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The Companion

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

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SPRING IS COMING!

SO ARE PUPPIES AND KITTENS!!

What happened to winter this year? Many were expecting the same amount of snow as last winter and we're surprised by little snow and warm temperatures. Birds are already migrating north for their summer, and once again spring brings challenges when unwanted puppies and kittens show up in homes, barns, garages, under porches, and, honestly, almost everywhere. The answer to unwanted litters is, of course, spaying and neutering adults before they breed. Since our beginning in 1984, For Pets' Sake's number one goal has been to reduce the unwanted pet population through spay/neuter. In addition to committing our own funds to this goal (thanks to YOUR donations), we have two grants helping local pet owners and caretakers get their animals fixed. The Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund (CPOF) will pay half of the procedure cost for qualifying owned pets, and grants from the Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter have helped the FPS Feral Cat Project spay and neuter over 6000 feral cats. Both of these grants are available now to pet owners and caretakers to limit the number of unwanted animals. For Pets' Sake also has a general fund to pay for 50/50 spay/neuter when the CPOF grant does not apply. Money in that general fund comes from your donations.

However, the current situation is complicated: most of our local veterinarians are overloaded and are not taking new patients, so getting an animal fixed can be a challenge. FPS is working with a local, semi-retired vet who is only performing spay/neuter, rabies shots and

ethanasia to help meet local animal needs.

Dr. Grabbe's information is listed below. In addition, several spay/neuter clinics in the area are low-or no-cost and usually include vaccinations. All require appointments.

The Four Corners Community is coming together to eliminate unwanted animals and make spay/neuter more easily available. Thanks to YOU for helping For Pets' Sake eliminate the problem of unwanted pets. Every animal deserves a Forever Home.

Dr. Sue Grabbe
970-560-4054

S/N, rabies, euthanasia
Works with FPS 50/50 program

Denkai Animal Sanctuary
970-516-1738

denkaisanctuary.org
Occasionally offers s/n clinics

La Plata Humane Society, Durango
970-259-2847

Register on line: laplatahumanesociety.org
Also feral cats in traps

D-Snip (Dogster's Spay & Neuter Program)
970-403-4424

Schedule appointment on line: d-snip.org
Also feral cats in traps

Lynn Dyer,
President





ROSCOE THE WONDER PUP

Early in February, we received a call about Roscoe. The people that had him said they just couldn't afford to feed all the dogs they had. We had taken one other puppy from them with a pretty bad case of mange a couple of months prior.

As I was on my way to pick him up, the people told me that there's something wrong with his rear leg, and eventually admitted he'd been hit by a car two to three weeks earlier. They hadn't taken him to a vet, so he had been suffering all that time. When I met him, he refused to put any weight on his right rear leg. We took him to Riverview in Durango the same day. Imaging revealed he had a shattered femur, which had begun to knit together with the bones practically side by side instead of on top of each other. They recommended either amputation, or to have an orthopedic surgeon try to save the leg. Through all the exams and pain, Roscoe remained as sweet as he could be.

We then took him to Mill Creek in Moab for a second opinion. Dr. Scott has done some complicated orthopedic surgeries for us in the past, and his focus is always on saving the limb whenever possible. Having just seen the x-rays, his initial thought was that he would most likely be able to save the leg. The weather wasn't cooperating so it took a few days to get him there. During that time, Roscoe began to use the leg a lot more. Upon actual physical examination and manipulation of the leg, Dr. Scott determined that the bones had already begun to knit together, and to re-break them to align them would do more harm than good. He said he's seen a number of rez dogs with breaks that bad or worse that never had treatment, and their limbs healed fine. Sometimes they will have a slight limp because one leg is a little shorter, but otherwise seem perfectly healthy and happy. He also suggested that as mended together as the leg had become, the injury was in all likelihood even older than 3 weeks. It was determined that Roscoe also had scabies. He'd been very itchy since we had him.

A week or two has passed since his last vet visit, and he just has two more bi-weekly pills to take for his scabies. He's using his leg almost always, and loves to play with other dogs and get cuddles. He's a very good boy, paper trained and learning to go outside to potty. Initially both of his ears were erect, then one flopped over, then the other one, then one of them stood back up. We're not sure what they're going to do, but they're cute no matter what. Roscoe is the sweetest little puppy and I'm so glad we were able to get him help.

Before we knew what course of action we were going to take, we started a GoFundMe to help with the bills we were incurring, and the ones to come. We received some very generous donations and since the surgery didn't occur, the donations we received went a long way toward paying for the original vet visit and x-rays.

Thanks to all of you for your generous and ongoing support. Because you care, we can say yes to little puppies like Roscoe. A rescue in another part of Colorado has already tagged Roscoe, and as soon as he receives a clean bill of health, he will be on his way to a new future and his forever home!

Debbie Davis,

Foster Dog Program Coordinator





**THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY BAKE SALE IS
SATURDAY MARCH 16TH
BAKE! BUY! VISIT! DONATE! ENJOY!
SEE FLYER BELOW FOR DETAILS**

Our Next Yard Sale is Scheduled for Fall

As you do your spring cleaning this year, think of For Pets' Sake. The **FALL 2024 FPS YARD SALE** is in September. It will be held again in the Beef Barn at the Fairgrounds. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.



It's never too early to start saving your pennies (nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars too!) to contribute to For Pets' Sake Humane Society's **PENNIES FOR PETS** fundraiser at the

Cortez Farmers Market

Saturday, July 6th, 2024

Board Meeting Dates

(Now on Mondays, instead of Thursdays)

Monday • March 11th • 6:30 pm

Monday • April 8th • 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Bake Sale • Saturday • May 11th

Pennies For Pets • Saturday • July 6th

Fall Yard Sale • Dates TBD



St. Patrick's Day BAKE SALE

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



SATURDAY MARCH 16th
10:00am to 1:00pm
At CITY MARKET/North Entrance

YOU CAN HELP!

- Drop off your baked goods at City Market Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am. Early drop-offs can be made at NetForce PC (1011 N. Mildred Rd.) Friday, March 15th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



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

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