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## **Dumped Bunnies Escape Danger from Harlesden Car Park**

### **Abandoned rabbits get a second lease of life after a kind passer-by contacted The Mayhew Animal Home**

Kingsbury – Animal Welfare Officers from The Mayhew Animal Home were alerted last week to the plight of two bunnies who had been dumped in their hutch in a car park in Kingsbury –directly opposite a tip.

A local resident had noticed the abandoned hutch three days earlier, but thought nothing of it, never imagining someone would have left it with animals inside. It was only when they later witnessed one of the bunnies running free in the car park that they realised the animals had been dumped like rubbish.

The rabbits, who have now been named Mickey and Minnie, have been left with sores on their legs and stomachs after sitting in their own urine in a cramped hutch. Although it is very likely they will make a complete recovery they have had to be bathed and medicated to start the healing process after this terrible case of neglect.

The Mayhew Animal Welfare Officer, Carly Jack said: *"This is a terrible case of animal neglect. The people who dumped these poor rabbits clearly had no concern for their safety or health. These terrified rabbits were covered in their own waste and left sitting in a filthy hutch in very dangerous surroundings. It is pure luck these rabbits are alive after a caring passer-by alerted us to the situation. It is a shame that someone obviously felt this was the best or only option to get rid of the animals. The rabbits are now making a good recovery and when they are fit and well we hope to re-home them in a happy and safe environment"*

Mickey and Minnie will not be available for re-homing for several weeks, but any potential adopters can contact The Mayhew Animal Home in advance and speak with our Rabbit Adoption Co-ordinator. 0208 969 0178

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For the Editor

**The Mayhew Animal Home** was established in 1886 for the benefit of "the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside". Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their carers. We aim to set the standards in animal welfare. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.

**Other issues The Mayhew is qualified to comment upon:** Pet therapies, pet refuge programmes, early neutering initiatives, dangerous dog issues, feral cat trapping and community-based animal care

