

Telling Tail Tales

Learning from Caring

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Chu-Chu is on the left; Twy-Twy is on the right
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Nearing the end of 2020, I received notice from my friend that the pet rabbit pair he owned had given birth and there was a sizable litter that his family was willing to offer for adoption to a good home. Sadly, two gray babies were left behind after the rest of their rabbit siblings were taken away—their original adoptive family had a change of heart and was no longer considering adopting those two bunnies.

I decided that, since I was in a good situation to take care of two rabbits, I would adopt them and take care of them for the foreseeable future. One bumpy car ride later, the bunnies finally started to settle down in their new home. Because they were so tiny, it was very hard to tell them apart at first, but after a while, as I learned more about their respective personalities and quirks, I was finally able to tell them apart. My sister named them Twy-Twy and Chu-Chu.



Twy-Twy is above; Chu-Chu is below
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To say that caring for two bunnies was a learning experience is an understatement! Before the rabbits came to live with us, we thought that (1) rabbits were safe outdoors and (2) you could fit them in the biggest cage possible to buy. This was all wrong! After some adjustment that included purchasing and returning old equipment, I finally set up a playpen in my house where I knew the bunnies would have sufficient space to roam. I also adjusted their diet mainly for hay consumption. Most importantly, I wanted them to feel safe.

Certainly, my life now is different with two bunnies to take care of, but I'm enjoying the experience. I have learned a lot about the rabbits and myself throughout the past year and hope to continue taking good care of them for as long as I am able to.



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