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The Mayhew Animal Home Goes Bunny Bonkers for National Rabbit Week

London animal rescue highlights the plight of abandoned rabbits with therapy visits to care homes

Kensal Green – National Rabbit Week is upon us again from the 24th – 30th January and The Mayhew Animal Home are marking the event by raising awareness about rabbits and the numbers that are abandoned. There will also be a trip to a residential home in Muswell Hill, The Meadows, where several rabbits will be taken along for the residents to enjoy the therapeutic interaction.

Interacting with companion animals is widely cited to have a therapeutic effect on people and The Mayhew takes part in many community visits with some of our animals to care homes and hospital wards. Many of our cats, dogs and rabbits are firm favourites with the residents of The Meadows, who look forward to their visits and giving them a cuddle and the occasional treat!

The visit will be taking place on **Friday 30th January** and photographs will be available for publication.

The Mayhew CEO, Caroline Yates, said: *"These therapy visits are an important part of the community work The Mayhew involves itself in. Rabbits are very sociable, friendly animals and for the ones who enjoy human company, they love nothing more than a cuddle with the residents of The Meadows. We hope National Rabbit Week will show people what amazing pets rabbits are and how many of them are abandoned annually."*

The Mayhew is also looking for any potential adopters to visit The Home and meet some of the rabbits looking for new homes. They can make ideal house pets for the majority of London residents who don't have access to a garden. They are also very sociable animals, who crave the company of other rabbits, so any owners of a lone bunny are encouraged to speak to The Mayhew's Rabbit Adoption Officer to arrange a rabbit bonding session and give their pet a chance to play and enjoy the company of another rabbit.

Anyone interested in adopting a rabbit can contact Lucy Edwards on 0208 969 0178 lucy@mayhewanimalhome.org

Photographs from The Meadows therapy visit will be available from Sarah Dickinson on 0208 969 7110 ext 1 sarah@mayhewanimalhome.org

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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.