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THE BIG FORTY

It's hard to believe For Pets' Sake is FORTY years old this year!!!

FPS began as a low-cost way to assist with spaying and neutering owned animals in the county. Your support and continued grants from Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund have assisted FPS in that goal. It's hard to know how many animals we have "fixed" in forty years but, at an average of 200 a year, it could be close to 8000. For Pets' Sake still receives 8-10 calls per week requesting spay/neuter assistance. Our initial goal is still a much-needed service FPS provides to the community.

In addition to spay and neutering, For Pets' Sake began assisting with the medical needs of owned animals in the community. Again, with your help and grants from Animal Assistance Foundation, FPS continues to help hundreds of animals each year live healthier and happier lives. For Pets' Sake receives over 5 calls a week asking for help with dental procedures, broken limbs, cancer, and other medical needs, and still remains the only organization providing this assistance in the community. Vets have learned to rely on FPS when an emergency comes in their door, and know the phone numbers to call.

Sixteen years ago, For Pets' Sake added the Feral Cat Project. Your support of this effort has been tremendous. The need has also been tremendous. Over the years FPS has spayed and neutered over 6000 feral cats, in more than 740 colonies. For Pets' Sake was at the forefront of addressing the need for reducing the number of feral cats in our county. (A more detailed article on the program's success will follow in another newsletter).

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THE BIG FORTY, *cont.*

For Pets' Sake foster programs for dogs and cats are also an integral part of our mission. Last year almost 200 animals found their forever homes. Multiply that over the years and there are many fortunate animals living happy and loving lives, thanks to your support.

For Pets' Sake Food Assistance Program has been helping feed hungry feral cats and owned dogs and cats over the years at close to 62,000 pounds of food a year. That's a lot of food, thanks to your financial support!!!!

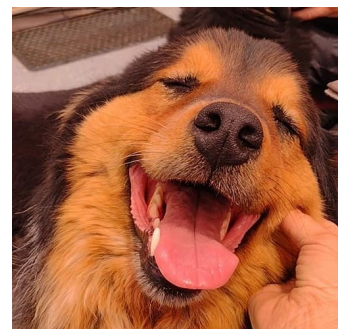
Each year For Pets' Sake receives thank you comments from people we've assisted. As you are the people who make this possible, we are sharing a few of those comments with you here.

- ◆ **What a blessing you are in my life. I can buy groceries now.**
- ◆ **Thank you for the wonderful work your group is doing for animals in our community. You are indeed angels.**
- ◆ **Thank you for everything you do for us and the community (88 cats TNR and 25 kittens rescued at this trailer park since 2010).**
- ◆ **Again, as always, I want to thank you so much for all you do to care for all the animals. The unwanted animals have such a dangerous and sad life. The task you do is with so much love for them.**
- ◆ **I couldn't do what you do. Thank God you're there for those cats - they need you. God bless you.**

With your support, and a lot of hard work, For Pets' Sake has made a tremendous contribution to the health and welfare of animals in the community. Forty years is a long time, and whether you have been with us from the start (and some of you have!) or if you joined us at a later date, all this would not be possible without YOU!

Thank You,

*Lynn Dyer
President*



Sweet Squishmallow Clover

Clover, a 10-month-old purebred Old English Bulldog, was surrendered to FPS by her family in January 2024. They have another smaller female bulldog in the home, and Clover suddenly began attacking her, coinciding with her first heat cycle, which I doubt was a coincidence. She had not been spayed based on their vet recommended to wait until she was a year old. With five children in the home, the mom was understandably afraid one of them might be hurt trying to break up a scuffle. It was decided that Clover needed to go.

I met Clover, and had her meet a couple of our spayed female dogs, and she did very well. She lived with cats as well, and never had a problem.

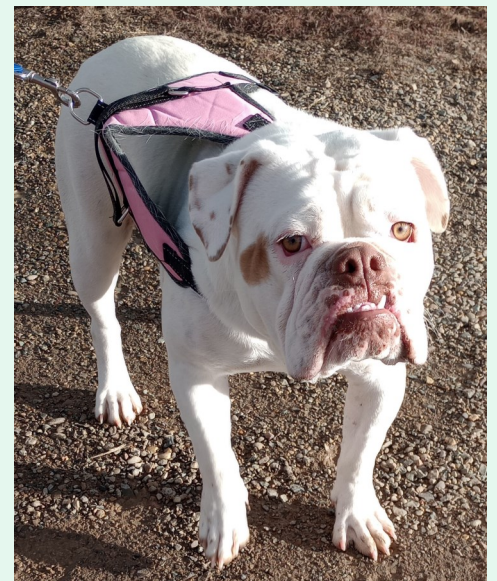
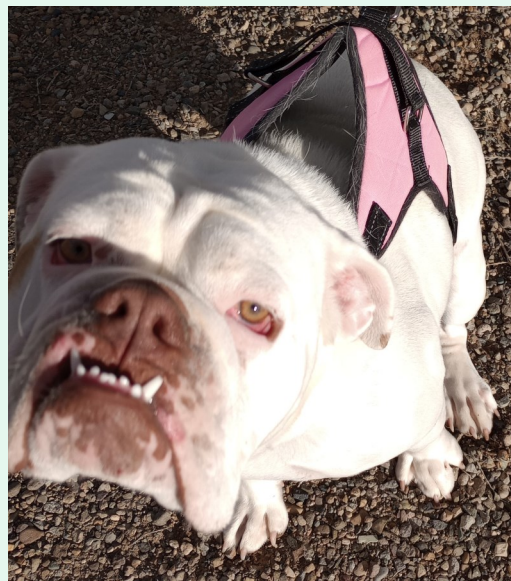
We sent Clover to a rescue partner almost right away. The first one that responded asked to receive her a day after she had been spayed and vaccinated. After traveling the winding road up to their mountain town, Clover was grumpy and probably in pain. She grumbled at the transporter and intaking rescuer when they were trying to take her from the crate. They interpreted it as aggression, which is something I personally had never witnessed from her. She got sent back home. We had no foster homes willing to take her, so she had to go back to her owners. They were reluctant but agreed keep her for a little while longer.

Bulldogs are highly sought after, but they're also a breed that requires extra care. They have problems with their teeth, skin folds that require cleaning, and intolerance to temperature extremes.

A week or so later we heard from another rescue partner in Glenwood Springs that had room for Clover. We had several volunteers step up and offer to take her to her new rescue, where she quickly became a staff favorite. Just about a week after she arrived, she was adopted by a wonderful local vet tech. They did an intro with her male great dane, and it went well. Clover is ignoring the cat. It seems like a great match, and we're so happy for Clover. Thanks to all of our supporters who allow us to help sweet dogs like Clover.

Debbie Davis

Foster Dog Program Coordinator





Plant Guide For Pet Owners



Poisonous Plants

- Daffodil
- Castor Bean
- Easter Lily
- Sago Palm
- Star Gazer Lily
- Tiger Lily
- Cyclamen
- Azalea



Toxic Plants

- Aloe
- Begonia
- Bird of Paradise
- Bougainvillea
- Calla Lily
- Carnation
- Chrysanthemum
- Coleus
- Cosmos
- Dumb cane
- Elephant ear
- Fleabane
- Gardenia
- Geranium
- Hibiscus
- Hydrangea
- Iris
- Mother-In-Law Tongue
- Pansy
- Peace Lily
- Pinks (Dianthus)
- Plumbago
- Poinsettia
- Primrose

Pet-Friendly Plants

- Alyssum
- Blue Daisy
- Boston Fern
- Bottlebrush tree
- Camelia
- Canna
- Ceolsia Plumosa
- Christmas Cactus
- Coreopsis
- Echevaria Succulents
- Gerber Daisy
- Gloxinia
- Impatiens
- Marigold
- Nasturtium
- Pampas Grass
- Persian Violet
- Petunia
- Polkadot Plant/Baby Tears
- Rose
- Snap Dragons
- Spider Plant
- Start Jasmine
- Sunflower
- Sword Fern
- Viola
- Zinnia



Please note: Plant toxicity can range from mild discomfort to severe poisoning. Consult with your pet care professional or veterinarian if you think your pet has ingested a toxic item. For a complete list of plants and more information go to: aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants.



And please remember when planting your spring garden:

Always check your pots before you add soil!!



For Pets' Sake St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale

To all who baked and bought goodies, and

to those who made kindly donations

THANK YOU! You helped raise over

\$1,000 to help local cats and dogs

Our Fall Yard Sale is Scheduled for **September 25th to 28th**

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



Board Meeting Dates

Tuesday • April 16th • 6:30 pm

Monday • May 13th • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387



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

Upcoming Events

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

Pennies For Pets • Saturday • July 6th

Fall Yard Sale • September 25th to 28th

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