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Happy Pawlidays!!

At times it seems the world is spinning out of control and there is nothing we can do to stop it. At For Pets' Sake, our world spins from one animal crisis to another, and then from one animal success to the next. This year has been extremely rewarding with the number of animals For Pets' Sake has been able to assist, especially those with critical issues. (See two happy stories further in the newsletter.)

For Pets' Sake hopes you have an opportunity over the holidays to share time with loved ones of the two-legged variety. 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. (Especially when they wear the tinsel.)

In 2023 For Pets' Sake was able to hold a fall yard sale providing much needed income for our programs. 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 at full force in 2023. For Pets' Sake has been able to hold three bake sales so far this year, with the BIG Christmas one coming up this month. Thanks to all of the bakers and buyers. We couldn't get a sugar high without you! Besides filling tummies, the bake sales also help to enrich the FPS bank account. 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, nickles, dimes, etc. just for this event. There certainly is a difference in the number of coins received due to the fact people simply don't carry cash these days. But FPS is grateful for every coin received.

Due to the offering of other low-cost vaccination clinics in the area, FPS decided once again to monitor the need for our clinics. If a need is evident, and it appears it may be, they will be offered again next year. In 2023 the tradition continued at the 20th Annual For Pets' Sake Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. Many of you were anxious 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, we ask you to please remember For Pets' Sake in your holiday giving. Colorado Gives Day is December 5th and you can donate through the link at the lower left on this page. Your holiday mailing will also be arriving in the mail shortly. For Pets' Sake wishes you will, once again, remember all the dogs and cats that depend on FPS, and continue to help us help them.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

Lynn Dyer
President



TURKEY TROT...THE TRADITION CONTINUES

The 20th Annual Cortez Turkey Trot for pets and their people, delivered a wide range of dogs from small to large to giant and they were all very well behaved. The sun was shining and a yearly traditional snow goose family enjoyed the event from the pond. Dogs and their people had a really fun time. Prizes were awarded for first to cross the finish line, last to cross the finish line, and first dog to cross the finish line. Two dog costumes were so good, judges couldn't decide which was best, so prizes were awarded to both.

A smaller crowd participated this year, but the crowd was mighty, and raised \$1685 for the pets in Montezuma and Dolores Counties. Thanks to everyone who participated and special thanks to all the business sponsors.



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Home for the Holidays!

Harrison is an absolute love. He was rescued from a large, sickly feral cat colony in Dove Creek in November of 2022. When I first saw him, he was so small and so sick that I assumed he was one of the many older kittens there, but the caretaker said – no, he's three years old and has been very sick his whole life.

His most obvious problem was a serious upper respiratory infection with his eyes and nose just streaming mucus. This colony had several sick kittens that had actually lost eyes due to the infections, so he was luckier than some.

He was an outdoor only cat who had never been touched, but when we decided to rescue him, I was able to just walk up to him and put him in a carrier. Over the next several months he went thru MANY rounds of different antibiotics, eye ointments, anti-inflammatory drugs, and anti-viral pills. He improved, but nothing fully cleared up his runny nose and eyes. It was also discovered that he had several bad teeth, so in February he went to the dentist. Well, it turned out ALL of his teeth were bad, so he is now my favorite gummy bear.

By early summer, it became obvious that he was never going to be healthy, and his sneezing and dripping made him pretty unadoptable. Except by me! So, he became his rescuer's lover boy. He has been the sweetest, gentlest boy thru all of this. He loves to nuzzle my neck and gum my ears and hair and nose – especially when I'm trying to watch tv. He gets along fine with my other cats and an added bonus has been that he adores kittens. He has become a doting uncle to several litters of rescue kittens thru the past year. He teaches them how to tussle with bigger cats and cleans them and really enjoys eating their kitten food.

He's so lucky For Pets' Sake was there to rescue him, but I'm even luckier to have him home with me for the Holidays and forever. *Marian Rohman*



Many of you probably remember Boone, a dog surrendered to us early in September. He is big, tall, lanky, sweet boy, who had an undiagnosed limp.

We got him to the vet right away. Imaging revealed it was something called OCD lesions, which is a painful cartilage disorder and requires surgical correction. We explored options and found a vet that would shave about \$1,000 off the procedure, however, it was still a lot of money to spend on one animal. Plus, he needed to be in foster care for at least a month on either side of his surgery.

FPS set up a GoFundMe to help raise the money for Boone's surgery and many of you generously donated to his cause. He received his surgery on October 13th, and came through quite well. Then the long month of crating and leash walks to keep him quiet while he had a chance to heal. The one month mark came just a few days ago, and Boone is so happy to no longer be confined, and be back playing with his foster brother and sisters. He has just a hint of a limp left, but that should continue to get better and better.

While Boone was recuperating from his surgery, a woman in California saw him on one of our rescue partner's Facebook. She reached out to learn more about him, and after several conversations and some reference checks, she purchased tickets for herself and her partner to fly out here in early December. She'll be renting a car and driving Boone back to California. He'll have a doggie playmate in the home, lots of adventures, and they will continue his training to work on his fear of new people and general socialization.

Without our generous supporters, For Pets' Sake could not respond to requests to help animals like Boone. Now Boone will be home for the Holidays!

Debbie Davis





THE FESTIVE HOLIDAY BAKE SALE IS COMING!

BAKE! BUY! VISIT! DONATE! ENJOY!

SEE FLYER BELOW FOR DETAILS



Ric and his new furry best friend Chip

Cliffrose Again Supports FPS

Cliffrose and owner Ric Plese continue to be long-time supporters of For Pets' Sake. Throughout the year customers receive coupons called Desert Dollars with their purchases that can be redeemed in August and September. Cliffrose collects Desert Dollars that customers don't intend to use and, at the end of the cash-in period, Ric donates the total value of these dollars to For Pets' Sake.

This month FPS received \$500 in addition to \$511 received earlier this year as a result of this unique fundraising idea. What a wonderful year-end gift!

Thank you Ric and all our friends at Cliffrose for your continuing support!

Happy Holidays!

Board Meeting Dates

(Now on Mondays, instead of Thursdays)

Monday • December 11th • 6:30 pm

Monday • January 8th • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387

Just a Reminder

We don't publish a January newsletter in order to give your hard-working board of directors and newsletter editor a holiday break. We'll be back in February.



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

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FOR PETS' SAKE HUMANE SOCIETY

Saturday, December 16th

10:00am to 1:00pm

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 be made at NetForce PC (1011 N. Mildred Rd) Friday, December 15, 9:00am to 5:00pm.*
- 🐾 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!



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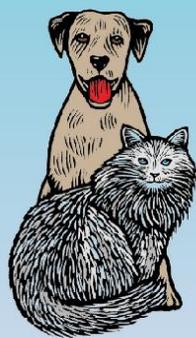
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