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## Bunnies & Brews celebrates spring with animals, beer and food

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Kids making friends with the bunnies Photo Vera Kochan

The Town of Moraga has begun celebrating all that is springtime with its 2nd annual "Bunnies & Brews" event for the whole family. The Parks and Recreation Department's festivities took place at the Hacienda de las Flores (hence the advertised description of "a Hacienda hoppy hour") on March 10, and the weather did more than cooperate with mildly cool temperatures and sunny skies. The premise of the four-hour function was for adults to enjoy some beer from Moraga's Canyon Club Brewery, Lafayette's Headlands Brewing Company, and Oakland's Ghost Town Brewing (who was sponsored by Moraga's Chamber of Commerce). "We see there are brew fests in other cities that have major breweries," stated Recreation Coordinator Donald Scully. "Having a couple of breweries around town makes this possible for us." As for lunch, three food trucks were on hand that offered a variety of choices for anyone's taste buds. Ofie's Kitchen served up burgers, hotdogs, and fries, while Golden Gate Gyro tempted folks with Middle

Eastern comfort food, and Bombzies BBQ offered a variety of Asian barbecue specialties. Not leaving out the youngsters, childcare was provided by the Moraga Day Camp staff in the Casita building for kids aged 4 - 12, with supervised activities such as coloring, arts & crafts, or games. You can't have a "Bunnies & Brews" event without the bunnies, and there were more bunnies on hand than you could shake a carrot stick at. Twenty bunnies in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors hopped around a large enclosure that featured kid-sized furniture (for photo ops), and plush pet houses for the animals to hang out in. Joining the bunnies were two crescent ducks, a small pig, and a goat, all provided by Cute & Cuddle Mobile Petting Zoo (<http://cuteandcuddlemobilepettingzoo.godaddysites.com>). With the unpredictability of this season's rain forecasts, "The weather was scaring me," said Scully, but he needn't have worried as approximately 250 attendees came out to enjoy a pint and a pet.

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