

For Pets' Sake Humane Society



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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FOR PETS' SAKE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

June is For Pets' Sake membership drive month! After 40 years, your help is needed more than ever. The April newsletter highlighted many FPS accomplishments over the last 40 years. It is always important to emphasize that For Pets' Sake is ALL VOLUNTEERS. No one earns a salary, FPS does not use donated funds for buildings or properties, FPS does not require large adoption fees or charge for our services; ALL FPS work is done by people who really care about the welfare of animals.

But what if that was to Stop? At every recent board meeting, discussions have centered around how to keep up with rising costs, rising age of board members, and rising need for all FPS services: emergency medical care, spay/neuter, foster dog and cat programs, public food assistance, and feral cat trap/neuter/return. A recent caller commented "the FPS number has been in my phone for years. I know I can always count on FPS for help." The answer was, "maybe not."

Consideration has been given to disbanding For Pets' Sake. The board is tired and the funds are running out,

but the same mantra always surfaces: **If not For Pets' Sake, Who?**

Vets count on us, people count on us, animals count on us, and so we count on YOU. FPS understands times are tough for many of us, and many of you have stepped up again and again to contribute to our success. For that we are extremely grateful. But there currently seems to be a lull in donating and volunteering.

For Pets' Sake is working to develop several fundraisers, but help is needed to get them organized. All current board members are committed to their limit and then some, with little energy to take on new events. FPS is also hoping to develop a fundraising campaign with larger business enterprises in the area, who may not be aware of the impact of our work. All this takes time and commitment, and needs additional involvement from volunteers. Time and money are running out. Are you willing to volunteer for a project or event to help FPS? Call 970-565-PETS/7387 and let us know you want to help FPS continue.

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FOR PETS' SAKE NEEDS YOUR HELP!, *cont.*

For Pets' Sake again asks that you give generously of your time and money. The animals need YOU! For Pets' Sake needs YOU! Please help For Pets' Sake keep the momentum going for the next 40 years. What a loss it would be if 40 years was the final chapter.

*Lynn Dyer
President*



These 3 little nuggets, along with 3 of their equally perfect siblings, are on their way to forever homes thanks to For Pets' Sake!



For Pets' Sake Humane Society's
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

is happening in June!

Your 2024-2025 Membership packet will be arriving in the mail next month. We look forward to your renewal and really appreciate your continuing support!



FPS Foster Dog River

Beautiful River is a Hero!

While at the vet to get his vaccines updated, they asked if they could draw some blood for plasma for a little dog they had there that had some kind of eye condition that requires plasma. They prefer large, healthy dogs and River certainly fit the bill. They're just listening to his heart and lungs here, but when they took him back to draw blood they said he was a trooper, didn't complain at all.

Good Boy!



River at Montezuma Vet with Dr. Michelle and Rachel



Violet the F1 Cat



Occasionally we receive follow-up stories about cats and dogs that FPS has helped over the years. Our former President Cheri Valle sent this message to our Facebook page:

"I was in a dialog in FB with a friend about F1's and I posted about a cat that FPS was instrumental in helping in 2017. This came up because my Facebook friend has actually met this cat in Oregon. In 2017, the owner posted flyers around town to place this unwanted cat. FPS was the matchmaker to get this F1 Savannah placed at a sanctuary in Oregon, then we helped with getting the transport organized. I fostered the cat for a couple of days. Story here. FPS didn't have to do a whole lot, but it's an example of a story with a happy ending. F1's are still wild cats and shouldn't be in a home anyway."

An F1 Savannah cat is a hybrid cross between a serval (a wild cat native to Africa) and a domestic cat. This hybridization typically produces large and lean offspring, with the serval's characteristic large ears and markedly brown-spotted coats.

Violet has been at the sanctuary since 2017. Follow this link to read more about Violet and the WildCat Ridge Sanctuary in Oregon: [Violet - WildCat Ridge Sanctuary](#).

The Importance of Vaccinations

Don't overlook the importance of keeping your pet's vaccinations up-to-date. Why? The American Veterinary Medical Association gives 5 reasons to vaccinate your pet:

1. Vaccinations prevent many pet illnesses.
2. Vaccinations can help avoid costly treatments for diseases that can be prevented.
3. Vaccinations prevent diseases that can be passed between animals and also from animals to people.
4. Diseases prevalent in wildlife, such as rabies and distemper, can infect unvaccinated pets.
5. In many areas, local or state ordinances require certain vaccinations for household pets.

The essential or core vaccines should be given to all dogs and cats at regular intervals. Puppies and kittens should start receiving their first shots at 6 to 8 weeks followed by 3 booster shots until they are 12 months old. Puppies are especially vulnerable to parvovirus. Kittens are highly susceptible to panleukopenia (also known as feline distemper) and calicivirus.

The core vaccine for dogs is DHPP/L. Cats receive FVRCP/L. What does all this alphabet soup mean?

DHPP/L protects dogs against **D**istemper, **H**epatitis, **P**arainfluenza, **P**arvovirus, and **L**eptospirosis. Dogs also receive protection against Rabies and Bordetella.

FVRCP/L protects cats against **F**eline **V**iral **R**hinotracheitis, **C**alicivirus, **P**anleukopenia, **C**hlamydia, and **L**eukemia. Cats also receive Rabies vaccine.

All of the diseases listed above are highly contagious, potentially fatal, and costly to treat.



CALENDER OF EVENTS



MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

City Market / North Entrance

10:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday, May 11th

See flyer on page 5 for details



PENNIES FOR PETS

Now is the time to start saving your pennies (nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars too!) to contribute to For Pets' Sake Humane Society's fundraiser at the Cortez Farmers Market.

Saturday, July 6th



FALL YARD SALE

The **2024 FPS YARD SALE** will be held again in the Beef Barn at the Fairgrounds. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

September 25th to 28th



Board Meeting Dates

Monday • May 13th • 6:30 pm

Monday • June 10th • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387

Reminder

The newsletter is not published in June so that we can prepare the materials we send out to our members and friends for the upcoming 2024-2025 Membership Drive.

Mother's Day BAKE SALE

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




SATURDAY • MAY 11th

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 9:30am. **Early drop-offs** can be made at NetForce PC (1011 N Mildred Rd) Friday May 10th, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

 **Pick up some home-baked goodies** for yourself, family and friends on Saturday. 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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AND TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!**

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- Tiger by the Tail**
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- Turquoise Raven Art Gallery**
- Vibrant Pet Animal Hospital**
- Walmart**
- WildEdge Brewing Collective**
- ZU Gallery**



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