



# For Pets' Sake Humane Society

## The Companion

May 2023

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

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### Foster Home Application



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## June is Membership Month!

As For Pets' Sake enters its 40th year, the support of our members is more critical than ever. With the support of grants from the Animal Assistance Foundation, the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund, the Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter, and YOUR generous donations, FPS works hard right here in southwestern Colorado helping local dogs and cats. And we do it all with 100% volunteer staff and no physical location.

### For Pets' Sake helps in so many ways.

We reduce animal suffering by providing medical assistance to animals in need. At an average of 135 medical assists per year, 5,400 animals have been able to live healthier, happier lives in the last 40 years. Often the requests are for large amounts, \$1500 to \$2500, and although the FPS maximum is \$250, where would these animals turn if we were NOT there to help?

Spay/Neuter assistance has always been the core of For Pets' Sake, and within the past 40 years, over 10,000 pets have been spayed or neutered. Where else would these animals go?

Our pet food program distributed over 24,500 pounds of food in 2022 and has been helping feed pets for most of our 40 years. How many animals would not be properly fed without our help?

Our Feral Cat program, now in its fifteenth year, will have fixed over 6,000 cats by the end of 2023. What would be the feral cat situation here if we had not started the Feral Cat Project?

Over the years, For Pets' Sake has also rescued thousands of cats and dogs, kittens and puppies, and placed them in their forever homes. Where would they be without FPS help?

For Pets' Sake always puts helping animals first, with well over 90% of our funds going to directly helping dogs and cats.

We are an all-volunteer organization, and plan to stay that way, but just like everyone else right now, we are feeling a financial crunch. Prices are higher and needs are greater. As the needs of the community grow, so do our financial needs. That is why YOUR support during this membership drive is so important. If For Pets' Sake is to continue to serve the dogs and cats of our community, your increased financial support is critically important.

As we enter our 40th year, the need is also greater than ever for volunteers. Help is needed at events, and especially as working Board members. Our current hard-working Board members are getting older. Programs may need to be cut if new people do not step up to help. Where will people go with animals in medical need? To get their animals spayed/neutered? To find food for hungry pets? Or to receive assistance with feral cat colonies? During this membership drive, please give generously of your money and your time. The animals need YOU. For Pets' Sake needs YOU. Please help For Pets' Sake keep the momentum going for the next 40 years.



## DUMPED AT THE DUMP

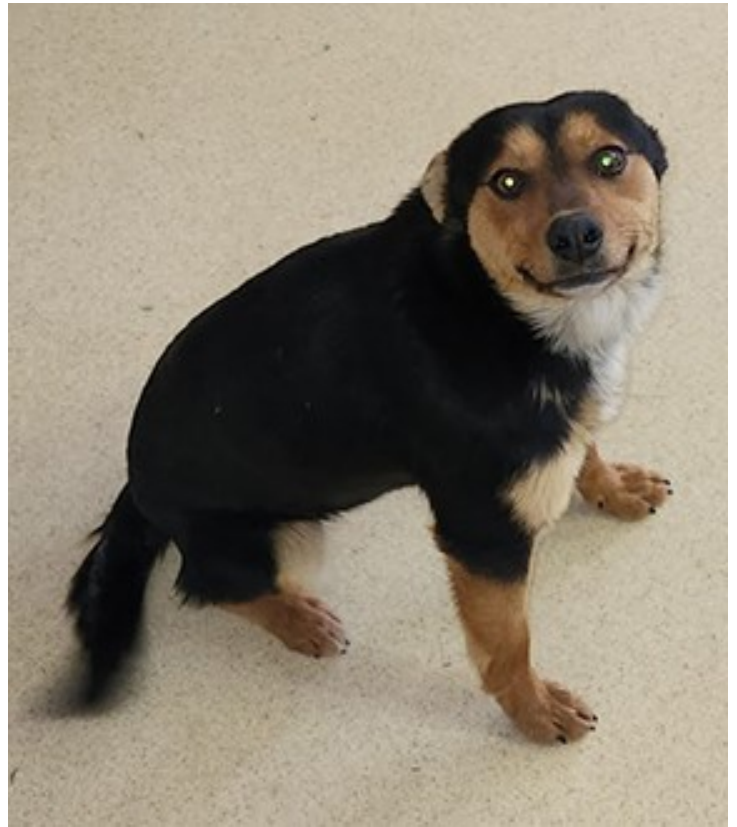
In mid March, employees at the Montezuma County Landfill noticed a pretty little black and tan dog walking around all the vehicles like she was looking for her people. They called the shelter, and it seemed nobody was looking for this sweet girl. In all likelihood, some heartless person dumped this petite little sweetie like garbage. Thankfully the staff had been feeding and watering her and bringing her in at night. They named her Sugar. They already have a shop cat who was not at all pleased with the new addition, so they determined in order to keep the peace, Sugar could not stay, even though she was a lovely little shop dog, perfectly well behaved and content to just hang around the office and greet everyone that came in. They contacted FPS to see if we could help find her a good home.

We went out to meet her and she was just adorable. She seemed young and we were worried that she may go into heat anytime or may already be pregnant. The staff agreed to keep her indoors and care for her until we could find an adopter or rescue partner. We got busy scheduling appointments to get her vaccinated and spayed. Right after we arranged those appointments, a gentleman who frequents the landfill met her and fell in love. He already had a young neutered male dog and we arranged a meeting to see if they would get along, which they definitely did! He agreed to foster Sugar until we could get her vetting completed and formalize the adoption. A couple of weeks later, we made the adoption official and she was renamed Mesa. She now lives on beautiful acreage up near Summit Lake and has two people who adore her and a doggy brother to share adventures with. We're so happy that we could find her a loving home.

~Debbie Davis



For Pets' Sake  
Dog Program  
Coordinator  
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*Sugar/Mesa*

## Help Needed for Bergen Spay/ Neuter Clinic

Bergen Spay/Neuter Clinic appointments are filling up fast. We are all aware of the critical need in our community. The clinic will be held from May 11-14 at the Cortez Shelter, with a sliding scale of charges based on family size and income. Feral cat spay/neuters are free. Based on current registrations, a number of large dogs are registered for the clinic. HELP is needed to assist with lifting these large dogs. Additional help is also needed for all other aspects of the clinic, including recovery. To volunteer, please go to <http://bit.ly/VOLUNTEER4US>. Spay/Neuter is a vital For Pets' Sake mission, and FPS will be providing some financial assistance to this clinic through our Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund Grant. IF you can help in any way, please volunteer and help Bergen be "on the cutting edge of reducing unplanned litters." Thank YOU.

# The Yard Sale is Coming

During your Spring Cleaning this year, please remember For Pets' Sake. The Fall 2023 For Pets' Sake Yard Sale is scheduled for:

**September 20-23, 2023**, in the Beef Barn at the Fairgrounds. Early donations will start in August. Look to future newsletters for more information!



# Mancos Chamber Supports For Pets' Sake

In a gala celebration of the 80s, the Mancos Chamber hosted a Mancos Days Fundraiser at the Columbine Bar and Grill on Saturday, April 29. As part of the celebration, the Chamber honored several local humane societies, including For Pets' Sake. Thanks so much to the Mancos Chamber for the \$1000 check we received to support FPS programs. We are grateful the Chamber recognized the contribution For Pets' Sake makes to the entire county, and the assistance we provide to animals in need. Woof and Meow to the Mancos Chamber.

## Calendar of Events

### Board Meeting Dates

Thursday, May 18 at 6:30  
Thursday, June 15 at 6:30

### Pennies for Pets

**July 1, Farmers' Market, 7:30-11:00**

It's never too early to save those coins for Pennies for Pets in July at the Cortez Farmers' Market. Local animals appreciate all forms of coins and bills to support For Pets' Sake programs.

**REMINDER:** Our newsletter is not published in June as the FPS membership campaign asks for your continued support. Your membership, and additional contributions continue to make miracles happen in the lives of dogs and cats. Thank YOU for supporting For Pets' Sake.


# Mother's Day BAKE SALE




To Benefit  
**FOR PETS' SAKE  
HUMANE SOCIETY**


**FRIDAY • MAY 12th**  
**10:00am to 1:00pm**  
**At CITY MARKET/North Entrance**

### YOU CAN HELP!

 **Drop off your baked goods** at City Market Friday morning starting at 9:30am. **Early drop-offs** can be made at NetForce PC (1011 N Mildred Rd) Thursday May 11th, 9:00am to 5:00pm.



 **Pick up some home-baked goodies** for yourself, family and friends on Friday. 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.

## One more update on the Dove Creek Colony. . .

Missy's four kittens are growing up! They turned into HEALTHY happy youngsters and have now gone to a foster home in Glenwood Springs with their mom. But before they could go, we knew that we had to send a healthy mom, too. Missy went to the veterinarian to have a broken canine removed - but after a more thorough exam and xrays, it turned out she had serious resorptive lesions on all of her teeth, just like Harrison. Some of her teeth were so thin that they didn't even show up on the x-rays. So, For Pets' Sake unexpectedly ended up with an \$1100+ dental bill for Missy to remove all of her teeth just three days before she left. But boy, even with her mouth hurting from the surgery, she seemed calmer and more interested in her wet food. We did good. . . but we could use some help paying for this unexpectedly large expense to our FINN (Fosters In Need Now) Fund. The FINN Fund is our cushion to help take care of large expenses for our fosters. We will always take care of these animals in need, but if we have money in the FINN Fund, then we don't have to take it away from other programs. When you get your membership renewal in the mail in the next month, please consider an extra donation to the FINN Fund for future foster cats and dogs, or feel free to send a donation now to help take care of Missy.



*Missy, Merlin & Minnie*



## Animal Art Works Update

In a new approach to Animal Art Works, the 2023 event featured a deck of beautiful trading cards, honoring the work of artists who have supported the event in past years. Each card, in the limited edition of sixty card decks, features the work of a previous artist and promotes For Pets' Sake and Black Hat Humane Societies on the back of each card. In addition to the cards sold at the event, cards are selling on Facebook to inquiries from all over the country. Due to a printing issue, eight of the cards did not make the deck in time for the premier. Those who purchased cards will be able to pick them up at a follow-up event in May at the Cultural Center. The date has yet to be determined, but will be posted on the FPS Facebook page. In addition, For Pets' Sake and Black Hat will each receive eight free decks to use for promotional purposes, thanks to artist and event designer Sonja Horoshko. A BIG thank you to the artists who created the original work, everyone who provided the delicious food, and the Cultural Center for hosting the event. Of course, a really BIG thank you goes to Sonya for her dedication to the arts and her support of For Pets' Sake and Black Hat.



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&  
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**PAWS FOR OUR PETS!**

*Friday, June 2, 5:30 – 7:30 PM*

**Cortez Quilt Company and More  
30 & 40 West Main Street**

**SILENT AUCTION!**

**SPECIAL FABRIC COLLECTION: NEXT STOP HOME!**

**GOODIE BAGS!**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS!**

**FUN & FRIENDS!**

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**PLUS:**



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on June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> will go to support  
For Pets' Sake!*

**For more information, call Aimee @ 970-565-7541 or  
For Pets' Sake @ 970-565-7387**

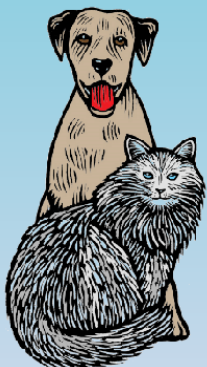
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