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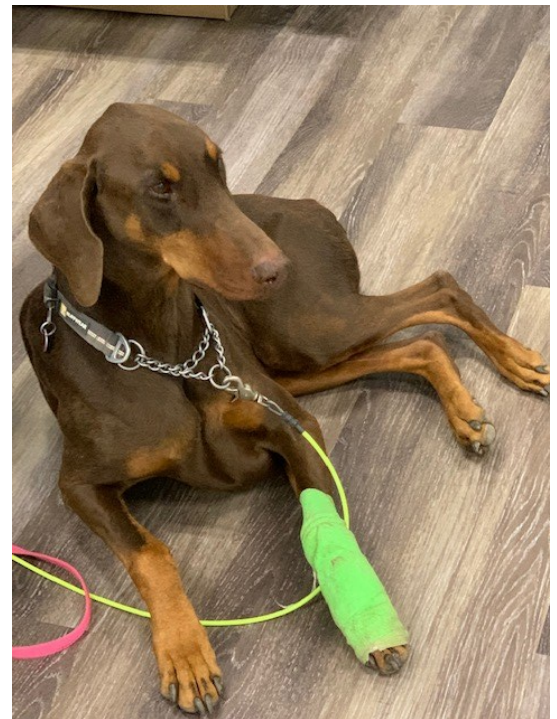
CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

The year 2021 provided an opportunity to make several changes in the way For Pets' Sake communicates with our members and the public at large. Hopefully you have all noticed the new format for our newsletter. It is updated in style and also in technology, using Constant Contact for email delivery. We are still focusing on events (if we can have them) and successes with our programs, but we hope you are enjoying the new, fresh look, and the stories of the animals you have helped FPS save. Thanks to board member Shere Holleman for using her artistic talents to upgrade our Newsletter.

Another exciting change during 2021, was the recently released new FPS website. Again, this has included an upgrade in technology, making the website available on many platforms and providing required ADA accessibility. You will find it easier to use, enjoy the adorable photographs, and keep up to date on FPS activities. Note the counters on the Feral Cat Page!! These will change several times a month to keep followers updated on the continued success of the project. Seeing those numbers really tells a true FPS success story.

For many years FPS has wanted to update the website but hesitated to spend the money that could instead be spent assisting animals in need. To address this, FPS applied for and received a grant from the Ballantine Family Fund to facilitate this upgrade. Please be sure to visit the website to see all the new and exciting changes.

You may click through to the website from this newsletter, or visit www.forpetsakehs.org. A big thank you to the Ballantine Family Fund for making this possible.



HOW WE HELPED IN 2021 WITH A LOT OF HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

In 2021, For Pets' Sake still faced many challenges: Delta, Omicron, overworked vets, supply chain issues, lots of Parvo cases, etc. Nevertheless, For Pets' Sake made major strides in helping animals in their times of need. Thanks to **YOU** here is some of what FPS accomplished. *(continued on the next page.)*

How we helped, continued. . .

Emergency Medical Assistance was provided to 228 sick or injured animals. Due to a generous grant from the **Animal Assistance Foundation**, an **Onward! Foundation Grant**, and **YOU, our members**, we were able to increase the amount of assistance provided to each animal and make life-saving contributions toward their well-being.

The **Feral Cat Project** fixed and provided needed medical care to 403 feral cats: 201 spays and 202 neuters. It also provided over 25,300 pounds of food to 566 cats in 47 colonies. **Friends of the Aspen Shelter** provided **100 spay vouchers** for the feral cat program. See the separate article about the success of the Feral Cat Project, and an exciting update at the beginning of 2022.

The **Cat Foster Program** fostered 24 adult cats and 123 kittens. Through our partnerships with **CARE in Glenwood Springs**, **Eagle Animal Services**, and other regional and state rescues, as well as local adoptions, 27 adults and 122 kittens found forever homes. There are still several cats and kittens in foster care.

The **Dog Foster Program** returned to FPS in February with the welcome addition of our new Dog Foster Coordinator, Debbie Davis.



Intake of animals began in March. From mid-march through December, FPS took in 22 adult dogs and 55 puppies for a total of 77 canines. We transferred to our **many rescue partners** 20 adult dogs and 46 puppies for a total of 66. We adopted out 1 adult dog, and 1 puppy during 2021 and ended the year with 1 adult and 3 puppies in foster homes.

Pet Food Assistance fed many hungry pets by distributing 26,826 pounds of food to 882 dogs and 574 cats. Requests from families in need totaled 520. FPS received assistance from the **Colorado Pet Pantry** with 10 pallets of dog and cat food, **IFA Feeding Furriends** program with two pallets of dog and cat food, and **Walmart** for over 18,000 pounds of dog and cat food, as well as many assorted cans of food and treats.

That's a total of 2,639 cats and dogs FPS assisted in 2021 thanks to help from our many partners and support from **YOU!**

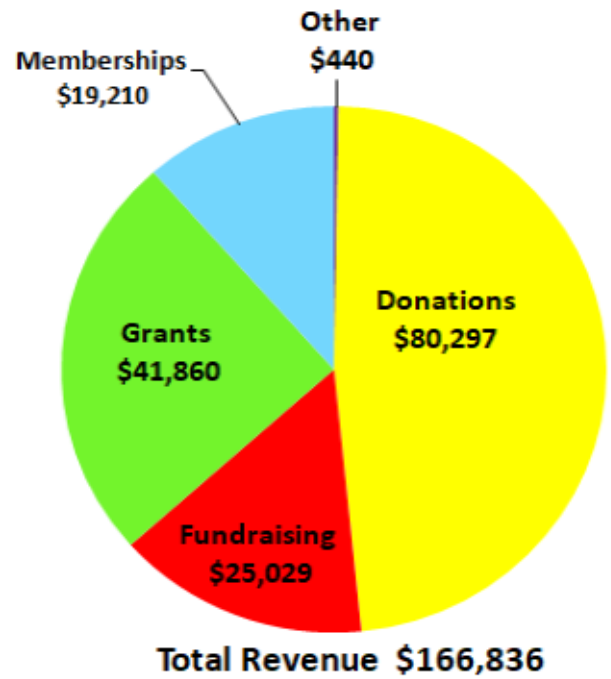
2021: The Year We Put FUN Back in FUNdraisers

And did we do some fundraising! Our in-person events were back, better than ever, and provided 15% of our revenue. Thanks to you and our friends in the community – some of whom had been saving yard sale items for two years – the Fairgrounds Beef Barn was stuffed full with treasures for sale. The Fall Yard Sale grossed \$19,799 which was the highest amount ever for a four-day sale! The Turkey Trot also raised an all-time high amount of \$4,595. And we had the pleasure of talking to and trotting with our two- and four-legged friends who always entertain us with their creative costumes. We missed the Bake Sales and the Wine Fest due to COVID concerns, but the events we did have were the BEST!

Grants received from the Animal Assistance Foundation, Ballantine Family Fund, Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund, Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter, and the Onward! Foundation were instrumental to funding our programs and provided 25.09% of total revenue. The grant from the Ballantine Family Fund was specifically for website development. Our updated website is up and running and looks amazing. Check it out!

Donations from our members, business members and friends made up 48.13% of our revenue. We were especially fortunate to receive a large bequest from two long-time supporters. Memberships, individual and pet, provided 11.51% of total revenue and increased \$4,085 from the year before.

How did we spend the money? \$144,479 or 86.6% of revenue was spent for direct services to animals— medical, spay/neuter, food,



vaccinations, and fosters The remaining was spent for fundraising costs such as rent for the yard sale building and administrative expenses such as advertising, publishing, postage, internet fees, licenses, storage, and insurance.

What a **FUN** year we had! **THANK YOU FROM THE FPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!**

Liz Markum/ Treasurer



Animal Food Drive: A Big Success

IFA's Feeding Furriends Animal Food Drive was a success! This is the first donation of 61 bags of Victor Mers Cat Food.

Pictured left to right are Brenna Yates, IFA Cortez Feed and Tack department manager, Mark Anderson, IFA Cortez Branch Manager, Dick Lundberg of For Pets' Sake Humane Society, and Tanner Young, IFA Cortez Assistant Branch Manager. Lots of hungry kit-ies are going to be very happy!

ANIMAL ARTWORKS

The Tradition Continues



**Save the date: March 26
4:00—6:30 PM**

Turquoise Raven Gallery, Cortez
More information in the March newsletter.

NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday • February 17th • 6:30 pm

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Call for information. (970) 565-7387

The IRS and Charitable Donations

Just like last year, individuals, including married individuals filing separate returns, who take the standard deduction can claim a deduction of up to \$300 on their 2021 federal income tax for their charitable cash contributions made to certain qualifying charitable organizations. For married individuals filing a joint return, the maximum deduction is increased to \$600. These special changes could help people when they file their 2021 federal tax returns in 2022. [More info here.](#)

February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

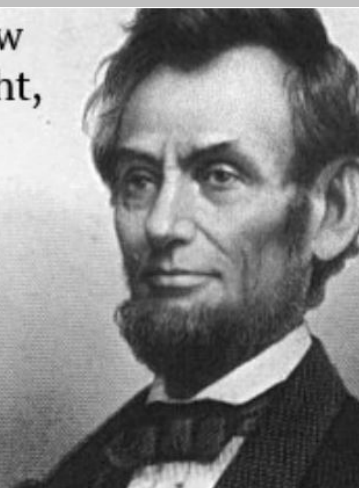
Launched in 1995, World Spay Day is an annual campaign that aims to encourage people to save animal lives by spaying and neutering companion animals and feral cats. World Spay Day itself is celebrated annually on the fourth Tuesday in February (February 22nd in 2022), but all of February is recognized as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.

Puppy and kitten season is coming so help us spread the word about For Pets' Sake 50/50 funding assistance on spaying and neutering.

Call (970) 565-7387 for information.

No matter how
much cats fight,
there always
seem to be
plenty of
kittens.

Abraham Lincoln





The Feral Cat Project continued to fix LOTS of feral cats in 2021. While direct donations to the FCP were down over \$6,000 this past year and FCP grant money was down over \$12,000, For Pets' Sake received a large bequest from a long-time member and supporter who died of COVID early in the year. The portion allocated to the FCP allowed us to have one of our best years ever.

- 403 cats fixed: 201 spays (100 of which were paid for by the Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter - thank you!) and 202 neuters
- 4964 cats fixed since the start of the program in 2009
- 107 colonies served, 69 of which were new in 2021
- 116 cats and kittens to foster and 19 rescued from feral cat colonies
- Over 25,300 pounds of heavily discounted food provided to 566 cats in 47 colonies



As of December 31, we were up to colony #626, with 43 colonies still being actively trapped: 31 by their caretakers and 12 by FPS volunteers. There were 15 colonies still on the waiting list.

And of course, we're not resting on our successes of 2021, on January 24th we fixed our **5,000th** cat!

Many thanks to the many people who help make the Feral Cat Project such a success: trappers, feeders, food distributors, caretakers, and our many donors. Thank you. The outdoor cats of southwest Colorado need you all.
~Marian Rohman

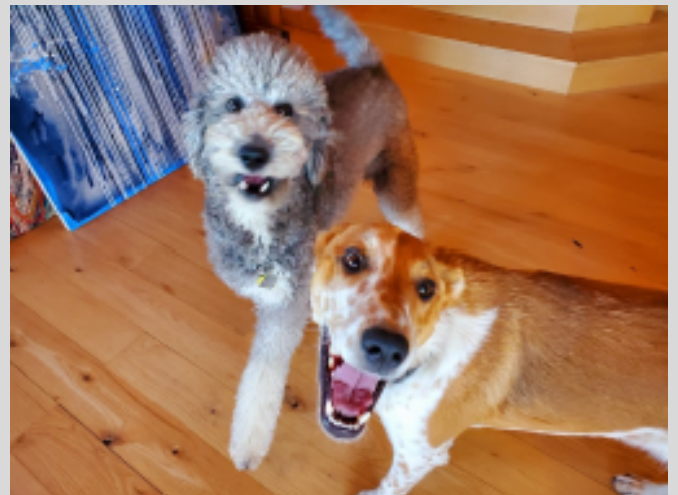


FPS Board Member Highlight

Shere Holleman has worked for non-profit organizations most of her life. She started her career as a public school art teacher and went on to get her Masters degree in Adult Education. She retired from Boulder Valley School District after serving as an Administrator and managing the Lifelong Learning Program for over 12 years.

Since leaving BVSD, Shere has worked as a Grant Officer for the Hemera Foundation in Boulder where she was able to be on the "giving" end of the grant world. She currently works for a virtual non-profit organization called the Academy for International School Heads (AISH). AISH supports Heads from International Schools from over 90 different countries. She appreciates their mission to encourage children to become responsible global citizens.

A move to the Four Corners area four years ago brought Shere to Dolores where she set up her studio and now makes art on a ridge overlooking Canyons of the Ancients Monument. She lives with her three dogs and cares for the feral cats, deer, birds, rabbits, foxes, and other creatures that share her land. She looks forward to contributing to For Pets' Sake and doing whatever she can to help make Montezuma County a happy, caring, and healthy place for us all to live.



Shere's dogs Fossey and Frida in front of one of her paintings.

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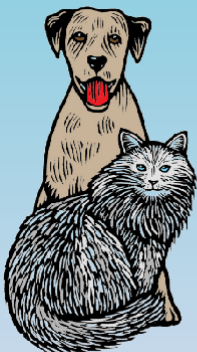
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