

# Rabbits, Rabbits and More Rabbits!

Animal shelters take care of millions of lost, abandoned and relinquished (given up) animals each year. They try to find homes for as many as they can, but there are not enough homes for all the animals in shelters.

Read each sentence and write the correct number of new bunnies in the column to the right. When you finish, add up all the numbers. This will help you understand how quickly rabbits can fill up shelters!

1. Last December, a family adopted **ONE** unspayed female rabbit. She was 3 months old. Her name is Samantha. \_\_\_\_\_

2. In March, Samantha had her first litter. There were **FOUR** bunnies in this litter. One was male and the rest were female. \_\_\_\_\_

3. In July, Samantha had her second litter. She had **FIVE** bunnies, three males and two females. \_\_\_\_\_

4. In September, all of the females from Samantha's **first litter** had **FOUR** bunnies **each**. Seven of the new bunnies were females. \_\_\_\_\_

5. In November, Samantha had her third litter of **SIX** bunnies. They were all females. \_\_\_\_\_

6. In January, the **TWO** daughters from her second litter each had **FIVE** bunnies. Five were female. \_\_\_\_\_

7. In March, **TEN** of Samantha's granddaughters each had **FIVE** bunnies. \_\_\_\_\_

8. In June, **THREE** of the females from Samantha's second litter had **FOUR** bunnies each. \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** number of bunnies that were born because of one unspayed female rabbit in one year! \_\_\_\_\_

What could the family have done to prevent so many bunnies without homes from being born?

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Answers: 1. (1); 2. (4); 3. (5); 4. (12); 5. (6); 6. (10); 7. (50); 8. (12); Total (100)

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