

# Black Pine Animal Park

## Animal Facts

Breed: DOMESTIC RABBIT

Names / Sex / Age:

Onyx                      Male                      At least 4-5 years.

Previous Home: Found abandoned in a park in Albion by local police, and adopted by the park in 2007.

Diet:

Carrots, lettuce, hay, and rabbit chow.

Facts:

- Today's domestic rabbits can be any of the several varieties of European rabbits
- Selective breeding of rabbits began in the Middle Ages
- The rabbit's emergence as a house pet began in the Victorian era
- Rabbits are also used in laboratories, for a variety of studies including bronchial asthma, stroke prevention treatment, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and cancer
- Due to the objections of many organizations the use of rabbits in labs for non-medical purposes has declined dramatically

Personal History:

Onyx (named after his arrival at the park) was found abandoned during a family fun day in one of Albion's town parks. The local police asked the park to adopt him. He arrived in 2007. Coincidentally Black Pine had been contacted just weeks before and asked to adopt a large black rabbit, and planned to do so. After agreeing to take Onyx in, returned phone calls to adopt the black rabbit in question were never returned. There is no way to know, but the assumption is that it's the same rabbit. Onyx suffers from kidney problems so is treated daily with medication and limited on the amount of pellets he can have each day.