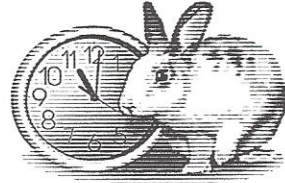


# HOUSE RABBIT SOCIETY

A NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

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Kelli Fisher  
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Dear Ms. Fisher,

House Rabbit Society, a national rabbit protection organization, implores you to please discontinue the Animal Scramble. We understand that your organization wants to provide a fun activity for your patrons, but we ask that you consider an activity that does not put rabbits and other animals in harm's way.

Rabbits are extremely sensitive prey animals who suffer when in noisy, chaotic situations. They don't like being handled, don't like being chased, and don't like being grabbed. That they can be frightened, hurt, and even killed is clearly a danger at an event like this. In addition, by sending the rabbits home with the children after they are caught, they are sent into homes with absolutely no educational materials as to their care, health needs, or behavior. Rabbits can live up to ten years, and are not "starter pets." They are complicated animals who need a great deal of care, and by sending these animals home with people who don't know anything about them, they are in danger of getting the very worst start in life.

We beg you: please discontinue this event in favor of something that will not hurt these animals.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margo DeMello', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Margo DeMello  
President  
House Rabbit Society