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The Companion

September 2021

Supporting Planned Pethood: Volunteers working to improve the lives of companion animals in Montezuma & Dolores Counties, Colorado

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FOR PETS' SAKE Annual MEETING: August 2021

On August 29, 2021, For Pets' Sake held its Annual Meeting in Cortez City Park. Required in the bylaws, the annual meeting is where we elect, or re-elect, Board members and FPS program managers present a brief summary of their programs and their achievements for the past year. Reports were provided on Cat Foster, Dog Foster, Feral Cat, Spay/Neuter, and Medical Programs. Membership, Grants, and Endowment Fund information was also reported. The normal potluck was again part of the meeting, after being set aside last year due to COVID. Everyone brought goodies to share and plenty of leftovers went home with members. Thank You to all who came to the park for the Annual Meeting. We so wish more members would come out and join us, but for those who do, it is great to see everyone and share the successes For Pets' Sake has achieved. **Together, we really can do so much more.**



PARVO ALERT

For Pets' Sake is receiving more and more calls from people whose puppies and dogs have Parvo. This can usually be prevented with a vaccination, and FPS pays half up to \$25 for each vaccination for puppies or kittens.

FPS is also seeing a rise in panleukopenia in kittens (the cat equivalent to Parvo).

What is most DISTURBING is we are also seeing cases of Parvo: 1) in adult dogs up to 2 or 3 years old, and 2) in puppies and dogs that have been fully vaccinated. Vets are telling us that new variants have developed. If you have a puppy or adult dog showing signs of Parvo (vomiting, smelly bloody diarrhea, weight loss, fever, and/or lethargy) make sure to take your dog to the vet and test for Parvo right away, even if your pet was vaccinated and even if you believe your pet is too old to develop Parvo. Don't wait.

If your vaccinated dog does develop a breakthrough case of Parvo, he/she has a better chance of surviving, so please vaccinate your pets and keep all vaccinations up to date. We can't stress enough how important this is!

DOLORES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program

As you have seen in previous newsletters, the Summer Reading Program, *Tails and Tales*, at the Dolores Public Library was dedicated to raising funds for FPS. The kids turned in 954 hours of reading (!!!!) and at 50¢/hour, that means a donation of \$477.00 to For Pets' Sake in the name of their 2021 summer readers! According to Cheyenne Baber, Children's Programming, *"We have had so many families over the last two months tell us that their children were motivated to read more than normal because of the impact they would be able to make for local pets, so I know they will be excited as well."*

A BIG Thank You to Dolores Public Library for partnering with FPS this summer! And most of all, a HUGE Thank You to the summer readers: Children helping local pets.



PENNIES FOR PETS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth at the Farmers' Market and donated your pennies (nickles, dimes, quarters, and dollar bills)! Altogether we raised \$517.



NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday • September 16th • 6:30 pm

Thursday • October 21st • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387

ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

It's not too early to start gearing up for Turkey Trot. Held Thanksgiving Morning at Parque de Vida, registration begins at 9:00 am. The Trot begins at 10:00 and you are home in time to prepare your Thanksgiving dinner. Please plan to participate and get your special Turkey Trot T-shirt.

SPAYING AND NEUTERING

The Key to For Pets' Sake Mission

The goal of For Pets' Sake is to eliminate the suffering of unwanted animals by preventing them from being born in the first place. Planned Pethood has always been our motto. Being unwanted is the most frequent cause of death in dogs and cats. This situation is presented to FPS every day with litters of kittens or puppies in need of homes and almost daily calls regarding dogs and cats owners can no longer keep.

For Pets' Sake puts a considerable portion of their budget into Spay/Neuter. In 2020, 33% of the FPS budget was allocated to our different spay/neuter programs. For many years FPS has paid up to ½ of the spaying/neutering of owned animals. With much gratitude to Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund Grants, half up to \$55 is covered for each procedure for low income residents. For Pets' Sake makes up the rest if needed from the General Fund. This Fall, thanks to CPOF and generous donations made by YOU, FPS is offering a flat rate S/N program. Low income families may utilize this program and pay only \$40 for a dog spay, \$30 for a dog neuter, \$30 for a cat spay, and \$20 for a cat neuter. FPS and our grant pays the rest.

The FPS Feral Cat Program pays 100% of the spay/neuter for each outdoor cat in the program. FPS continues to have an impact on the feral cat population, and since the program's inception in 2009 has fixed over 4750 cats. Unfortunately there are many more still to do. Many of these spays each year are covered 100% by Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter certificates.

Another key step in fulfilling the FPS Spay/Neuter Mission is making sure that every foster dog or cat is spayed or neutered before



adoption. For adult cats and older kittens, this means FPS pays the cost directly. For kittens and puppies, and sometimes even older dogs, we rely on our transfer partners to handle the surgery. Our partners receive our fosters, spay and neuter them, and then place them for adoption. This saves FPS many hundreds of dollars a year.

For every animal FPS spays/neuters, fewer unwanted animals will be born and **hopefully more animals will find loving, forever homes.**

Take Walter, for Example. . .

This was his adopted owner Elizabeth's post for National Dog Day. Here's what she said: *"Happy National Dawg Day to the ones who continually teach us the art of the chase, implacable constancy, carefree revelry, and the true meaning of companionship."*



Walter's New Life

Huge Yard Sale!

Wednesday * Thursday * Friday * Saturday * September 15-18, 2021, 8:00 am-3:00 pm
Montezuma County Fairgrounds, Highway 160, East of Cortez



Donations Accepted at the building

Tuesday, September 14, 11:00 am-6:00 pm.

Early Donation times and pickup of LARGE items may be arranged. Call 970-565-7387.

Please, NO computers, printers, or other techtronics, NO televisions, NO tires!

FPS Needs Volunteers to Help at the Yard Sale!!!

This is our largest fundraiser of the year so we really need to make it count. Can **YOU** help? Setup day is Monday, Sept 13th, so we especially need trucks for hauling items to the Fairgrounds.

Donation Day: Tuesday, Sept 14 (**we need the MOST people & more trucks**)

Sale: Wednesday-Saturday – Need MANY hands!

Clean-Up, Sunday & Monday (more people & trucks)

Email Suzanne at sdbfield@aol.com

And we're expecting more merchandise than ever, so come over to the Fairgrounds and Buy, Buy, Buy!

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

VAX Clinic: FPS will hold a VAX clinic this fall at the Annex. Final arrangements and date are being worked out with Montezuma Vet.

Look for the exact date in next month's newsletter and on Facebook.

October Bake Sale: Looks like the ghosts and goblins of COVID have once again devoured our chances to have a bake sale. Bake some goodies and treat yourself.

FOSTER HIGHLIGHT: SOPHIE

Sophie came to us as a feral cat who had been in a colony about a year and a half. As she became increasingly more friendly, it was decided that we would try to trap her. It was obvious that she was in need of medical care and had she stayed there, she would not have survived. I had never seen a more pathetic creature. She was dirty, matted, extremely ill, and alarmingly thin. Bless her heart, she weighed only 3 lbs. 3 oz. – the weight of a three-month old kitten. Her hair was so matted that it couldn't be cut out. After a thorough medical evaluation, it was determined that she was an older lady with no teeth, suffering from Coronavirus. Now before you get excited, this is not the same type that humans get and in fact is quite common among cats and livestock, etc. With lots of TLC and time, Miss Sophie did recover. She showed us just how tough she really is. The hair that had to be shaved started to grow back and she was starting to look like a regular cat. Now we were faced with the dilemma of what to do with an older cat. Her picture was sent to shelters in hope that someone would want her. But fate stepped in, there was a local lady who was looking for an older cat after losing her own cat. Prayers were answered. She went to her new home and although it was not love at first sight for her, she has settled in and has become a beloved member of her family. Sophie now weighs a whopping 5 lbs. What a lucky girl!



CLIFFROSE GARDEN CENTER AND GIFTS

Cliffrose and owner Ric Plese are constant and long-term supporters. This year Cliffrose held two unique fundraisers to benefit For Pets' Sake. A large tub of beautiful German iris bulbs were donated and Cliffrose gave them away for a \$5 or \$10 donation to FPS. Total sales resulted in over \$257 to help owned animals in our area.

In addition, Cliffrose is collecting Desert Dollars customers will not use. . . those traveling through, not needed, etc. and donating the total value of the these dollars to For Pets' Sake at the end of the cash in period, September 15. IF you have Desert dollars you don't intend to use, please turn them in at Cliffrose before the deadline. We'll announce the results in our next newsletter.

Thank you to Ric and Cliffrose for once again helping For Pets' Sake. As always Ric continues to be creative in finding new ways to help local animals.

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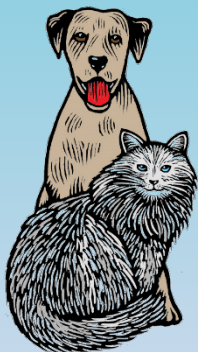
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