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VOLUNTEER!

IT'S FEELING LIKE FALL!!

Fall is in the air! Cooler temperatures are beginning to make an appearance and it is hard to believe we are already into October. It's time once again to enjoy spooktacular treats at the FPS Halloween Bake Sale on October 26. Taste buds that have been on hold over the summer will be brought back to life with Halloween bake sale treats. Completing the FPS fall season of events, the 21st Annual Turkey Trot will take place Thanksgiving morning. Please plan to join us for this Thanksgiving tradition and add a new commemorative t-shirt to your collection.

Every fall is also our election of officers. All our current officers were re-elected. Lynn Dyer, President; Debbie Davis, Vice President, Rachel Caciagli, Secretary; and Liz Markum, Treasurer. If it seems like the same names over and over, it is. We cannot emphasize enough the need for new board members.

FPS has just finished a successful Yard Sale and we are so grateful to all those who labored to make it such a success. The community came through with lots of donations and followed up with lots of purchases at the sale. The Yard Sale Team can't begin to thank the many volunteers who put in countless hours to make the sale exceptional. Without them, the sale would not have been possible. We are grateful to have raised over \$16,000 to help many needy animals and their owners in

our community. Once again, without new blood, this may be the last sale. Volunteers and board members alike are getting older and certainly are weary.

Fundraising events take their toll more with each passing year, especially on older volunteers, many of whom have other responsibilities in the organization as well. The Animal Assistance Grant application was due Sept 30th. PACFA inspection occurred on the Tuesday after the yard sale. Many of us have foster kittens, and all of us have animals that long for our attention. One board member, who recently moved to North Carolina, returned to help run the sale, and then faced the trials of Hurricane Helene at home and getting home. The responsibilities of For Pets' Sake volunteers never stop, and more help is needed to meet all the needs of the animals in our community.

Please consider stepping up and helping on the board or with other needed activities. Many hands, and stronger hands, make lighter work for everyone, and are necessary if For Pets' Sake is to continue to serve local pets and their people. We are so grateful for our hard-working board and volunteers, but as with most non profits, we always need more help. We need YOU!

Lynn Dyer, President

FPS HUGE FALL YARD SALE - 2024



- ◆ Seven days!
- ◆ Many very tired volunteers!
- ◆ Over \$16,000 raised!
- ◆ Thanks to all!

What A Success!

Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance came to Cortez

September 12-15 and fixed 90 dogs, 85 owned and shelter cats, and 60 feral cats for low cost or free. **And For Pets' Sake helped!** The dog surgeries and clinic were underwritten by Mile High Canine Rescue and Colorado Animal Rescue Express. FPS underwrote **\$1700** of the cost for owned pets through our Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund grant and \$25 per cat for the ferals (**\$1500 total**) from our general funds. Five of our board members and several other members worked tirelessly (although they did collapse every night) for one to four days of the clinic; and we also provided 20 traps to caretakers. Not bad for a small, all-volunteer group!



Thank you to Dr. Erin Davezac who performed all of the surgeries, the many **wonderful** people from Bergen, the equally wonderful local volunteers, and the Cortez Animal Shelter for hosting this wildly successful event. If you weren't able to be a part of the clinic, **you can still help!** You can make a donation to For Pets' Sake to help us cover the costs for the feral cats and the many more animals that will need to be spayed and neutered before Bergen comes again.

A QUICK AND EASY WAY TO SUPPORT FOR PETS' SAKE!

An easy way to help For Pets' Sake Humane Society is through a **monthly recurring donation**. By making this recurring donation, For Pets' Sake has a better understanding of our monthly income. Knowing that, money may be allocated to different programs, like spay/neuter, medical assistance, dog and cat programs and the feral cat program. No amount is too small (or too large!) Go to our website, www.forpetsakehs.org, click on **"You can help"**, drop down to **"Ways to donate"** in the large box, then click on **"Donate to For Pets' Sake."** Next decide on the amount you'd like to donate monthly and click **"Make this a monthly donation"**. You may use a credit or debit card. You may also make a one-time donation on the website if you choose!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT. Please consider a monthly donation to help keep all our programs running smoothly!

IRS, IRA, RMD???



So you have saved diligently over the years and have accumulated funds for retirement in an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). But when you reach that magical age - 70 1/2, 72, or 73 depending on your date of birth - the IRS demands that you take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) every year. The good news is that you can donate all or a portion of your distribution directly to a qualified charity and reduce your taxable income. Please consider donating to **OUR** favorite qualified charity, **For Pets' Sake**, when you do your year-end tax planning. Consult your financial advisor, tax preparer, or fund administrator for details.

Halloween Bake Sale



BAKE! BUY! VISIT! DONATE! ENJOY!
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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



Holiday Bake Sale

Save the Date!

Saturday

December 21st

City Market / North Entrance

10AM until Sold Out

Board Meeting Dates

Monday • October 14th • 6:30 pm

Monday • November 11th • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387



Halloween BAKE SALE

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



SATURDAY • OCTOBER 26

10:00am until Sold Out

CITY MARKET/North Entrance

YOU CAN HELP!



Bakers - please drop off your goodies at City Market Saturday morning starting at 9:30am. *Early drop-offs can be made at NetForce PC (1011 N. Mildred Rd) Friday, October 25th, 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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