

# Bunny

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Tidbits of interesting info from CO-HRS

## Get Ready for the 2017 Spring Fling!

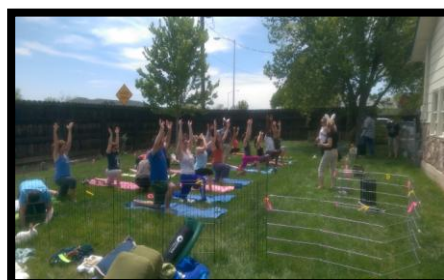
CO HRS is busy prepping for the Spring Fling, our biggest event of the year! We will have several events back by popular demand including the silent auction, bunny toys, tune-ups with bunny massages, and of course bunny yoga! We will also be offering snacks that everyone can enjoy! We also have a new event this year – a 50/50 raffle. 50% of the sales go to the winner and 50% go to the shelter to help care for our sheltered bunnies! The fun starts on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am!

There will be several no-charge events as well. These will include a playground with yard games, scavenger hunt, face painting, pin the tail on the bunny, live entertainment, and a tortoise and hare race featuring “Clint the Wonder Turtle”!

We hope to see you there for what will be a fun day and a great fundraiser for the bunnies! Don't forget, Colorado HRS is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are tax deductible and are a wonderful gift for our sheltered buns!



*Photos from the  
fun at Spring Fling  
2016*



## Spring 2017

At a glance:

We found a forever home!

- Anthony
- Bigelow
- Bronson
- Chester & Chapman
- Crysta & Cricket
- Delbert
- Dooley
- Eeyore
- Herbie
- Hesper
- Janice Hoplin
- Lester
- Lilac & Lavender
- Rex & Rocky
- Tucker & Terry
- Winnie & Draco

Congrats to all the bunnies who found their forever homes, and thank you to all the adopters!

### Interested in volunteering?

We are always in need of dedicated volunteers! Please email [volcoor@coloradohrs.org](mailto:volcoor@coloradohrs.org) to be matched with a volunteer position!

## Donation Needs and News:

[Did you know that you can set up monthly donations to us?](#)

Would you like to help the sheltered bunnies every month? Send an email to [treasurer@coloradohrs.org](mailto:treasurer@coloradohrs.org) with your phone number, and our treasurer will give you the information so you can have your bank make automatic withdrawals come to us monthly as donations.

The ongoing care of all of our sheltered bunnies requires not only volunteer effort but monetary donations as well. If you would like to help contribute toward the care of the sheltered buns, please consider donating!

Donations can be made via the "Donate" button on our website, or send a check or credit card information to:

CO House Rabbit Society  
P.O. Box 238  
Broomfield, CO 80038-0238

Please remember that credit cards cost us part of your donation.

## Spring is in the air!

Remember to keep your bunnies comfortable as we experience temperature extremes during the spring seasons! Rabbits are sensitive to environmental changes, so keep their habitat as stable as possible.

## New Bunny Socializing Volunteer Program

There is an exciting new volunteer program at CO HRS. It provides a much-needed service to the sheltered bunnies, and who doesn't want to hang out with cute bunnies?

In reality, this is an extremely important opportunity for our bunnies. Our shy bunnies tend to get passed over for adoption much more than our social butterflies. When volunteers give their time to bringing these shy bunnies out of their shells, it increases the chances of our more scared bunnies getting adopted. Socialization time helps them become accustomed to human contact – we want them to learn that people mean love and food, not harm!

Are you interested in helping to socialize the sheltered bunnies? Please email [volcoor@coloradohrs.org](mailto:volcoor@coloradohrs.org). The bunnies will thank you!



## Rabbit Trivia:

Jackrabbits have been clocked at a top speed of:

- a) 30 mph
- b) 40 mph
- c) 45 mph

Answer on last page

## Bunny of the Month: Camellia, Carmen, & Caleb

### Bunny Tails:



Tiffany was a stray taken to an animal shelter in an area where there is little demand for rabbits. Thankfully she ended up with us.

This girl has a huge personality! She has been with us for two years, so we would be ecstatic to see her adopted! She can be a bit possessive of her things, so an experienced bunny home would be best.

She is very precocious and is forever making the volunteers smile with her antics. Are you an experienced bunny parent with an available bachelor? Contact us about Tiffany – you won't be disappointed with this funny bunny!

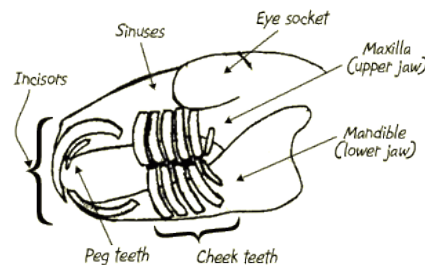
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We would love to find a home for this gorgeous trio! Camellia, Carmen, and Caleb are three of eleven who were born to Carissa, a stray who sat on the porch of a family who had house rabbits. The three were quite friendly, but have become slightly less so after being in a shelter environment for so long. They are a delight to watch as they race and binky around! We are confident their friendliness will return full-force once they are in a loving forever home! The trio was born on December 10, 2013.

### Healthy Hoppers

Keeping an eye on dental health is a huge part of keeping your bunny healthy. Rabbits have 28 teeth: they have 4 incisors, 2 auxiliary incisors (or peg teeth) immediately behind the upper incisors, 6 upper premolars, 4 lower premolars, 6 upper molars, and 6 lower molars.



A continuous supply of quality grass hay goes a long way in keeping up those bunny teeth. The constant grinding action keeps their constantly-growing molars from overgrowing. Unfortunately some bunnies have molars that just don't wear evenly, and they can develop spurs. Not only is this uncomfortable for your pet, but can cause them to stop eating or even develop abscesses. Your vet should check your bunnies' incisors and molars during regular check ups. It is much better to have them filed down before it becomes a much bigger problem.

You may hear the term malocclusion. This is a condition where the top and bottom teeth do not meet correctly and therefore do not wear evenly. If ignored, the teeth can grow into horrifying tusks, rendering the rabbit unable to eat. Responsible rabbit owners take care of the problem before it gets to this point.

## Volunteer Spotlight!

In our spotlight this month is the one and only Beth Skinner! This dedicated cat mom has branched out into the world of bunnies and has become such an asset to CO HRS.

In addition to being part of our regular feeding team (along with her mom!), Beth heads up our social media department. It's a big job that involves not only posting regular news and updates but answering questions from our followers.

Beth is a great example of a volunteer who doesn't own rabbits, but has a generous and willing heart to help the bunnies!

Keep an eye out for her – you may see her taking her kitty Felix for a walk in his stroller or online making a Facebook live post for CO HRS! By the way, we are pretty sure kitties Felix and Gambit are honorary bunnies....



## Community Volunteers:

We would like to send out a huge thank you to all of the groups who came to help the sheltered bunnies this quarter!

- Broomfield Teen Council
- Girl Scouts
- Brownies
- Elevations Credit Union

We appreciate the generosity of those groups who volunteered their time to help the bunnies!

## Painting the Bunny Barn Update

PACFA (Pet Animal Care Facilities Act) has recently required us to make some updates to the shelter. One necessary project was to paint all of the unpainted walls and shelves in the Bunny Barn as well as touch up any surfaces where paint had been nicked. Most of the painting has been completed and the Bunny Barn is looking good! Thanks to all who helped!

## Broomfield Veterinary Clinic Update:

Broomfield Veterinary Clinic is now open for business at their beautiful new location! The sheltered bunnies are certainly lucky to have this state-of-the-art facility right next door! Don't forget how important it is to take your bunnies in for regular checkups. It is important to have a good vet before emergency strikes!



## Our New Bunny Sponsorship Program is Here!

Did you know that to feed and house each bunny it costs about \$1.32 a day - \$40 per month! And we currently have nearly 150 bunnies living in the shelter.

As a sponsor you get your name (or your company's name) attached to the bunny's kennel, you'll also get a thank you from your special bunny along with pictures and regular updates on how they're doing. Oh, and you get the chance to visit your bunny in person and give them snuggles if you want. And of course, once your bunny is adopted we'll let you know. The best part is knowing that you are making a real difference in the life of a bunny. To learn more about sponsoring your own bunny for \$40 per month (\$80 for a pair) please email [sponsoring@coloradohrs.org](mailto:sponsoring@coloradohrs.org).



Rabbit Trivia answer:

C) 45 mph

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## Springtime Safety

The days are getting longer and the air is getting warmer. Now is the time of year when humans and animals alike are venturing outside more (especially during this unseasonably warm spring!)

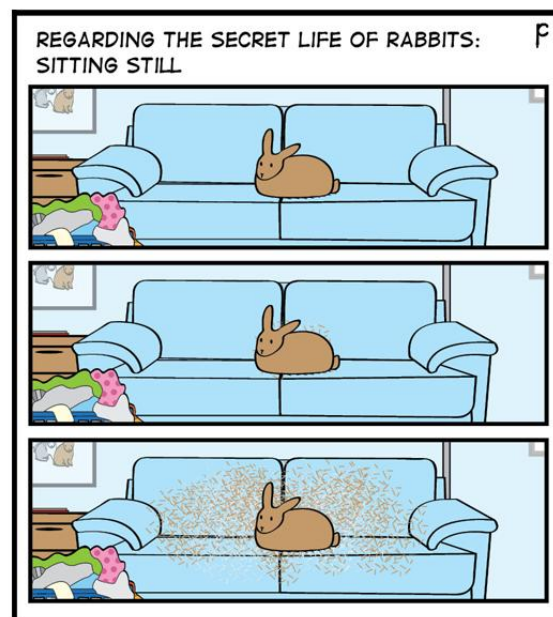
Many bunnies do enjoy time outdoors, but be sure to keep them safe during playtime. Rabbits should always be supervised for outdoor time. Don't forget to ensure that grass and plants are free of pesticides and other dangers.

The safest way to give your bunnies outdoor time is to provide them with a large exercise pen. If you do not have a cover, keep an especially close eye out for hawks and other predators. Always provide fresh water and shade from the sun. Always ensure that flies stay away, since fly strike can be deadly. Bunnies with incontinence issues are especially vulnerable since flies are particularly attracted to their messy bottoms.

You may also notice your bunnies starting to shed more during the changing seasons, so don't forget to keep them brushed in order to prevent them swallowing large amounts of fur.

Since we can have extreme temperature swings this time of year, watch the temperature to ensure your pets are neither too hot nor too cold. With some precautions and vigilance, you and your bunnies can enjoy the beautiful spring weather together!

## *Just for fun*



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