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### Happy Pawlidays!

There's a saying that "The older you get, the faster time flies." If the pace of 2022 flying by is any indication of age, it looks like a lot of us are in trouble. Time certainly does fly when moving from one animal crisis to another, and then from one animal success to the next. This past year has been extremely rewarding with the number of animals For Pets' Sake has been able to save, especially those that had critical issues. (See two happy stories later in the newsletter.)

Our four-legged loved ones are always ready to share love (and food) with us at any time of the year, and although we are always grateful for their unselfish love, even they take on a special "sparkle" during the holiday season.

In 2022 For Pets' Sake was able to hold a Fall yard sale providing much needed revenue for our programs. So many of you helped with the sale, donated items, and purchased them, resulting in revenue gratefully added to the FPS bank account. Thanks to everyone who participated! Bake Sales returned with gusto in 2022 at the Halloween sale. All the pent-up cooking energy, and sugar craving, for the past two years surfaced as more and more items were dropped off and purchased before they could

even get a price tag. FPS is hoping for a repeat with the Holiday Bake Sale. Pennies For Pets at the Farmers Market brought in much needed currency. It is always fun to see how many people save up their pennies, nickels, dimes, etc., just for this event.

The County Annex proved again to be a great location for the FPS low-cost vaccination clinic held there in the spring. Thanks always to Dr. Michelle, from Montezuma Vet, for making it happen. Due to the offering of other low-cost vaccination clinics in the area, FPS has decided to monitor the need for our clinics. If a need is evident, they will be offered again. In 2022 the tradition continued at the 19th Annual For Pets' Sake Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. Many of you were happy to be out and about on a cool, crisp day to trot your stuff for the benefit of FPS. (See story and photos later in this newsletter)

In the spirit of the holidays, please remember For Pets' Sake in your holiday giving. Colorado Gives Day is December 6th and you can donate at the link on the last page. Your holiday mailing will also be sent shortly. FPS hopes you will, once again, remember all the dogs and cats that depend on For Pets' Sake and continue to help us help them.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO**

## NEW HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

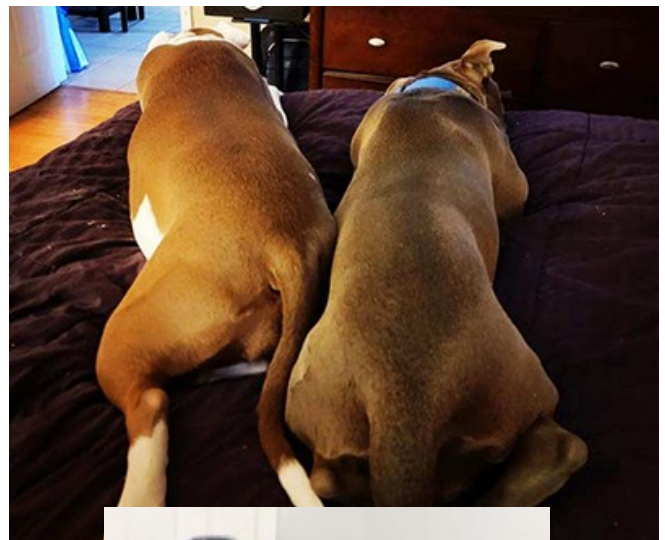
We have great news just before the holidays for two really special dogs who have found their forever homes.

First is Roxy. You've met her in previous newsletters. Early in July we received a message that someone had seen a vehicle stop, throw her out and speed away. She is a big, stubborn girl, and has kind of a Great Dane/Pitbull head so we weren't getting any interest from rescue partners or potential adopters. She languished in foster care for four months. Finally a wonderful couple an hour and a half away spotted Roxy on Petfinder. They had several Great Danes in the past, and were familiar with the breed. Since they were used to dogs weighing 150 lbs. plus, Roxy's size at 70 lbs. didn't seem intimidating to them at all. They drove the distance to meet her and absolutely loved everything about her! They are so excited to have her and there was no doubt from the first meeting. It took almost exactly four months from the time she was trapped, but it became obvious that we waited for the perfect home. Roxy has a lot to be grateful for this holiday season, as do we.

Then there's Dolly. You've also followed Dolly's story in newsletters. FPS received a call about a dog who had a broken leg with the bone actually exposed. By the time she was surrendered to FPS she had a life-threatening infection throughout her body. We found a Vet who wanted to save the limb. X-rays revealed a compound fracture of the tibia and multiple fractures throughout her pelvis including her other hip. Her infection was very stubborn and took several rounds of antibiotics to control. Then came the difficult task of rehab. Dolly was only 10 months old, so she was still a puppy, and keeping her quiet with leash walks a few times a day was challenging. She was so isolated she became reactive to new people and dogs. In addition, as beautiful as she is, she is a Pitbull, which creates it's own set of challenges finding the perfect home. It took almost 4 months for Dolly to get a clean bill of health. Coincidentally, she was seen on Petfinder by a lovely man a couple hundred miles away. He already had one spayed female pitbull who is very playful and loves other dogs. We did our due diligence from a distance, and then a FPS volunteer drove Dolly to Grand

Junction. It was immediately evident that Dolly and the resident dog were going to get along. Within a few minutes they were kissing each other and tails were wagging. We left Dolly as a foster with the potential to adopt. Photos received a couple hours later showed Dolly and the resident dog snuggling. After being in the home for just over 24 hours, we received a message they wanted to adopt Dolly. We are so thrilled that we were able to rescue and then find such a perfect home for her. She's healthy, she's happy, and they love her. Welcome home for the holidays, Dolly!

Both of these lucky dogs would not have survived without the constant care and love from their foster moms. Huge gratitude goes to both of them. And their expensive and long-term care would not have been financially possible without support from you. Thank YOU for making it possible for Dolly and Roxy to be home for the holidays.



# ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

## The Tradition Continued

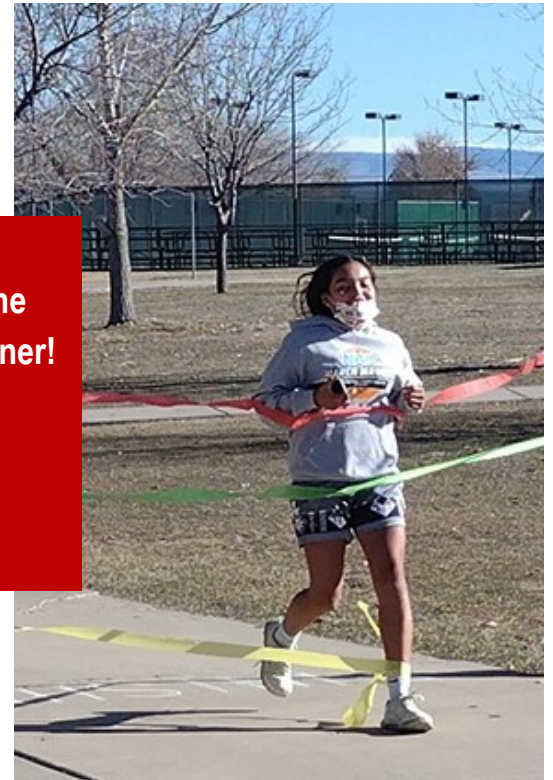


The 19th Annual CORTEZ TURKEY TROT for Pets and their People was a grand success this year!

The sun was shining and the wind stopped blowing just for the duration of the event. A wide range of dogs was represented, from small to large to giant and they were all very well behaved. Dogs and their people had a really fun time. The most unusual animal award this year went to three goats, who joined in the trot and completed the full course! There were also plenty of Canada Geese, a few Snow Geese, and some Wigeons observing from the pond.

Due to the increased number of people traveling to visit family this year, after two years of Covid isolation, a smaller crowd participated this year. However, this crowd was mighty, and raised \$2245 for the pets in Montezuma County. Thanks to everyone who participated and special thanks to all the business sponsors.

The Winner!



## QUICK FERAL CAT UPDATE

We just wanted to say THANK YOU to all of the people who have helped make this year an outstanding one for fixing feral cats. So far we have spayed 243 cats in 2022 -probably preventing the births of close to 2000 kittens next year. Which, sadly, isn't the population explosion you think: we have found that only about 20% of the kittens born outdoors survive their first year. That means 1400 of those kittens would have died, probably miserably, from upper respiratory infections, predation, getting run over on the road, and starvation. The remaining 600 kittens would have grown up to be more cats than we could hope to fix in one year and would have gone on to make more kittens. We have also neutered 242 males so far in 2022, preventing kittens and giving the cats healthier lives. These surgeries have been paid for by a bequest, fundraising, grants and YOUR donations.

Thank you.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Board Meetings:

December 15, 2022, 6:30

January 19, 2023, 6:30

### Holiday Bake Sale

December 17, 2022 (see flyer below)

Remember a Newsletter is not sent out in January.

## WITH SPECIAL THANKS

A big THANK YOU to Xtrov Realty, Katherine Chaffin, her staff and all the volunteers for the spooktacular Haunted House proceeds to benefit For Pets' Sake. \$577.50 was donated to help animals and their people.





# HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

TO  
BENEFIT






FOR PETS' SAKE HUMANE SOCIETY

Saturday, December 17th

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

At CITY MARKET/North Entrance

## YOU CAN HELP!

-  Drop off baked goods at City Market Saturday morning starting at 9:30am. Early drop-offs can also be made at XTROV Realty (444 E. Montezuma ) Friday, December 16, 10:00am to 2:00pm.
-  Pick up some home baked goodies for yourself, family and friends Saturday morning. It's easy!
-  Or stop by and make a Kind-Hearted donation to For Pets' Sake for pets sake!



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

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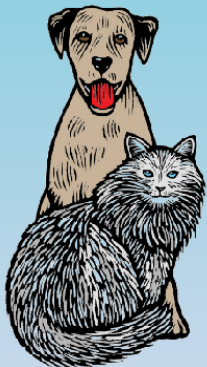
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