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Ray, An Amazing Rabbit!

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Ray is an amazing rabbit who was rescued by "New Moon Rabbit Rescue" in Ottawa, Canada (See www.newmoonrabbitrescue.ca). Back before Christmas 2007, my colleague, Elizabeth Wright, and I were honoured to work on rabbits from this shelter that were located in North Gower, Ontario.

When I walked into the rescue I didn't know what to expect. We met the owners who were two wonderful young ladies and we told them what we do and how Reiki works. Then we went downstairs where all the rabbits were penned, awaiting adoption. It was obvious to see that the ladies in the rescue cared very much for these animals. All the cages were clean with lots of food and water in each bowl. We would go from cage to cage offering Reiki to those that wished it.

I had been doing Reiki on cats, dogs and horses, so this was the first time I applied Reiki to rabbits. Some of the rabbits were reported as being aggressive, while others were stressed. Most of the rabbits accepted and loved receiving the energy, coming to the front of the cage to receive it each time we approached.

Then I got to Ray's cage. He had been rescued from another rabbit rescue closer to Toronto, Ontario. The rabbits there had been abused by the owner. As awful as it sounds, some rescue shelters are not in the business of caring for the animals that are brought to them. Ray was the defender and protector of all the rabbits there. He would put himself between the rabbit and the assailant, thus bearing the brunt of the beatings himself. When I got to his cage I noticed he was eyeing me, but with not much interest. I started to offer him Reiki.

My colleague Elizabeth is a Pet Intuitive, and though I'd love to learn the craft, I'm happy just to send healing energy to those that want it.



Ray



Nicki & Ray

She usually gives me feedback which is always a great source of confirmation for me. Imagine my surprise when I got a clear and distinct message from Ray...

I WANT TO DIE!

It was so clear and caught me right off guard! So much so that I started to cry and felt terribly embarrassed because this had never happened to me before, and in front of strangers no less! I didn't know what to think. I remember saying to Liz in a whisper so the owners couldn't hear, "Liz, he wants to die! He wants to DIE!" I was shocked and deeply moved. How could this be?

Well, everything in the Universe happens for a reason, because one of the ladies watching heard me.

We followed up with another visit and the ladies had decided at that time to bring Ray upstairs and keep him in their office. There he bonded with one of the house cats and when we came to offer more Reiki, his spirits seemed lighter.

The best part of the story is what lay ahead. The lady who had heard me was the sister-in-law of one of the rescue owners, and her husband adopted Ray for her as a Christmas present. She has been working with him steadily and he's very happy at his new home, taking treats from her hand, and playing constantly. He even has connected with one of the cats. One of their huskies has become fond of him and protects him when he's in his cage. That's quite a role reversal! I was told he has come a long way and is very happy now. They said, "You can see it in his eyes."

Recently we received a lovely email from New Moon in June of this year with pictures and a note saying, "Remember, that without your help, we would never have known how much Ray needed Nicki...He is such a different bunny." Sounds like a fairy tale, doesn't it? Endings like this make your heart soar. Without the gift of Reiki and some pretty amazing individuals, who knows where this lovely little soul would be today?

I am always in awe of those who give of themselves to protect our wonderful furry companions... and Reiki? ...well, it's a blessing just to be able to offer it and I'm forever grateful of the gifts it brings.

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