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## Calendar of Events

2011

Saturday, May 21, 2011  
Spring Fling

Saturday, September 17, 2011  
Binky Bash

Sunday, November 20, 2011  
Bunny Boutique

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## 2011 Spring Fling



It's spring, and you know what that means! We're all counting down the days to the all-time favorite event, the Spring Fling! This year promises to be extraordinary because, as many of you know, it's the Chinese Year of the Rabbit! Join us Saturday, May 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m. for a day filled with bunny-lovin' fun! In addition to your favorite traditions, here's a list of what to look forward to this year:

- *Sur-prize Eggs*—a \$10 donation wins you something exciting for the special rabbit in your life.
- *Rabbit Tube Races*—for bunnies who love to run! The challenge is to get your rabbit to race through the long tubes to determine a winner.
- *Feed the Rabbit game* for humans—test your tossing skills and your knowledge of the basic nutritional guidelines for your rabbits' daily diet requirements.

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## Bunny News

Bunny parents: you now have the unique opportunity to get rabbit-related veterinarian assistance in your own home! Click on the **Bunny Hopline** link on the CO-HRS homepage to learn more about how to get your own, personal on-call rabbit vet. Did we mention 25% of the subscription fee goes directly towards CO-HRS veterinary costs? Check it out today!

Another fantastic way to help the shelter bunnies: Now through June 12, **Tagawa Gardens** is hosting the Spring 2011 Fundraising Program. Simply bring the coupon ([http://www.coloradohrs.org/2011\\_TGarden\\_Coupon.htm](http://www.coloradohrs.org/2011_TGarden_Coupon.htm)) with you as you shop for beautiful blooming flowers, planting trees, and other goods. After the program closes, Tagawa will donate a rebate equal to 10 to 25% of the purchases made by our wonderful supporters to support the bunnies at the CO-HRS.

**Spay2Day** is having a special on rabbit spays and neuters for 2011—the "Year of the Rabbit"!! (from April 1st thru Dec. 31st) Find out all about this very timely BUNNY-PALOOZA by clicking on the link on the CO-HRS homepage!



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## NOT HAPPY WITH YOUR RABBITS?

After the excitement of getting a pair of rabbits, are you disappointed with their lack of friendliness toward you? Do you feel like you're just a caretaker, and that they give nothing back? If so, please contact Nancy at [info@coloradohrs.org](mailto:info@coloradohrs.org) or leave a message for her at 303-469-3240. She will work with you to *turn this situation around!* We're not happy until YOU are happy!

## Bunnies Who Have Passed On

Our hearts ache for your loss. We hope you will be consoled in knowing you gave these bunnies the best years of their lives.

- ❖ Maureen Fujii's **Ben**
- ❖ Keith Akers' & Kathryn Lawrence's **Dusty** (He was a Pueblo bunny born in 2000. Given his start in life, it's marvelous that he lived so long.)
- ❖ The Harrell Family's **Chance**
- ❖ The Mazotti Family's **Big Mama**
- ❖ Judith Hopper's **bunny**
- ❖ Terri Harris's **Libby**
- ❖ Anne Blasing & Susan Schmidt's **Chelsea**
- ❖ The Brett Family's **Lily**
- ❖ Diane Jones's Family's **Owen**
- ❖ Christopher Allan's **Lily**
- ❖ Christopher Allan's **Jiggy**
- ❖ Nicole & Casey Lyells's **Audry**
- ❖ Fran Collopy & Paul DiSalvo's **Honey Bee**
- ❖ The Mazotti Family's **Lollipop**
- ❖ MaryKaye Buchtel & Bill Starkey's **Starbuck**
- ❖ MaryKaye Buchtel & Bill Starkey's **Taylor**



## Binky Bash

Going once, going twice, SOLD: The 2011 Binky Bash, an unforgettable night on September 17, 2011 celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Colorado House Rabbit Society.

We are thrilled to announce the most exciting and highly anticipated event in the CO-HRS's history, the Binky Bash, coming this September 17 at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver. The Binky Bash, aptly named for a rabbit's leap of joy, promises to be a night you and your friends and family won't want to miss. This memorable evening will include a delicious, hand-served meal, a silent auction featuring a vast variety of appealing items, a short address by one of the co-managers, and an exciting and engaging live auction.

This special celebration will honor the dedication, commitment, passion, loyalty, service, generosity, and unending love that has driven the Colorado House Rabbit Society since its founding in 1991. Without the caring hearts of our members and volunteers, many rabbits may never have found a loving, forever home, or had a chance at the happy, healthy life these remarkable beings deserve. It's time to honor and celebrate everything and everyone who comprises the spirit of the CO-HRS, so mark your calendars, and tell your friends: The 2011 Binky Bash is not to be missed!

Editor's note: more information regarding tickets and event details will follow as the event date approaches.



# STARFISH AWARD



*"An old man walked up a beach littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. 'Why bother?' the old man scoffed. 'You're not saving enough to make a difference.' The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back into the water. 'Made a difference to that one,' he said."*

**Tonni Loutzenhiser**

Written by Olympus the rabbit

Awarded by Nancy LaRoche & Rachel Bellamy

With more than 100 rabbits at the shelter, can you imagine doing our grocery shopping for the entire week, every week? Well, that is only part of what Tonni does for the bunnies at the Colorado House Rabbit Society. Every Monday she visits the vegetable wholesaler, places our weekly order (waiting with a zen-like patience because often these orders are slow to fill), and drives the multiple boxes of veggies up to the shelter. After arriving and unpacking the boxes, she sorts our veggies and decides what needs to be given for each day of the week (making sure that we are receiving an ample variety of leafy and crunchy goodness), and she labels the bags and stores them away for the feeding crews.



Speaking of feeding crews, Tonni is also the feeding coordinator for the CO-HRS bunnies. This is a position with which Nancy was desperately needing help. Well, Tonni stepped up and volunteered for the position and the rabbits (and Nancy and Rachel) have been unbelievably grateful ever since. Tonni connects with our volunteer coordinator to find people to volunteer to feed hungry rabbits each day of the week. She then meets with and trains all of the feeders, takes care of updating the feeding guideline, and relays feedback to each of the feeding teams. Tonni finds and trains our team leaders for each day of the week AND – if a shift is short of volunteers and a substitute cannot be found – Tonni is the person who comes in and ensures that all of the bunnies have hay, pellets, veggies, full water dishes, and that very important papaya treat.

Prior to being the feeding coordinator, Tonni was a crate cleaner – one of the Monday "leftover cleaners" who came in when there were uncleaned crates at the end of the weekend. On some Mondays there were a LOT of leftover crates, and all of the rabbits remain grateful for those Monday cleaners, both past and present.

You may recognize Tonni's name from the educator list—Tonni went through the educator training program after Rachel and Nancy asked her to be their liaison at the Longmont Humane Society. You see, Tonni was also a volunteer at the Longmont shelter, looking out for the rabbits there. She has given rabbit presentations at their summer Kid's Club programs, helped with their adoption information, and in general, been a guardian angel for so, so, so many rabbits at that shelter.

Additionally, Tonni goes the extra mile to ensure that bunnies needing special care are loved and taken care of. Thanks to Tonni, many wonderful rabbits, including Bellamy and Narcissa, and Twinkle and her babies, found their way to a special place where they are matched with a loving, forever home.

In closing, Tonni—all of the rabbits and volunteers at the shelter, past and present, are so appreciative for all of your hard work and devotion to their care. Nancy and Rachel are grateful beyond words. Thank you, for all that you do.



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