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A CHANGE IN THE SEASONS

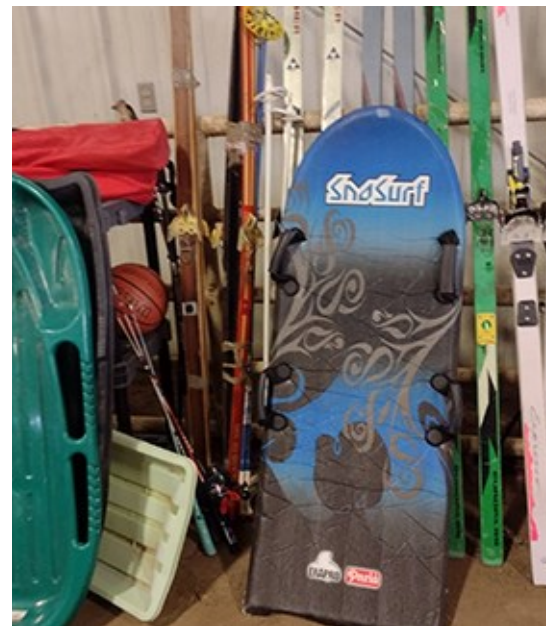
Fall is in the air! Cooler temperatures are coming and it is hard to believe we are already into October. We are putting our fall vaccination clinic on hold due to other lower-cost clinics being offered in the area. (Please see information on these clinics later in the newsletter.) It's time once again to enjoy spooktacular treats at the FPS Halloween Bake Sale on October 29th. Taste buds that have been on hold for the last two years will be brought back to life with Halloween bake sale sweet treats. Completing the FPS fall season of events, the 19th Annual Turkey Trot will take place on Thanksgiving morning. Please plan to join us for this Thanksgiving tradition and add a new commemorative T-shirt to your collection. (More information in this newsletter.)

Community businesses continue to support For Pets' Sake. Thanks go out to Cliffrose, and Zu Gallery, for their creative ways of supporting FPS. We also look forward to an event at Eso Terra Cidery in the spring. With the yard sale, we couldn't make it happen this fall, but we look forward to planning a very special fundraiser.



Another change that happens every fall is our election of officers. All of our current officers were re-elected: Lynn Dyer, President; Pam Smith, Vice President, Suzanne Butterfield, Secretary; and Liz Markum, Treasurer. For Pets' Sake has many Board members and volunteers who make our programs a success.

FPS has just finished an amazingly successful Yard Sale and we are so grateful to all those who labored to make it such a success (see newsletter article).



FPS, however, still faces the same reality. . . we need new, young people if the organization is to continue. Fundraising events take their toll more with each passing year. Our feral cat, cat foster, dog rescue and foster, owned-animal medical assistance, spay/neuter, and food distribution programs are provided to the community only through For Pets' Sake.

Please consider stepping up and helping with our programs and at our fundraisers. Many hands, and stronger hands, make lighter work for everyone, and are necessary if For Pets' Sake is to continue to serve local pets and their people. We are so grateful for our hard-working board and volunteers, but as with most non profits, we always need more help.

We need YOU.

ROXY UPDATE

NOT SO FAST. Y'all probably read the story about Roxy in last month's newsletter and were happy to see at the end of the story that she had been adopted. And we thought she had. A potential adopter had committed to her, but then a few days before she was scheduled to be adopted, there was a second meeting and Roxy and the resident dog got into a scrap. The resident dog kept harassing her and Roxy ignored him at first, then stiffened, even gave him a few low growls, but he persisted and she finally reacted. Nobody got hurt, but it was enough that the potential adopter said no. Poor Roxy. She reacted the way most any dog would, but it cost her a potential home and obviously that was not the right home for her. So she's back on the market. Please read about Roxy below, and if you think you might know someone who is an experienced dog owner and willing to continue her training, please let us know.



On July 11th, the For Pets' Sake Dog Program Coordinator was contacted by an employee at the Cortez Shelter. One of her neighbors witnessed a dog being pushed out of a red SUV several days earlier, and the dog had been running around the neighborhood ever since. We took a

trap to the neighbor's property and got it set up with some rotisserie chicken. The next morning, the dog was in the trap and once we had her loaded up, she proved to be sweet and friendly and not aggressive at all. We named her Roxy and she appears to be about a year to a year and a half old, maybe a Catahoula Great Dane mix. She is a beautiful girl with unusual markings and a powerful dog just learning leash manners. We discovered she already knows some commands including sit, down, shake, stay.

She's been living in foster home Debbie and John Davis' guest house by herself for about 6 weeks, and she's behaved flawlessly. No messes, no destruction. We got her fully vetted and spayed. She's been introduced to four of the Davis' resident dogs so far, and she's done beautifully with all of them. She's goofy and fun and exuberant—a really great dog and we're determined to find her the best possible forever home where she'll never be abandoned again. I think Roxy would do well in just about any home. She might be a little too powerful for tiny children, but she's met older children and did really well. She loves people of all varieties. If you or anyone you know think Roxy might be a good addition to your home, please let us know.

Debbie Davis/ For Pets' Sake Dog Program Coordinator
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MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

We are Jon and Rachel Ficken. We're from Utah but moved to Colorado in 2015 where our youngest son attended Fort Lewis College. I (Rachel) started becoming involved in a Trap, Neuter, Return

(TNR) program for feral cats back in Utah. When we moved to Colorado I wanted to continue trying to make a difference in the community but most importantly, I wanted to make the lives of these cats a little better. I reached out to For Pet's Sake to see how I can help. My husband eventually started going out with me to trap and it has become a passion for him as well. He does all of the transporting to and from the spay/neuter appointments.

In addition to TNR we are also involved in fostering and rescuing. We try to find homes for our TNR cats that are not necessarily categorized as being feral. I'm happy to say that we are responsible for several "happy endings." Most of our own pets are rescues. We have a tripod that we rescued from a local reservation and we also have some TNR cats that are now a part of our family.



FELINE PANLEUKOPENIA VIRUS

What is Feline Panleukopenia (FPV)?

Also known as feline distemper or feline parvovirus, panleukopenia is a highly contagious and life-threatening disease in cats, mostly affecting kittens, sick or unvaccinated cats. It is related to canine parvovirus though is not communicable to dogs, nor vice versa.

What are the Symptoms?

The virus can vary in severity from mild to extreme and deadly. Common symptoms of feline distemper are lethargy, depression, loss of appetite, dehydration, vomiting, diarrhea, high fever and weight loss. Sometimes in kittens, the virus acts so quickly that the only clinical sign is sudden death.

How is the Virus Transmitted?

In an infected cat, the virus is shed in all excretions, particularly the feces. It can be transmitted through direct contact from cat to cat, can be transferred by a contaminated bowl or bedding and can be passed along by people, on their hands, shoes or clothing after they have come in contact with and infected cat. It can also be transferred from a mother cat to her kittens in-utero which can result in birth defects. It is a very resilient virus that can survive for years in contaminated environments and is resistant to many disinfectants.

What is the Treatment?

Since panleukopenia is a virus, there is no cure and sometimes only aggressive supportive treatments can better the prognosis. Without support, panleukopenia can have a very high mortality rate. Intravenous and/or subcutaneous fluids and intensive nursing care are critical to manage symptoms. Antibiotics can be given to help control any secondary bacterial infections. Anti-nausea medication can also be beneficial.

How can you Prevent Panleukopenia?

There is a highly effective and safe vaccine that is part of the core vaccine series for cats and kittens and is the surest way to prevent this potentially fatal virus. Annual boosters must be repeated to maintain effective immunity. Pet owners should consult with their veterinarian for advice on vaccination schedules.



Tigger, a previous FPS foster and survivor of panleukopenia

MORE NEWS

The Results Are In!!! Unused Desert Dollars donated back to Cliffrose, for the benefit of For Pets' Sake, totaled \$542. Ric plans to continue the program, as many customers do not take desert dollars for future purchases.

For Pets' Sake sends a Big Thank You to Ric and Cliffrose for continuing to support us. Woof, woof, and Meow.

Once again For Pets' Sake ranked number three in the Best of Cortez non-profit category, following the Pinon Project and Four Corners Child Advocacy Center. Pretty good company!! Thanks to everyone who voted for us. It is heartwarming to see Cortez values those non-profits who care for people and animals.

The FPS Yard Sale was Huge and a Huge Success

Once again the community came through with lots of donations and followed up with lots of purchases at the sale. The Yard Sale Team can't begin to thank the many volunteers who put in countless hours to make the sale exceptional. Without them, the sale would not have been possible. We are grateful to have raised over \$13,000 to help many needy animals and their owners in our community. We look forward to another great sale in the future, but we need more and stronger hands. See YOU next year!!!



FIRST FRIDAY | October 7, 7-8:00 pm Montezuma Mutt Calendar Release Party

On the next First Friday in Cortez, it's the special release party for the Montezuma Mutts Calendar. **\$5 from each calendar sale, from NOW until the night of the event, will benefit For Pets' Sake Humane Society.** You may purchase your calendar here: <https://zugallery.square.site/product/MMC2023/1051> or the night of the event.

Receive a free "doggie bag" with purchase while supplies last – some will include a token for a free calendar, complimentary ZU-mosas and snacks! For Pets' Sake members are encouraged to join in the fun. Let's show our support for this local business supporting FPS.

FALL VAX CLINICS

FPS has put our fall vaccination clinic on hold due to other lower-cost clinics being offered in the area. Den kai recently offered a low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinic. They plan to hold a clinic on a monthly basis. Information and links will be provided on the FPS Facebook Page. Rez Dog Rescue will hold a vaccination clinic on October 8 at the Towaoc Animal Shelter for DOGS ONLY. FREE distemper parvo AND rabies vaccines! All friendly doggies are welcome. FPS will continue to monitor the availability of vaccination clinics in the area. If we determine there is still a need, we will offer them in the future.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

Thursday • **October 20th** • 6:30 pm

Thursday • **November 17th** • 6:30 pm

Call for information and meeting location.

(970) 565-7387

Halloween Bake Sale, October 29, Cortez City Market, 10:00-1:00

Don't miss the spooktacular For Pets' Sake Halloween Bake Sale. Bring those taste buds back to life and take home a special treat as all the fantastic bakers come up with delicious baked items. The trick is you are also helping needy animals with your purchase. Hope to see you there!

19th Annual Cortez Turkey Trot: November 24, 2022 (1-Mile Fun Walk)

For Pets and Their People

The tradition continues and it's not too early to start gearing up for the Turkey Trot. Registration begins at 9:30 am Thanksgiving morning at the Parque de Vida Pavillion. The Trot begins at 10:00 and you will be home in time to enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner. We hope you and your best friend will join us and make this a family tradition. You'll get your special 2022 Turkey Trot T-shirt. They're becoming collector items!





Halloween BAKE SALE

To Benefit
**FOR PETS' SAKE
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SATURDAY • OCTOBER 29

10:00am to 1:00pm

CITY MARKET/North Entrance

YOU CAN HELP!



Bakers - please drop off your goodies at City Market Saturday morning starting at 9:30am. Early drop-offs can be made at *XTROV Realty (444 E. Montezuma behind City Market) Friday, October 28th, 10:00am to 2:00pm.*



Pick up some home-baked goodies for yourself, family and friends on Saturday . It's easy!



Or stop by and make a Kind-Hearted donation to For Pets' Sake for pets sake!

If you have any questions, please call (970) 565-PETS/7387.

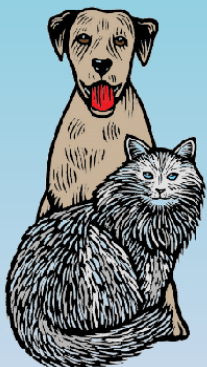
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