



Urgent: Easter Bust Saves 23 New Bunnies

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Bunny World Foundation in dire need of helping hands for 60 rescued baby rabbits

Update: Bunny World Foundation has placed an emergency call for volunteers to care for a total of 60 rescued rabbits. 23 baby bunnies, no more than one-week old, were confiscated on Easter Sunday and are now in the care of Bunny World Foundation. Volunteers are needed immediately between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily for syringe-feeding, cage cleaning, and washing veggies for older rabbits. Contact details below.



Lejla Hadzimuratovic of [Bunny World Foundation](#) welcomed 30 baby rabbits in serious condition into her home after police raided a Santee Alley vendor who intended to illegally sell them as pets for the upcoming Easter holiday. *Bunny World Foundation has an IMMEDIATE need in the Silverlake area for volunteers and funds to provide daily care for baby rabbits confiscated in the downtown Los Angeles police raid.*

On March 18, Los Angeles police raided Santee Alley street vendor Demetrio Plumamena, 46, for violating the ordinance prohibiting street sales of live animals, but subsequently seized the rabbits and arrested Plumamena on a count of felony animal cruelty due to the malnourished conditions and cramped cages. Read the full story [here](#).

Hadzimuratovic has been working tirelessly to end the illegal animal sales in downtown L.A. markets and now has her hands (and home) full with the recent bust leading to the confiscation of 30 malnourished baby rabbits. The baby rabbits require handfeeding twice daily as well as medication and vet visits due to their poor health caused by conditions the breeder kept them in. Volunteers are urgently needed to help with daily feedings as well as cage cleaning and general care.

Santee Alley is the number one haven in Los Angeles for illegal animal sales. Animal street vendors

have no concern for the health and welfare of the animals they sell. These young animals, taken from their mothers at eight to 10 days old, are kept in direct sunlight and exposed to the elements with no food or water in cramped and unsanitary conditions all for the sake of profit. Once purchased, they often live no more than a week due to poor health and diet. Police encourage the public to report illegal sales of animals to their local animal services department or the local police.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Volunteer! E-mail info@bunnyworldfoundation.org to schedule a day and time within the next five days to volunteer. Volunteers and caregivers are needed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. -11 p.m. daily for hand-feeding, cage cleaning and general care.

Donate! Please consider making a [financial contribution](#) to provide crucial care for rescued bunnies or donating supplies.

Supplies needed for rabbit care at Bunny World:

- KMR kitten formula
- Acidophilus Digestive Supplement (for cats/kittens)
- Pedialyte (for diarrhea)
- Alfalfa hay, timothy hay or oat hay
- Alfalfa pellets, timothy pellets
- CareFresh Litter
- Syringes
- Cleaning supplies

Advocate! Please send a personalized e-mail to Councilwoman Jan Perry, asking her to stop the cruel, illegal sales of animals at Santee Alley. Also, please send a personalized e-mail to Councilmen Greig Smith.

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