

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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A Year of Thanks

For Pets' Sake is extremely thankful for our members and supporters who have continued to support FPS in 2024. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, here are a few issues members helped us tackle this year.

Food prices for all of us have remained high. A very successful feral cat program means more demand for cat food, as caretakers face the financial burden of feeding hungry cats, FPS has raised the amount per bag charged to caretakers, but food expenses are still high. As more and more cats are fixed (over 6300) more and more cats need food. Still on the subject of food, with your help, FPS also assists individuals in need of help to feed their animals through the Public Food Assistance Program. Walmart donations have been reduced considerably this year. "Free" food comes only occasionally when FPS receives a call. The pet food burden has been somewhat reduced by Colorado Pet Pantry taking on local food distribution, but for many people both programs are needed to just keep their animals fed. Again, the amount charged per bag has increased, and there are limits on how much food can be obtained every three months, but costs for the food program have continued to increase.

Helping all animals live happy, healthy lives is a major part of the FPS mission. For Pets' Sake has two different rescue programs. One, subsidized pets, represents animals in permanent care of FPS. These animals came from a hoarding situation or were part of a supported feral colony, one often fed daily by FPS volunteers, who could no longer

safely stay in their location (think of poisoning, severe illness, fire, etc.). These animals go into long term, or subsidized care. Over the years, these animals have become older and more infirm, and require more funds to keep them in good health. This year the amount spent on these rescue animals has increased. Another For Pets' Sake rescue program is the Foster Program. These dogs and cats come to FPS usually as injured, mistreated, and/or abandoned animals. When they are healthy and old enough to be on their own, they go on to find forever homes. FPS provides the lifeline to make that happen. (See separate story in this newsletter).

For Pets' Sake is continually grateful to YOU, our supporters, who make it possible for these programs to continue, even as demand and prices increase. We are especially grateful at this time to long-time, devoted member Terry Marsden. Terry remembered For Pets' Sake with a recent bequest in her will. These funds will help FPS continue its good work in the area, without the need to do extensive fundraisers like the yard sale. We are so thankful to Terry and to all of YOU for your continued support and ongoing concern. We all need to work together to improve the lives of animals in our community. At this time of Thanksgiving, For Pets' Sake is extremely thankful for **YOU!**

*Lynn Dyer
President*

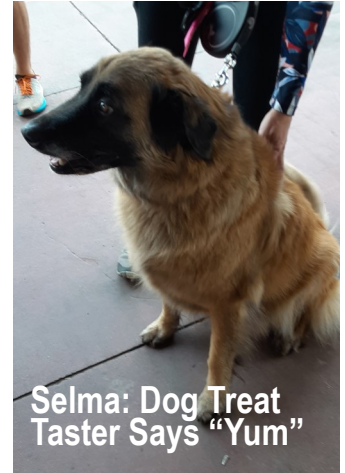
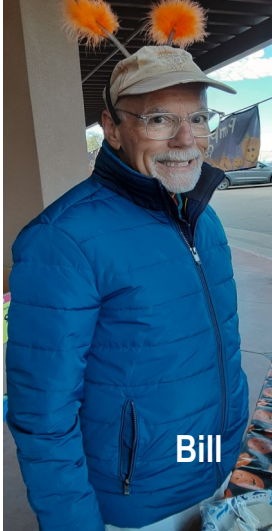


Halloween Bake Sale... A Spooktacular Success!

The For Pets' Sake Halloween Bake Sale raised **\$621** for local dogs and cats.

Special thanks to:

- ◆ All the amazing bakers who provided incredibly delicious goodies.
- ◆ Bill Williams and Janet Wilson, who organized the event.
- ◆ Board members and volunteers (who also purchased many of the amazing goodies).
- ◆ The patrons who made purchases or donations.
- ◆ City Market for providing the space for our event.



Mama Koda and Her Puppies

In 2015, FPS was contacted to collaborate on a large rescue, removing at least ten dogs and multiple cats living outside with little food, water, or shelter. It was a massive undertaking requiring hundreds of hours and multiple agencies and rescues. FPS agreed to provide food for the remaining animals once fixed, on the condition the family did not add any other animals. An FPS board member took them food every month tirelessly year after year. About 5 years ago she alerted us there were new dogs on the property. The family agreed to surrender them so that they could keep receiving food.



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Mama Koda and Her Puppies, *continued*

Unfortunately, the volunteer in charge of taking them food all these years recently passed away. A new volunteer went to the property to deliver food. It was obvious the agreement had been breached, with a number of young dogs, and at least one severely emaciated mama dog with six skinny pups. The mom and puppies were put in a loving foster home to make sure they were getting the best care and food.

We got the pups and mom to the vet, and in addition to being very malnourished, mama Koda had anaplasmosis (tick or flea borne), and severe anemia. We got her on meds right away, and she's slowly gaining weight and getting stronger. The puppies were all relatively healthy, just underweight. The smallest of the puppies only weighed 1.1 pounds at 8 weeks. He eventually turned a corner and is finally gaining weight.



That left the remainder of the dogs on the property to worry about. FPS was put in a very difficult position. There was no doubt that the people's inability to provide adequate care for the dogs resulted in severe cruelty and neglect. We knew we were going to have to involve other agencies to help these animals. This is where the story ends for now. We cannot reveal any more until the investigation is complete. All the animals are now safe and being fed and watered.

FPS is so grateful to the many people who helped give this mama and puppies a new life. This little family now has a rescue partner and they will be leaving in a couple of different groups around the 1st of November. Mama Koda still has a long way to go to reach her ideal weight but she is steadily gaining. She's proven to be a sweet social girl and she's loving her warm coat, soft bed, and living indoors for the first time. Her puppies are typical crazy, energetic, adorable puppies.

Debbie Davis

Foster Dog Program Coordinator



Meet Your 2024 For Pets' Sake PET MEMBERS!

BEVIN

SUNNY

SPARKY

KATI
& MACI

Ⓜ MINDY



NUTMEG



SMILI

Ⓜ ISABELLE &
SWEET PEA

Ⓜ LILY

BUSTER,
ROSE BUD
&
RHODA

LITA &
LOKI

SQUIRT



BENTLY

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CORBAN

DANDY

PENNY

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& WYATT

MILES

ERNIE

Ⓜ RAZIN



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BUDDY

BOOTSY



AMY



GRACIE

Ⓜ ABBY

ADA

ARNIE

POO



PIPER



Ⓜ RUGER



BATMAN



OLIVIA



Ⓜ CRICKET



ZIPPY

21st Annual Turkey Trot

The Tradition Continues!

SEE THE FLYER ON PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS



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!

SHARPS CREEK

TREE FARM

This year we are partnering with For Pets' Sake Cortez. Join us Thanksgiving weekend for three family friendly days. 10% of all sales at the farm will go to For Pets' Sake.

**** Free Hot Chocolate ****

See flyer on page 7 for details!

Holiday Bake Sale

Save the Date!

Saturday

December 21st

City Market / North Entrance

10AM until Sold Out

Board Meeting Dates

Monday • November 11th • 6:30 pm

Monday • December 9th • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387

2024 21st ANNUAL CORTEZ



TURKEY TROT

to Benefit
FOR PETS' SAKE
HUMANE SOCIETY



Thanksgiving Day • November 28

1 Mile FUN walk
for pets & their best friends!
10:00 am at Parque de Vida
Registration begins at 9:30 am

\$25 registration includes a *Cool T-shirt*.



*Prizes for best costume, first & last to
cross the finish line and best trick!*

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Sharps Creek Tree Farm and For Pets' Sake proudly present a Christmas Tree and Wreath Thanksgiving Weekend Special.



Bring the kids to decorate their own wreath or buy one already made

10% of all sales at the farm donated to For Pets' Sake!



- ❖ 6-10 foot fresh cut Colorado grown white-fir trees starting at \$60.00
- ❖ Handmade wreaths starting at 25.00
- ❖ Lots of decorations for kids to choose from
- ❖ November 29th -December 1st from 10-3
- ❖ From 491 head West on Road P in Cahone and follow the signs.
- ❖ Questions? Call 970-562-9888



Interested in participating in this FUN event?
Call 970.565.7387 and we'll tell you how you can help!



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AND TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!**

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JC Pets

The Journal

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**KSJD Dry Land Community
Radio**

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Mona Makes

Mud Creek Hogan

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