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SO CUTE: Bunnies at Rabbit Residence Rescue



SEEKING A HOME: Wizz and Natasha have been at Rabbit Residence Rescue for a year now

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Plea for help over rise in abandoned rabbits

Bunny rescue centre counting the cost of growing vet bills

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HUNDREDS of abandoned rabbits are in need of urgent and costly medical attention.

Rabbit Residence Rescue, near Royston, has about 140 homeless animals looking for their forever home.

With a large number of elderly rabbits, the rescue centre is facing growing vet bills to keep them healthy.

As the centre relies heavily on donations, it is hosting a couple of fundraising events this summer to give the coffers a boost.

Volunteer Roxann Holder said: "Unfortunately, the rescue has been struggling recently with a large number of rabbits requiring veterinary attention and desperately needs more money in order to finance the medical care the rabbits require."

Complicated

"We have been trying really hard to get the numbers down as they have been going up for some time. The older rabbits are harder to rehome as some have more complicated medical issues which cost money and people are attracted more to the fluffy bunnies."

"At Rabbit Residence Rescue, we've very much of the belief if a rabbit can have a decent quality of life, we should give them that opportunity, whatever the cost."

The centre offers a rabbit sponsorship scheme and also applies for support from charities and grants, but the



BEAUTIFUL BUNNIES: Some of the animals at Rabbit Residence Rescue who are seeking a new home to go to

growing number of homeless rabbits means the financial strain is getting bigger.

The first event, on Saturday, July 30, is a bunny toy-making session. Held in a volunteer's garden in Royston, visitors will be invited to help make toys for the hundreds of homeless rabbits.

Between August 3 and 10, an album

of photos of donated pet accessories will be put on the centre's Facebook page and followers will be urged to place a bid on how much they would pay for the item.

The highest bidders at the end of the week will win the item.

Roxann said: "We have held events in the past, but with the increased

demand on volunteers from the elderly and sick rabbits, we have had to spend more time giving medication and less time organising fundraisers.

"We are hoping these events give a boost to our funds. If they go well, we will look to run more in the future."

■ To find out more or to donate, visit www.rabbitresidence.org.uk