



For Pets' Sake Humane Society

The Companion

September 2024

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

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VOLUNTEER!

FOR PETS' SAKE ANNUAL MEETING WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS!!!

On August 25, 2024, For Pets' Sake held its Annual Meeting along with brave members and board members who earned nautical status before the rains ended. Thunder, lightning, torrential rain, flooding, and hail kept everyone on guard, plugging ears, avoiding floods, and rescuing the picnic pot luck from floating away. A river, complete



with frogs, soon formed to flow under the little foot bridge near the Pavilion. Guess the frogs heard For Pets' Sake rescues animals. In true FPS fashion, members cleaned up, dried up the area, and went forth with the meeting!!!!

Required in the By-laws, the Annual Meeting is where Board Members are elected, or re-elected, and FPS Program Managers present a brief summary of their programs for the year. Reports were given on the Feral Cat Project, Cat Foster, Dog Foster, Spay/Neuter, Medical Assistance, Pet Food Assistance, Membership, Grants, and Endowment Fund. Three current board members were re-elected: Marian Rohman, Debbie Davis, and Sally Jo Leitner. Special thanks to those board members continuing to serve the animals of our community.

A short remembrance was shared for former board member Kathy McWhite who passed away the previous week. She was a real animal lover and cared passionately for the work of For Pets' Sake (see article on page 2). Kathy will be greatly missed and her loss signifies another example of board members growing older and the continuing need for new blood in the organization.

A potluck followed the meeting and everyone shared good, sometimes damp, food and conversation. Big thanks to everyone who came to the meeting and stuck it out during the flood. If you were not there, please try to join us next year. For Pets' Sake strives to provide new adventures for their members.

Thanks again to our re-elected board members, and our members who attended the Annual Meeting. It is great to see everyone and share the successes For Pets' Sake has achieved.

THANK YOU!!! Lynn Dyer, President



For Pets' Sake Loses a Much-Loved Board Member

Kathy Heaton McWhite was one of For Pets' Sake's most dedicated members. She joined us in 2010 and immediately joined the Board of Directors. She was still actively helping, through a long illness, up until the week before she died this past August.

Kathy wore many hats over the years. That's the job of a board member! She took on the job of secretary almost immediately and filled that position for several years. Kathy was one of the first people to trap with the Feral Cat Project, driving regularly from Cahone to colonies as far away as Mancos. When For Pets' Sake started our Wine Festivals, Kathy shared organizing the food from members and local restaurants with Sara Reese, another board member we have lost. She fostered rescued cats. She helped care for a group of dogs in Cahone for ten years. She was a regular cashier at the yard sales. And for the last few years she checked the For Pets' Sake voice mail and sent the calls in the right direction.

When Kathy couldn't drive to board meetings anymore, she attended by speaker phone. And through it all, she was For Pets' Sake's representative in Dolores County, handling local phone calls, dealing with animal abuse and hoarding situations, and putting up flyers for our endless fundraisers.

She will be truly missed.



EsoTerra Ciderworks Fundraiser

Fun was had by all Saturday August 3rd with live music, food truck, cornhole tournament, silent auction, and amazing cider and wine at our fundraising event at [EsoTerra Ciderworks](#) in Dolores. The patio was beautiful and the staff was great. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, bid on items, and had a good time. We raised over **\$1,500** to continue helping animals and their people in Montezuma and Dolores Counties!

Tankerbelle, the EsoTerra kitty who FPS helped recover from a broken leg, made sure the silent auction was a success!



LOR Foundation Grant

FPS is thrilled to be the recipient of a generous grant from LOR Foundation to provide behavioral training for dog owners. The \$8,350 grant aims to address the root cause of pet surrenders, and support canine-human relationships. Training tools, boarding, and vetting to bring vaccines up to date prior to boarding, can be included.

Our target audience will be owners that are willing to work with local trainers, and do the homework requested. Our hope is that this will result in fewer surrendered dogs, and a better understanding of our canine companions.

With adoptions way down and more and more animals being surrendered, it's become increasingly important that we explore all options to keep dogs in the homes they know and love whenever possible. Many times, depending on the behavior and the dog, there is no adopter and no rescue partner that will take a chance on these dogs in their current state. We're very hopeful that we will be able to make a positive difference in the lives of dogs and their people.

So far, this grant has helped approximately 20 dogs and their owners. We hope to help many more. There is not an abundance of trainers in the area, but FPS welcomes the inclusion of good trainers already in Montezuma County, or willing to travel to Montezuma County for one-on-one training sessions. If you know of any trusted trainers that would like to participate, please let us know.

One of the people who reached out for help is a veteran by the name of Burt. He had recently gotten a puppy from the Cortez Shelter he named Rascal. Rascal is an adorable little medium sized dog that is as close to perfect as any dog I've ever met. Bert rides a motorcycle most days, and he's designed special accommodations to have Rascal travel with him safely, both behind his seat in a crate, and in a pack against his chest. Rascal even has his own set of Doggles. He's obedient, he's attentive, he's friendly, the whole package. Burt is also able to bring his dog to his workplace, so they're together almost always. Burt's only problem with Rascal is on the rare occasions that he has to leave Rascal alone for a couple of hours. Burt lives alone in an apartment, and Rascal can be quite vocal about his displeasure at being alone. It's even escalated to some

destructive behaviors. We brought in a trainer to meet with Burt and Rascal, and she gave him some tools to use to try to make Burt's absence less traumatic for Rascal. He's still a work in progress, but he has made progress and we're quite hopeful that with consistency, his anxiety will continue to decrease. The process of human and companion animal working together, training together, increases the bond and understanding that they already have. It's a win-win for everyone.

Please call the FPS hotline at 970-565-7387, or call Debbie at 720-271-9040 for more information.



THE HUGE YARD SALE IS COMING!

SEPTEMBER 25TH — 28TH

DONATE! BUY! VOLUNTEER!

SEE THE FLYER ON PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS



Beef Barn stuffed with bargains on Day 1 of the 2023 HUGE Yard Sale

Halloween Bake Sale



SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH
City Market North Entrance
10AM until Sold Out



The 21st Annual Turkey Trot

It's not too soon to start planning your - and your pet's - costumes for the BEST Turkey Trot in town!

THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 28TH

PARQUE DE VIDA AMPHITHEATER

10:00AM - REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30AM

Join us for a 1 mile FUN walk for pets and their best friends!



Pictures from Turkey Trot 2023



Board Meeting Dates

Monday • September 9th • 6:30 pm

Monday • October 14th • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387

FOR PETS' SAKE HUMANE SOCIETY



Huge Yard Sale!

**Wednesday • Thursday • Friday • Saturday
September 25 - 28, 2024, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Montezuma County Fairgrounds, Highway 160, Cortez**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE BEEF BARN
at the Fairgrounds Tuesday, September 24, 10:00 am to
5:00 pm. Early donation times can be arranged.
Call 970-565-7387**

**PLEASE NO computers, printers or other
techtronics, NO paint or chemicals, NO
televisions and NO tires!**



CALL US TO VOLUNTEER!



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

The Bergen S/N Clinic will be held at the City of Cortez Animal Shelter September 12 – 15.

- ◆ Dogs are scheduled for the 12th and 13th.
- ◆ Cats, including feral cats, are scheduled for the 14th and 15th. They can do 75 cats per day.

To register go to bit.ly/SIGNUP4BERGEN
 TNR for Feral Cats is FREE. Request a TNR space at bit.ly/TNR4BERGEN

For more information: [Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance](https://www.bergenspayandneuter.org)

FPS will help fund owned cats through our CPOF grant.

Volunteers are needed for all four days.

CORTEZ, CO SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2024

Coming together with these sponsors to help low-income families with their owned pets: BERGEN SPAY & NEUTER ALLIANCE, Mid-Range Canine Rescue, and others.

Registered pets receive: ***microchip, rabies, and DAPPv/HCP ...no additional fee!**

https://bit.ly/SIGNUP4BERGEN

LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER

CATS from \$45 - DOGS from \$55! How much you can SAVE? ...check out our fee scale below!

Household Income	Spay/Neuter Fee	Vaccinations	Microchip	Total Fee
0 - \$10,000	\$0	FREE	FREE	\$0
\$10,000 - \$15,000	\$10	FREE	FREE	\$10
\$15,000 - \$20,000	\$20	FREE	FREE	\$20
\$20,000 - \$25,000	\$30	FREE	FREE	\$30
\$25,000 - \$30,000	\$40	FREE	FREE	\$40
\$30,000 - \$35,000	\$50	FREE	FREE	\$50
\$35,000 - \$40,000	\$60	FREE	FREE	\$60
\$40,000 - \$45,000	\$70	FREE	FREE	\$70
\$45,000 - \$50,000	\$80	FREE	FREE	\$80
\$50,000 - \$55,000	\$90	FREE	FREE	\$90
\$55,000 - \$60,000	\$100	FREE	FREE	\$100
\$60,000 - \$65,000	\$110	FREE	FREE	\$110
\$65,000 - \$70,000	\$120	FREE	FREE	\$120
\$70,000 - \$75,000	\$130	FREE	FREE	\$130
\$75,000 - \$80,000	\$140	FREE	FREE	\$140
\$80,000 - \$85,000	\$150	FREE	FREE	\$150
\$85,000 - \$90,000	\$160	FREE	FREE	\$160
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\$425,000 - \$430,000	\$840	FREE	FREE	\$840
\$430,000 - \$435,000	\$850	FREE	FREE	\$850
\$435,000 - \$440,000	\$860	FREE	FREE	\$860
\$440,000 - \$445,000	\$870	FREE	FREE	\$870
\$445,000 - \$450,000	\$880	FREE	FREE	\$880
\$450,000 - \$455,000	\$890	FREE	FREE	\$890
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\$480,000 - \$485,000	\$950	FREE	FREE	\$950
\$485,000 - \$490,000	\$960	FREE	FREE	\$960
\$490,000 - \$495,000	\$970	FREE	FREE	\$970
\$495,000 - \$500,000	\$980	FREE	FREE	\$980
\$500,000 - \$505,000	\$990	FREE	FREE	\$990
\$505,000 - \$510,000	\$1,000	FREE	FREE	\$1,000

http://bit.ly/TNR4BERGEN

CORTEZ, CO ~ SEPT. 12-15, 2024

HELP a FERAL...

Tipped? It's fixed!

FREE TNR: Trap Neuter Return

SIGN UP FOR A FREE TNR SPACE TODAY: https://bit.ly/TNR4BERGEN

BERGEN SPAY & NEUTER ALLIANCE

BISSELL PET FOUNDATION® Until every pet has a home.



LOW-COST SPAY & NEUTER CLINICS

Our mobile surgical unit travels throughout Colorado, offering one clinic a month. Visit our Facebook page @bergenspayandneuteralliance or website for the schedule.

Write next clinic date and location here.

September 12-15: City of Cortez Animal Shelter

- 🐾 **DOGS** \$55-\$145 depending on household income*
- 🐾 **CATS** \$45-\$120 depending on household income*

SPAY OR NEUTER SURGERY includes FREE vaccinations (Rabies, HCP/DAPPv) and microchip, if needed.

**See bergenspayandneuter.org or our Facebook page for the sliding fee scale. Fees shown on this flyer reflect our costs as of July 2023 and may change.*

HOW TO REGISTER FOR OUR MOBILE CLINIC:

- Go to bit.ly/SIGNUP4BERGEN or scan this QR code —no need to call, message or email.
- Complete the online registration form and pay the required appointment reservation fee of \$50/dog or \$40/cat.
- After a clinic volunteer reviews your application, they will email you the balance due, reflecting any discount we may be able to offer you.



FREE TNR FOR FERAL CATS

Request a TNR space at bit.ly/TNR4BERGEN or scan this QR code.



Our mission is to make spay and neuter affordable and accessible to everyone. We are a Denver-based 501(c)(3) non-profit, founded in 2019. The upper end of our fee range covers our costs. The lower end of the fee range is subsidized, thanks to generous donors and grants. Visit bergenspayandneuter.org to learn more.

Over 11,500 cats & dogs sterilized since 2019.

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