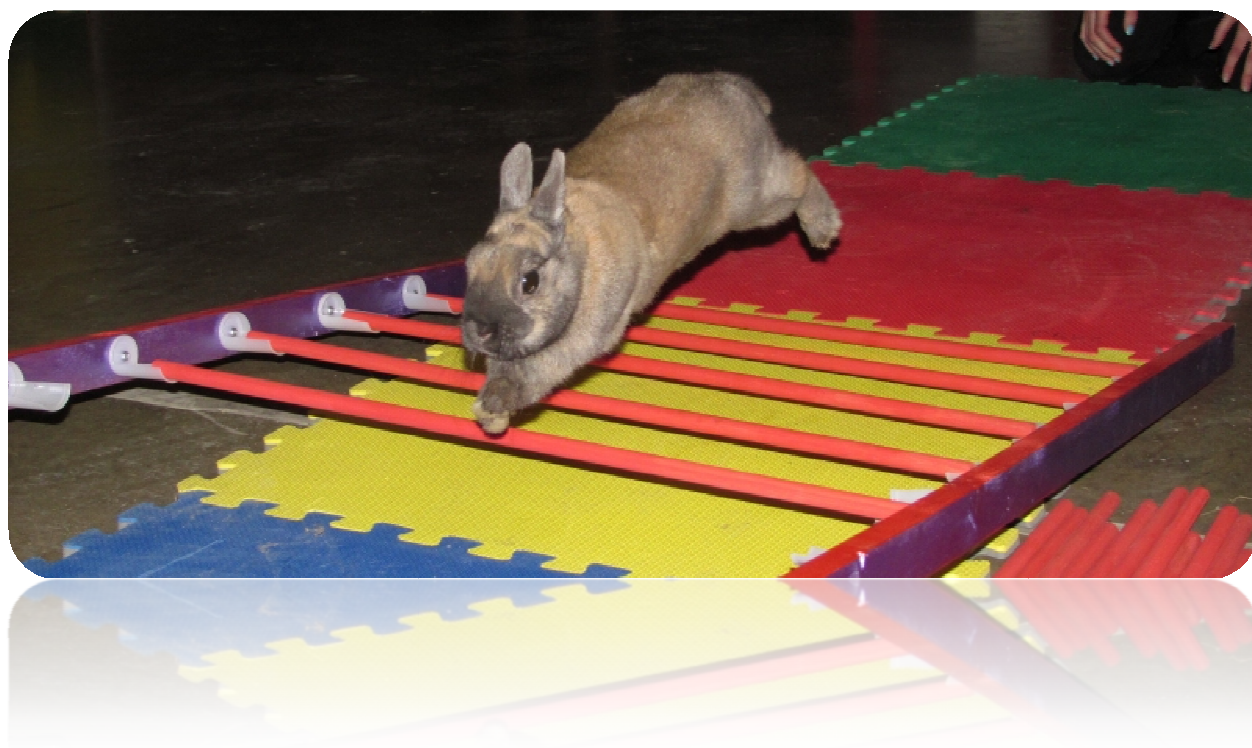


The Canadian Rabbit Hopping Club



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Welcome to the 2nd edition of the C.R.H.C. Newsletter!

Pictured above is (Beep-Beep, speed demon)

Coco, owned by Kindrey.

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Welcome to the 2nd edition of the C.R.H.C. Newsletter. I am your Editor in Peace.

I was very pleased to hear from Rosemarie that she got a lot of positive comments about our first newsletter! Here's hoping if I can keep her focused & organized enough to get these out somewhat on time & we will continue to try & entertain you all.

We look forward to a busy Spring with a lot of upcoming events for the club, a number of new members & bunnies & thanks to all who sent in something to submit to this issue! Please keep in mind the next issue should come out early June, so if you could get your submissions in early, I'll try to keep Rosemarie on track so it can be sent out on time! Remember, only submissions from fellow bunnies will be accepted. ☺ I hope you enjoy this issue!

Featured Bunny!

Krysta got Jeremiah in November 2006 to use as her 4-H rabbit project rabbit. Jerry became a beloved member of the Turner family & soon found himself leaping to stardom as the co founding bunny of the CRHC.

Jeremiah spent much of his time travelling around to various events performing for his adoring fans as well as being a TV star & photographed many times for various newspapers.

Jeremiah will always be known for his contribution as a club co founder & for his sweet, gentle nature that made him a great ambassador.

Jerry will missed by many, but especially his family.
(2006 - January 16, 2011)



Upcoming Events!

April 7, 2011 ~ Performance at [Red Deer Lake School](#). 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

April 9 & 10, 2011 ~ Performance at the 2011 Aggie Days at the Stampede Grounds.

April 21, 2011 ~ Demonstration at the [Alberta Children's Hospital](#).

April 23, 2011 ~ Performance at [Fort Edmonton Easter Event](#).

May 6 & 7, 2011 ~ Demonstration at the S.A.R.B.A. Rabbit Show at the [Chestermere Recreation Centre](#).

May 13, 2011 ~ Monthly practice at the [Chestermere Recreation Centre](#). 6:30 p.m.

*May 14, 2011 ~ Demonstration at the [Children & Family Spring Party](#) to be held at the [Banff Trail Community Association](#) in support of the [Between Friends Club](#).
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.*

May 14, 2011 ~ Demonstration at the [Critters N Crafts Spring Sale](#) in Milo, Alberta. 10 a.m.

Wallaby's World Wide Web

For this issue I'd like to let everyone know about a great website that my people, mainly Amanda, have been using for quite some time now. Whether you want to connect with other bunny lovers or just simply browse for information on your bunny, this site has it all! I highly recommend it!



Check it out at: <http://www.rabbitsonline.net>

Hello everybody, and welcome to the 2nd edition of Babbitty's Box Office. The movie we will be reviewing today is *The Rite*, starring Anthony Hopkins. Now not a lot scares me (if you only weigh 3 ½ pounds and have been surrounded by screaming unruly children, nothing you see on a movie screen is remotely frightening). But no one can be as scary as Anthony Hopkins. As Hannibal Lecter, this short, pudgy bald guy had more menace than any 7 foot, 300 pound muscle guy could ever have.

In this movie he plays Father Lucas, a very unusual exorcist. (Of course can you have a usual exorcist?) The movie starts with Michael Kovak very forgettably played by, oh, darn, what's his name? I can't remember, I'll have to look it up. Oh, there it is, Colin O'Donahue. As he says, in his family you are either a priest or a mortician. Although he is somewhat hampered by the fact that he doesn't believe in God. He thinks he will drop out after finishing a Seminary College. Unfortunately fate, or something higher intervenes and he stays and is sent to the Vatican to study to become an exorcist. Here he runs into Father Lucas. On his first visit he takes part in the exorcism in a young pregnant girl, Rosaria, who has been abused by her father. She is played by Morata Gastoni, who is fantastic in a creepy, psychotic kinda way. As he explains, this is not always a one shot deal. In order to gain power over a possessing demon, or demons, you must make it reveal its name. It will try all manner of tricks to throw you off. Also, if it thinks it will lose, it may simply kill the host and leave.

But of course Michael doesn't believe any of this, despite ample proof of something paranormal. In one instance, an old girlfriend of Michaels delivers a line that only 3 people heard. Michael, his best friend and the girl who said it. This pregnant girl half a world away delivers the line word for word in a language she doesn't speak, yet he thinks this is a coincidence. Ugh! Michael reasons that if he doesn't believe in God, he certainly doesn't believe in the devil. But as Father Lucas says, "Choosing not to believe in the devil doesn't protect you from him."

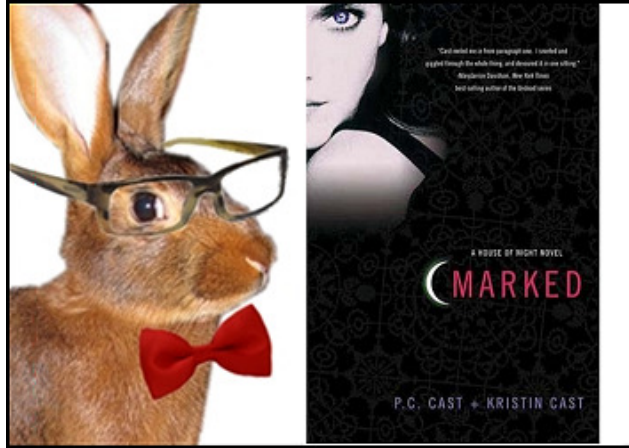
Apparently, believing doesn't help you either, because eventually, Father Lucas is taken over. A small boy, who they both believe is not possessed, has a very nasty demon. It takes a run at Michael, using knowledge of his father and his death to turn the screws. This is not difficult (**BIG SPOILER ALERT**) since we find out that his father and mother were devil worshippers and the way he was raised, it's a wonder he didn't end up being profiled in *Criminal Minds*. What is it with movie characters and daddy issues?

When this doesn't work, he goes after a tired and disillusioned Father Lucas, in his weakened state, possesses him. Now the agnostic must muster all the faith he can. Despite being spooky the possession scenes with Father Lucas are the most fun in the movie, with Hopkins channeling his inner Hannibal as only he can, in a final battle of good versus evil. Unfortunately with the two actors representing them here, evil seems way more fun.

So overall, I give *The Rite* 3 ½ poles out of a 5 pole jump, 3 of those for Anthony Hopkins alone! Till next time, this is Babbitty saying can the academy please give Oscars to entertaining movies (Hello, *Inception*) not just artsy "Tour De Forces", that only 3 people saw and only 2 people stayed awake through.



Jabberwocky's Journals!



Today we will be reviewing the House of Night series (Marked - Tempted).

While browsing through the Young Adult section, I was not surprised to see it overloaded with all manner of vampire novels striving to be the next Twilight, which makes finding any decent new series nearly impossible. Everywhere you look; it's a plain, unlikeable heroine who is building her own little reverse harem of nasties turned nice through means that are unknown to the reader. House of Night is no different.

This book series had the potential, it really did. However, it took that potential and sucked it dry until there was nothing left but little wisps of potential dust, although I suppose that *something* had to represent an actual vampire in these books since the supposed creatures of the night that attend this school obviously do not.

First off, in this book, it doesn't take a nasty little bite to turn you into one. Oh no, now people become vampires simply through puberty. That's right, a small portion of teenagers become vampires because a strand of DNA turn them because they hit 6-8 mon-, I mean, hit their teenage years. One of the only cool things about this book is if a 'fledgling' vampire is not near a fully changed one, they will die, and one in ten will die anyway through a gruesome scene of vomiting blood because their bodies cannot tolerate the change. But for the other ninety percent, they will fully change and become "Vampires that are like Superman. They're super-gorgeous. They're super-talented. They're super-men".

Yeah... Riiiiiiiiight.....

So basically, the storyline follows our wonderfully flat and boring Zoey Redbird, who's not only super beautiful and wonderfully charismatic, but is also one gifted little vampire. That's right, sometimes a vampire is gifted with the ability to interact with one of the five elements (Water, Earth, Fire, Air and Spirit), something that

only the super-duper special gift! But it doesn't stop there! See, Zoey doesn't just interact with one, but can control all five!

Basically, she's the Avatar... But not nearly as awesome and with literally no character development.

You see, unlike Aang in *The Last Airbender* who must train his gifts and use it to better people's lives, Zoey begins using her automatically super powers to preach to others, making sure that it is her way or the hi-way, making a long line of what have to be the stupidest decisions possible in her situations. Congratulations Bella Swan, you have been dethroned from your position of ultimate bimbo.

But let's spread the great characterization around, shall we? We have obligatory cast of best friends, each flatter and duller than the next. We have Erin and Shaunee, who are both deeply fashion and cute boy conscious *Insert air headed giggle here*. Then we have Heath, who was Zoey's boyfriend through school while she was human and who pretty much plays the role of stupid blood donor as he remains human (Apparently bitten humans do not become vampires, but instead become bonded to their vampire partners... Yeah...). Then we have Damien, who is literally Zoey's gay friend and a very stereotypical one at that. Instead of creating a unique and developing character, we get every cliché in the book from listening to musicals whenever possible (His favorite being *High School Musical*) and swooning over cute boys in movies. Then we have Erik, James and pre-mentioned Heath who thinks Zoey is just the dreamiest and that's... Pretty much it. Then we get on to a few of the actually interesting characters.

Stevie Rae starts off as a regular country bumpkin who does nothing but listen to country music and watching NASCAR, but as the storyline progresses a plot point (*Gasp*, there actually is a plot in here somewhere!) comes into play that is actually rather interesting to watch unfold. Unfortunately, after this happens we see less and less of her. Then there is Aphrodite, who turns out to actually be one of the more likeable characters in these books, but we don't see as much of her and she tends to be shown in a negative light because not all of her decisions necessarily agree with our main characters, an unforgivable crime.

There are some positives to this book, such as the Stevie Rae storyline that appears later on in the books, but the negatives that come with the constant pop culture references, grammar and spelling errors and Zoey's idiotic decision making that always end up being the worst possible choice make this series a chore to read, leaving me feeling frustrated every time I got through a chapter.

In total, I give this series one thump out of five. I might have given it less, but I haven't quite figured out how to do half a thump yet...



Hello, I see you have come into Amelia's Boutiques. Today we have Chewsy Pets to visit.

Chewsy Pets is a pet supply store in Calgary. It is located in the Avenida Shopping Center just off MacLeod trail in the south. Their website is www.chewsy pets.com. They don't allow pets in the store, so I was unable to check it out for myself but my human has told me about it.

They sell many products for all sorts of pets. They have toys, food, bedding and other items for rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, and other small mammals as well as birds, reptiles, cats and dogs. There are some items, especially for the small mammals, that are hard to find in other stores and usually have to be ordered online. Some of these include willow rings and balls as well as baskets and tunnels and grass mats. They sell Oxbow pellets, hays, treats and grass houses. Other rabbit foods include Martins and American Pet Diner. For the dogs and cats, they carry high quality foods such as Orijen, Acana, Go, Now, Solid Gold and many others. Their prices are good for most of the products, I haven't been there in a while so don't have current price ranges.

It is a nice store that you can easily spend a bit of money in just on bunny stuff (not like that is an issue or anything) and may even talk for a little while with the staff. It is a good store to check out if you have a bunny in Calgary and are looking for some neat toys that you would rather not order online.

Welcome to Kokomo's Kitchen!

House Rabbit Society educators and fosterers have found the following Recipes work well for bunnies with special medical needs.

David's Pumpkin Surprise: For bunnies that must be syringe fed.

2 tbs. pumpkin pie filling (with no sugar or spices added)

1 tbs. banana baby food

1 tsp. ground pellets (ground in a coffee grinder - it needs to be practically dust, and nothing else works.)

A little acidophilus powder & a little prozyme if you have it.

Makes one batch.

Mix it up and force feed 4x a day (max 90 cc's per 5 lbs. of bunny)

Recipe From the House Rabbit Society Website. <http://www.rabbit.org>



Glad you could join me today! In my little section of the newsletter I will take you on my many adventures as I travel around to near & far places!

My most recent trip I visited Rocky Mountain Tails Pet Shop & Spa. I got the chance



to wander around the store & see lots of cool stuff. I also got to meet Bailey the puppy, a seen in the photo.

The kind owners of this wonderful establishment have offered a 10% discount to all CRHC members on their small animal pet needs & supplies. Come by & say hi to Craig & Sandy!

<http://www.rockymountaintails.ca>

Welcome to another installment of Lookin' Lovely with Lillian. Today we will be cleaning the scent glands. This is not a fun task for bunny or human, but it does need to be done for many rabbits.

You will need a few things, these are: Q-tips (3-4), vegetable or mineral oil (just a little bit), tweezers (only if they are really bad), towel, helper (if needed).

Step 1: Get everything organized and set out. Put a little bit of oil in a small bowl. You only need enough to soak one end of a couple Q-tips. A good location is also needed; it should be bright so your human can see what they are doing. As the scent glands can be smelly, you may want to get this done outside.

Step 2: Get your human to turn you on your back. If needed, you can be wrapped in a towel or held by a helper. You need to be on your back or at least have your belly exposed.

Step 3: Find the scent glands. These are located on both sides on the gentiles. It looks like a pocket and may have some waxy gunk in it. If you need help finding them, there are pictures around that are detailed that can help.

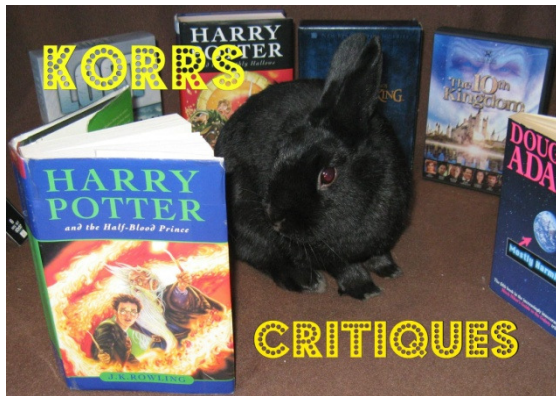
Step 4: As some glands have more gunk than others, you may need to use the tweezers to remove some bigger pieces. These look a bit like hardened poop but are skinny and smelly. Not all rabbits need this done, but if it is the first time doing it or it has been a while you may have some if it. Do this on both sides.

Step 5: Wet one end of a Q-tip in the oil. Wipe this around in the gland to remove the gunk that is left in there. Use the dry end to get out the excess oil and gunk. You may need a couple Q-tips per side. Do this on both sides.

This is pretty much all it takes to clean the scent glands. It is a good idea to check them about once a month. You can check and clean them at the same time you clip the nails. If your rabbit has a dirty bum, you may need to clean that up before you can access the scent glands. That would require some small scissors, a damp cloth and a small brush. Be careful using scissors as it is easy to cut the skin on a rabbit.

If you start to notice a funky smell coming from your rabbit (and not the cage), then it may be time to clean the glands.





Welcome to the latest edition of Korr's Critiques. This issue I will be reviewing Being Human and comparing the British and American versions.

Being Human is a Sci-Fy show about a vampire, werewolf and a ghost who all live together in the same house. It shows their lives as they deal with what they are and try to live in a human world. In the British version, the Vampire is Mitchell (Aiden Turner), the Werewolf is George (Russell Tovey) and the Ghost is Annie (Lenora Crichlow). The American version is Aiden (Sam Witwer) as the Vampire, Josh (Sam Huntington) as the Werewolf and Sally (Meaghan Rath) as the Ghost.

Both versions follow a very similar plot at first. If watching both at the same time, the only real difference seems to be the names of the characters and the location it takes place. While some things are different, it doesn't vary too far. The differences do seem to be more as the shows progress. The British version is going into its 4th season, but the 3rd should be airing soon in Canada. The America version is still airing the 1st season. Hopefully the American version will continue to branch away from to plots of the British version as it keeps going.

Each character does have their own problems that they must deal with over the course of the show. Mitchell/Aiden has to deal with his desire to not drink fresh blood as well as the other vampires that he must work with. The vampires are lead by Herrick/Bishop who wants to have vampires in high ranking positions and is willing to do just about anything to accomplish his goals. Mitchell/Adien is the oldest of our main characters; Mitchell was recruited during WWI while Aiden was done during the American Civil War. George/Josh is a new werewolf having only been attacked about 2 years before the show. He is still coming to grips with his changes and what they mean for his present and future. He does meet another werewolf in the first few episodes and learns some interesting things about himself. As he gets more comfortable with who he is, he discovers that there are women that he likes and must figure out how his condition fits into relationships. Annie/Sally has only been a ghost for about 6 months. She is lost about how she died and what she can do now. She finds out a lot about how she died and works to make it right. She also learns how to control her powers and can eventually leave the house and even interact with other ghosts.

While both versions of Being Human are good, I do prefer the British one. Somehow a remake of a show that is still being made is a bit weird and the Americans can never seem to do it quite the same.

Space Channel in Canada is currently airing the American Version on Monday nights. They also have the British one which is not airing at the moment but should be back soon.

I give Being Human 4 out of 5 shed hairs.



On The Small Side

Lil' Will will be back next issue with a new article!

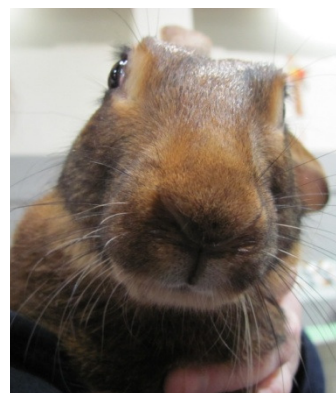


Popcorn's Paparazzi

Congratulations Sharin!
Triple BIS Saturday, Double BIS and BOB
specialty Sunday. Broken Black Mini Rex.
EARS Wetaskiwin Show

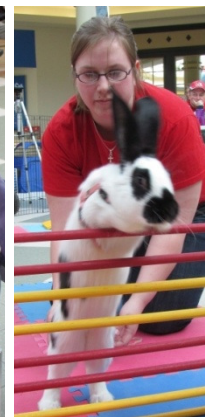


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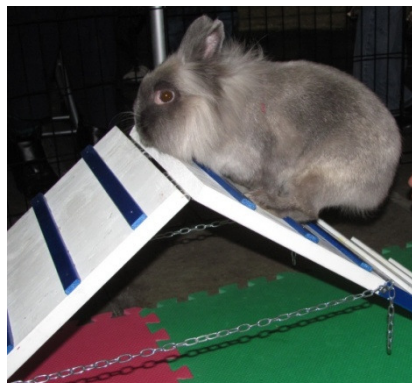


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Pet Expo Photos!



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Triple Each Day

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- Justin
- Todd Naragon

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Double Both Days

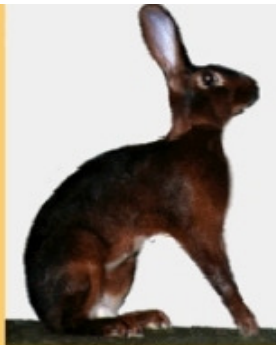
Judges:

- Chris Zemny
- Mike Avesing

www.earsclub.ca for more details. We hope to see you there!

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