.

We hold an annual educational conference, and each year it gets bigger and better. Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Nurses along with rabbit owners and rescue workers can keep up to date with the latest developments from our distinguished panel of rabbit experts.

The RWF is delighted to be a partner with Bristol Zoo in funding a 3 year Veterinary Resident. We hope this will have a great impact throughout the veterinary profession and rabbit clients will benefit as a result.

We were also involved in the consultation process of the updated 2004 Animal Act, and sit on the panel of other pro-active organisations such as the Pets Advertising Advisory Group.

We are committed to getting our message across to the veterinary profession by attending the annual BVNA congress.