

BIG WHITE BUNNIES!

You're thinking about adopting a pet, so you head over to the animal shelter and stroll around to see what's available. Hey! Bunnies! That would be fun!

Oh no, though, look at the rabbits that are here: four of the five are big white bunnies with pink eyes. You don't want one of them. Those pink eyes are just too freaky. Why do most of the available rabbits seem to be big white bunnies with pink eyes?

Well, the plight of the Big White Bunny (or BWB, as we call them in rabbit rescue) is similar to that of the pit bull. The preponderance of pit bulls at animal shelters is due largely to the animals being bred for fighting, and their consequent and largely undeserved reputation for aggressive behavior. BWBs crowd our shelters because they are bred for meat, and people looking to adopt would rather have a tiny brown lop bunny with dark eyes.

What is not widely known, though, is that BWBs are the labrador retrievers of the rabbit world. Their official breed is called New Zealand White, and as a breed, they are gentle, loving, and unafraid. These pink-eyed beauties are the rabbits that are most likely to let you pick them up, be unafraid of your dog, let your children pet them, and race up to meet you at the front door when you come home from work.

In addition, their large frames make them much less susceptible to the spinal injuries that plague smaller rabbit breeds. Their size and demeanor make them the perfect first rabbit for many homes, and after a few weeks of bunny love, you'll see how those pink eyes sparkle like rubies.

Let your adoption decision be made by personality, not by looks, and give a BWB a chance to win your heart. ♥

