

# Black Pine Animal Park

## Animal Facts

Breed: LION-HEADED RABBIT

Names / Sex / Age:  
Lucy Female 9

Previous Home: A private home.

Diet:  
Carrots, lettuce, hay, and rabbit chow.

Facts:

- Lion-headed rabbits are a fairly new breed in the U.S. and are not yet recognized by the American Rabbit Breeder's Association
- Most believe this breed originated in Belgium
- They are much smaller than other rabbits
- A mane of wool (different from the hair on the rest of their bodies) that circles their head gives them their name
- Lion-heads may lose their mane during molting, but it will grow back

Personal History:

Lucy was a pet and spent some time in a classroom before being adopted by Black Pine. She is feisty and has been known to bite, which is why she wasn't desirable as a pet. Lucy will sometimes charge any hands that go into her habitat. Though this species is touted as being easily trained and friendly, our experience with Lucy is that she is not terribly social.

In late 2009 Lucy was observed favoring her back right leg. After multiple tests and multiple veterinary consultations, her leg was amputated. Post-surgery the limb was further tested and was found to have cancer in the knee joint. She has made a full recovery and gets along just fine without the limb.