

Easter Bunny Rescues Battery Hens

New Zealand Open Rescue

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As a gesture of goodwill this Easter, the Easter Bunny, helped by animal rights activists from New Zealand Open Rescue, broke into a South Auckland battery hen farm and rescued 10 battery hens from their cages.

Farm workers were left vegan Easter eggs and a Happy Easter card explaining the reasons for the rescue.

The Easter Bunny explains that while eggs are traditionally a symbol of new life, this symbol has been perverted as eggs laid by hens kept in battery cages are the product of a lifetime of suffering and deprivation.

"The rescued battery hens have been placed into good homes and are enjoying grass, fresh air and sunshine for the first time in their lives" says Open Rescue spokesperson Deirdre Sims.

"We carried out this action to highlight the suffering of battery hens. Hens confined in battery cages are denied their most basic natural behaviours. They can't even walk or stretch their wings".

"This Easter, we urge the New Zealand public to follow the example of the Easter Bunny by refusing to support cruelty. Boycott caged eggs and help to end battery hen farming".