

HRS Rabbit Center
Master Seminar Series

Seminar 2: Saturday, July 31, 2010

Advanced Rabbit-Speake

All-Day Seminar

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sign-in starts at 8:30)

Fee: \$75 per person; additional guest \$60

Includes refreshments and a buffet lunch

Morning session only: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fee: \$45 per person

Afternoon session only: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Fee: \$45 per person

DVDs of previous seminar: \$50 per set of 3 discs

Registration online: <http://www.rabbit.org/hrs-info/joining.html> (Please indicate Seminar 2 or DVD order in the notes field)

Registration by Mail

- I/we will attend the Master Seminar All-Day Session
- I/we will attend the Morning Session only
- I/we will attend the Afternoon Session only
- I am purchasing the DVDs of the previous seminar
- I am donating to this program but will be unable to attend

Name _____

Guest Name _____

Address _____

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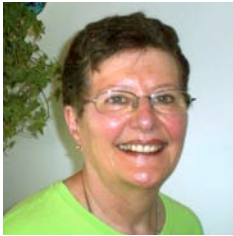
Hear what your rabbit is saying



Have you wondered what your rabbit's behavior may be telling you? The Rabbit Center's new education program brings renowned rabbit experts to help you interpret your rabbit's actions and reactions.

HRS is pleased to announce the second in a series of master seminars on rabbit care and behavior. The focus this time will be on the rabbit as a social being.

Morning



Nancy LaRoche, Chapter Manager of the Colorado chapter of HRS, has been a major rabbit advocate since the early days of HRS, fostering over a hundred rabbits at a time. Stories from her rescue experiences provided much of the

content for *Rabbits: Gentle Hearts, Valiant Spirits*. She established one of HRS's earliest sanctuaries, along with multiple foster homes in the Rocky Mountain area. Her talks will include:

- Understanding how rabbits see and use their ears
- Behaviors inherited from wild European rabbits that affect how we pair them and fit them into traditional family schedules
- True stories showing rabbits' sense of humor and compassion for other species



Kit Jagoda teaches art in the Spokane public schools. She and her husband founded River's Wish Animal Sanctuary in 1995, helping bunnies of the Northwest. Their sanctuary was recently featured on KSPS TV's Northwest profiles.

Tracy Martin, also an active HRS National Educator, will assist Kit. Tracy has been rescuing rabbits for 14 years and currently houses 30 rabbits. Tracy and Kit work together on education, and their topics will cover:

- Ways to set up predator-proof enclosures for rabbits who are outside for a few hours at a time
- How to become an expert in rabbit care
- Traveling safely with your rabbit
- Creating educational campaigns to help bunnies



Afternoon



Margo DeMello, Ph.D. teaches anthropology and sociology at Central New Mexico Community College. She is president of the House Rabbit Society and co-author of *Stories Rabbits Tell* and *Why Animals Matter*.

Trained in the observation of humans, she applies her skills to comprehending the intricacies of rabbit culture, and she will share the following insights in slides and video:

- Setting up space for your rabbits to live as rabbits and adapting human space for rabbits' needs
- Bonding and relationship lessons learned from group living
- What do they *do* all day? Hierarchy, friendship, play, and busy work in domestic warrens

Karen Courtemanche founded Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary in 2004, after serving for many years as an HRS Rescuer/fosterer. She has participated in or spearheaded several major rabbit rescues over the past few years—the Hayward Rescue, the New Mexico Rescue, the Concord Rescue, and the current Martinez Rescue—and has accumulated vast experience with rabbit health and behavior. Her slides and video will include:

- How sanctuaries help ALL rabbits by reducing the flow into animal shelters
- Keeping peace in a multi-rabbit or a multi-species household and having fun with the mix
- Health concerns, precautions, and preventive care in multi-species homes



Early Evening



Rabbits enjoying their own happy hour at Harvest Home

Happy Hour

At the close of the seminar, we invite all attendees to remain for hors d'oeuvres, wine, tea, and coffee. In this congenial environment, you can chat with other rabbit lovers and with our speakers, who will be available to answer any questions you didn't have a chance to ask during the sessions. The Hop Shop will remain open until 7 p.m.

Thoughts to Take Home

Knowing what your bunny's behavior means will help you in all kinds of ways. You can make changes to bring out the best in your bunny. You can set up to succeed, and you can ascertain when a health problem is present

Attending the seminar will increase your knowledge and benefit needy bunnies at the same time. Join us for another extraordinary day at the Rabbit Center.