

Babbit

No one can explain how the little white rabbit ended up sitting smack in the middle of the neighborhood street, but there he sat. Here comes a car! The car held the Arrowood family, just arriving home from a beach vacation.

The car stopped! The doors quickly flew open. The entire Arrowood family of six jumped out and instantly had the little rabbit surrounded. It looked like a well-rehearsed military drill.

Mr. Arrowood quickly scooped up the little rabbit.

“That was easy,” he announced. It was only then he realized just why it was so easy. The rabbit’s eyes were completely crusted shut...he could not see to move at all!

The rabbit’s head, ears, tail, and all four paws were also thickly encrusted with mites. He had almost no fur. His back and shoulders had large patches of raw bleeding flesh. In addition, the poor little rabbit was dehydrated, very thin, and very weak.

The family immediately took the little rabbit to their aunt who they thought would be able to help. She was at work watering plants at a large greenhouse nursery while simultaneously babysitting her four-year-old granddaughter. “See? It’s a cute little bunny rabbit,” she said to the little girl. The little girl, overjoyed by the sight of the rabbit, exclaimed, “Babbit!”

The Arrowood’s aunt, Jessica Arrowood, knew the little rabbit required immediate medical attention that she was unable to give. She called the Sanctuary.

At Healthpointe the little rabbit was given an Ivermectin injection to kill the mites. At the sanctuary, treatment was continued. Soothing ointment was applied to his raw skin. Gradually with good diet, care, and lots of love, his coat began to grow back. His overall health also improved: he gained weight and strength. Every step of his recovery brought him relief and comfort.

About a week later, he could open his eyes. For the first time he was able to see his caregivers and his new surroundings. He felt so happy! He felt like a brand new bunny. But the best was yet to come.

Weeks later after being neutered, he was introduced to Sky (Fall/Winter 2017 newsletter). She turned out to be the love of his life! They moved into their own territory in Rabbitat I complete with underground burrow. They were assured “a wonderful life” as is Sanctuary policy.

Note: A young male member of the Arrowood family told Caroline, “Everyone in our family loves animals. We all have a lot of rescues among us. This rabbit was never going to survive had we not happened by right when we did.”

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Babbit’s vet bills exceeded \$300. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.