



Specialised Animal Nutrition Pty Ltd is delighted to announce the winners of the 2015 Australian Oxbow Rescue Grants. Three Australian rabbit and guinea pig rescues were awarded \$1000 each to fund special projects with long-term benefits for the animals, carers and the Australian community.



Queensland Guinea Pig Refuge

Brisbane based Queensland Guinea Pig Refuge is a not-for-profit community services organisation which was formed in 2013 & has a dedicated team of volunteers, foster carers & helpers in various areas across Queensland.

QGPR is 100% volunteer & donations based and will be investing their Oxbow grant in new indoor cages for their growing operation, which currently has 100 guinea pigs in care. This will provide accommodation for many more pigs and frees up existing funds for other running costs.

The Bluey & Alice Bunny Refuge

Carolyn Sugden founded The Bluey & Alice Bunny Refuge in 2014 and runs the rescue from her home in Cockatoo, Victoria. Originally self-funded to care for a few rescue animals, a flurry of unwanted bunnies after Christmas 2014 led Carolyn to establish a larger rabbit shelter and begin fundraising activities.

Carolyn will be using the Oxbow grant to continue her community outreach, conducting 'bunny visits' to the elderly of a local nursing home. Part of the grant will also be used for purchasing building supplies for the expansion of the refuge.



Miss Piggy's Guinea Pig Lair

Miss Piggy's Guinea Pig Lair, run by Beth Akins, is based in Eudlo, Queensland and has been operating for 7 years. The rescue was formed to provide care and medical attention to unwanted, neglected, and abandoned guinea pigs. Beth focuses on guinea pig care and feeding education particularly in schools.

Beth is in the midst of building a new shelter for the 76 guinea pigs in her care, and will be using the Oxbow grant to purchase new larger enclosures.

Thank you to these rescue organisations for sharing their stories with us and for their unwavering commitment to animal welfare and empowering community education. We are thrilled to be able to assist you in your cause.