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### **Auction Results**

Our annual dinner and silent auction brought in \$8,091--just \$9 short of last year's result. Once again, our trusty friends at the [Rusty Pelican Cafe](#) donated the food, the space, a bunch of pies and cakes, and a friendly atmosphere. The owners have a special place in their hearts for house rabbits and have adopted their own rabbits from us. Rabbit Meadows is grateful for their continuing support. When you're thinking of a place for brunch, lunch or dinner, please support their small business.



### **Spotlight on Our Adorable Adoptables!**

**Frances & James** are two lovely guinea pig brothers who were born in



### **Shelter Progress**

We have purchased all the remaining windows needed for our new shelter. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities, for any skill level. Would you be willing to lend a hand on our volunteer teams?

- Installing windows
- Installing siding on the second floor
- Adding strapping on windows (this is very easy to do)
- Cleaning up and landscaping the entrance to the shelter

It is hard to believe how much progress we have already made. Here is what the shelter looked like last year at this time, compared with how it looks now, thanks to all Rabbit Meadows' friends. We're almost finished!



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### **Use Our Petsitting Checklist or Our Boarding Services**

When you go out of town, you can leave your rabbit, rodent or guinea pig companions with Rabbit Meadows. Or you can find a reliable petsitter who can care for them, ideally in your own home.

### **Petsitting Checklist:**

To help you in providing your petsitter with important information before you leave, we have prepared [this form](#) for you to fill out and give to the petsitter.

### **Boarding at Rabbit Meadows:**

We offer boarding services at our Redmond location:

- Rabbits: \$10/day per cage (out for daily exercise)
- Guinea Pigs: \$5/day per cage
- Rodents (rats. mice.

February of 2009. Both are neutered. They love getting attention on your lap, even if they don't enjoy getting picked up. First time considering adding guinea pigs to your household? They need daily exercise outside of their enclosure, vitamin C tablets (not in their water), fresh veggies, and plentiful hay available 24/7.



**Abra & Cadabra** are a magical, bonded pair of sister bunnies born December of 2010. Cadabra has a white spot on her nose. Both are also friendly, social, and eager to be part of the family. Could that family be yours?



### **Fleas?**

If any of your animals go outside, they can bring fleas into your home to also infect your rabbits, guinea pigs and rodents. Many over-the-counter flea products can be deadly for our little companions, so stay away from them! Advantage (available from your veterinarian) is a once-a-month treatment that is safe for our companions. A flea comb is also a very good solution. For more details, visit the House Rabbit Society's FAQ on fleas [here](#).

### **Beware of Giant Guinea Pigs**

Among the many reasons to avoid ever buying a pet in a store is the recent phenomenon of giant guinea pigs. Guinea pigs are wonderful companions. But recently, Petco has apparently started importing Peruvian "meat" guinea pigs for sale as pets even though they do not make good pets. When they are young, in the store, you cannot necessarily tell the difference between the giants and the normal guinea pigs. As one article ([here](#)) explains, if you buy a guinea pig from a store, "you could receive a wild, untamable, short-lived,

rodents (rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils):  
\$2/day in your cage

Please do not make reservations "just in case" as we would hate to turn others away unnecessarily and leave vacancies that reduce a precious source of funding for our rescue efforts. Drop-off times are between noon and 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Weekday drop-off is at the same time, but we need advance notice. Email us at [Info@RabbitMeadows.org](mailto:Info@RabbitMeadows.org) or call us at (425)836-8925 to make a reservation.

### **Washer/Dryer**

Our Seattle location now needs it's own W/D. Do you have a washer & dryer that's in good working condition that you could donate to us? Contact Sandi at [Info@RabbitMeadows.org](mailto:Info@RabbitMeadows.org)

giant mutant—instead of a small, docile, family friendly pet that lives six to eight years."



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