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Reggie's Story

My name is Pat Barron, and I am a volunteer for Ohio House Rabbit Rescue.

I arrived early at our Adoption Center on a Saturday morning in late May. As I drove in, I noticed a cardboard box on the side of the driveway. As anyone who has worked with rescues knows, this is never a good sign! As I got out of my car, I could



see that the box had small round holes cut into the sides and that there was a note taped to the top. When I saw the note, I was overcome with sadness for this sweet rabbit.

I took the box inside, read the note, and checked on the bunny in the box. His owners had abandoned him because he had the symptoms of "head tilt" which can be the result of a very serious health issue caused when a rabbit is infected by a microorganism called *E. cuniculi*. This neurological condition can cause a bunny to totally tilt his head at 90 ° from an upright position, and in extreme situations, causes the bunny to lose the ability to stand. When this happens, every time the rabbit tries to move normally, he falls over and rolls from side to side. This is what Reggie (as we named the bunny) was doing.

and Reggie

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The OHRR Adoption Center was already way over capacity. I turned to Beverly May, the Rescue's founder, who was also there when we found Reggie, and said "What are we going to do?"

What she said next totally captured for me the essence of what Ohio House Rabbit Rescue is about. Bev said:

"We are going to take him in and love him and care for him like we always do. No matter that we do not have space, and that he will probably have large vet bills, we will make sure he has the care that he needs."



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Reggie in the box as he was left outside the rescue

When we took Reggie for his intake vet visit, a potential ear problem was discovered. An ear problem can cause the same types of symptoms as E. cuniculi, so he was treated for both conditions with 8 medications that needed to be administered multiple times per day. Additionally, he could not eat or drink on his own, so OHRR found a Foster Mom who would feed him and give him water via a syringe. He also needed to be monitored and cared for 24 hours a day for the first 30 days.

After the intense early treatment, his "rolling" has subsided. But, his head is still tilted to the side. He will need meds daily for the rest of his life. Kim Eplin, one of our wonderful Center volunteers, who became his Foster Mom says, ***"He is doing great now, very active despite the head tilt. He is an extremely happy boy."***

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