

House Rabbit Network Vying For \$1000 Grant

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The Animal Rescue Site (<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com>) is holding a Shelter Challenge in which \$100,000 in grants will be awarded to eligible animal rescue organizations. Various grant amounts, including a \$10,000 Grand Prize, will be awarded across fifteen different categories.

House Rabbit Network (HRN - <http://www.rabbitnetwork.org>) is rallying supporters, hoping to get the most votes in the state category and be named State Winner for Massachusetts, which will entitle it to a \$1000 grant.

The following are examples of sorely-needed items or services that could be procured with this grant:

- Twenty exercise pens to be used in foster homes for housing and exercise
- A ton of wood pellets (A year's supply of litter material for twenty rabbits)
- Ten rabbit spays
- Twenty neuters
- One month's rent at the HRN shelter
- Six months' worth of hay and food for the shelter rabbits

"Grants from The Animal Rescue Site are very important for an organization like ours," commented Suzanne Trayhan, HRN Coordinator. "Besides the much needed funds, it also provides advertising and visibility for us. Much of the focus in animal rescue is on dog and cat groups; as a result many people don't realize there are rabbits (and other animals) that need help too."

Voting ends Sunday, April 28th, so HRN is actively reaching out to volunteers, supporters and the general public to garner the most votes and secure the state prize. Supporters can visit The Animal Rescue Site's Shelter Challenge page and vote once per day from now until 04/28.

Individuals interested in supporting this organization can do so in several ways, in addition to casting votes. "If you are local to Billerica MA we can always use more volunteers at our shelter," Trayhan added. "In the New England area we need foster homes, volunteers to help at education events and even catching stray rabbits. People who are further away can assist us with tasks like managing our web site, writing newsletter articles and answering emails. And of course, financial donations are always a big help and much appreciated."

About The House Rabbit Network

The House Rabbit Network is a Massachusetts-based 501 ©3 non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to saving and adopting out unwanted bunnies and educating the public about rabbits. HRN provides rabbit education and adoption in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut.

About The Animal Rescue Site

The Animal Rescue Site is owned and operated by Tim Kunin and Greg Hesterberg, co-owners of CharityUSA.com (parent company of GreaterGood Network). Long-time friends and activists, they met at the University of Michigan while working on the Michigan Bottle Bill ballot campaign in 1976. In the late 1990s, they recognized that broad consumer-adoption of the Internet offered a new opportunity to raise funds for good causes. As enthusiastic supporters of The Hunger Site, they realized the power of providing busy Internet users with a fast, free and easy way to make a difference and launched EcologyFund.com to give people the means to support wilderness preservation efforts worldwide. They launched The Animal Rescue Site in July 2002.

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