



For Pets' Sake Humane Society

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Can You Spare a Penny??

Pennies will soon be in short supply, as it costs more to make them than they're worth. So how can For Pets' Sake continue to have Pennies for Pets? People have already generously donated dimes, quarters, and dollars, and we hope that generosity will continue even after the penny is gone. We couldn't think of a catchy new name, so if you have a suggestion, please let us know.

This year, Pennies for Pets will be at three area farmers markets in July. Find us in Cortez at the market's new location at the Children's Kiva Montessori School parking lot at the corner of Empire Street and Mildred Road on July 5 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. New market locations are at Flanders Park in Dolores on July 16 and at Boyle Park in Mancos on July 24; both markets run from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by and say hello. And bring those pennies!

Events like Pennies for Pets help to improve FPS revenue, but more importantly provide an opportunity to talk to supporters and make new friends. There are still people in the community who don't know about For Pets' Sake—even after our 41 years of operation. Our members, continue to believe in everything FPS does to help animals in our community and the people who love them.

Every June, FPS sends out membership packets and asks for your continued support. By now you should have received your packet in the mail. Special thanks to all of you who have already responded. If you did not receive a packet or need one for a friend who has never been a member, please contact us at (970) 565-7387.

WE ask you to be a member because the animals need YOU. Unlike the penny, your membership has great value and will never be outdated. Thank YOU.

We invite members to join us for our annual membership meeting, at 1:00 p.m. on August 24 at the Parque de Vida East Playground Picnic Shelter.

Hospice of Montezuma's Animal Resource Day Spotlights Advance Directives for Pets



FPS's Debbie Davis (left) and Lynn Dyer hold certificates of appreciation. Participants took home dog and cat houses filled with stuffed animals and treats.

For Pets' Sake board members joined other area pet agencies, presenters, and advocates in Hospice of Montezuma's Animal Resource Day 2025. This year's event focused on the importance of pet owners' creating pet trusts for their furry friends. A few key points are below.

- 🐾 You **can't** legally leave assets directly to a pet in your will.
- 🐾 Leaving money for pet care in your will doesn't ensure it will be used for that purpose.
- 🐾 You **can** leave assets to a trustworthy third party to manage on behalf of a pet caretaker.
- 🐾 It's best to use a qualified attorney with experience in pet trusts and estate planning.
- 🐾 The Pet Peace of Mind program at Hospice of Montezuma provides support and assistance for those in times of crisis. Call (970) 565-4400 for more information.
- 🐾 For Pets' Sake can't promise we will find a home for your pet if you become incapacitated but will do all we can. Call us at (970) 565-7387 to see how we can help.

No FPS Yard Sale in 2025



The For Pets' Sake Yard Sale is taking a break in 2025—or at least the dedicated volunteers who have been running it for years are. After receiving a very generous bequest and other donations last fall, after the 2024 yard sale, we decided NOT to reserve the fairgrounds for 2025. Since we don't have anywhere to store donations, keep saving those wonderful items. We do expect to have a HUGE yard sale in 2026. And if you don't have room to store your treasures that long, please consider having a yard sale of your own and donating a portion to For Pets' Sake! We are still spending lots of money helping pets and their people in Montezuma and Dolores Counties and can always make good use of monetary donations.

HAZARDS of SUMMER



Summer is an important time to consider pet safety.



Fleas, Ticks, and Cheatgrass Keep your pets well groomed and be on the lookout for excessive scratching or licking, which may indicate problems. Topical flea and tick medications can be costly but important for your pets' comfort and health. Avoid cheatgrass by keeping pets away from dry, grassy areas. These troublesome barbed seedpods can work their way through skin and into eyes and cause serious infection requiring veterinary care.

Fireworks and Thunder Keep your pets away from fireworks. Pets can become extremely frightened and disoriented by the noise. Animal shelters around the nation report a dramatic increase in lost pets during the July 4th holiday. Summer storms can bring loud and scary thunder. Keep pets leashed, or better yet, bring them indoors.

For Pets' Sake sells Thundershirts for \$20, which goes directly to our organization. Thundershirts work by hugging the body, and this physically calms most dogs and cats. Some shirts are new and some have been gently used.



Relax and leave a message at (970) 565-PETS/7387 to order one today.



Heat and Hot Cars Protect your pets from the dangers of summer weather. High temperatures put your pet at risk for heatstroke, which can be deadly.

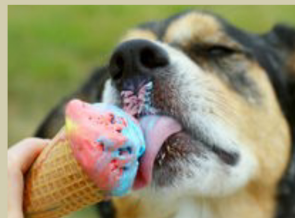
Never leave your pet in a parked car, even if the day doesn't seem that warm. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car—even with the windows cracked—can rocket to 102 degrees within just 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees.



Make Sure Your Pet is Wearing a Collar and I.D. Tag

All pets, even those kept indoors full time, should always wear collars with identification tags. Better yet, microchip. Indoor-only pets can become so frightened by fireworks or storms that they will take desperate measures to escape the noise, including breaking through windows or screen doors.

KEEP COOL & have FUN this SUMMER!



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

To **Virga Foundation**, for a \$4,000 grant.

To **Cliffrose**, for \$475 of uncashed Desert Dollars.

To all those who supported the **Mother's Day Bake Sale** to the tune of \$1,072.



New Law Prohibits Animal Sales in Public Spaces

The Colorado General Assembly met in Denver this year from January 8 to May 7. Since we live in the southwestern corner of the state, far removed from Denver, it may be difficult to pay attention to what our legislators are accomplishing. But this year a bill that passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by Gov. Jared Polis addressed a problem that we face right here in the Four Corners area.

The act prohibits an individual or entity from selling, offering or advertising for sale or adoption, bartering, or giving away a pet animal that, at the time of transfer, is physically located at or on any public street, highway, right-of-way, parkway, median strip, park, recreation area, outdoor market, parking lot, or other public space.

Occasionally, For Pets' Sake will be asked to help with a sick puppy or kitten that was bought or adopted from someone they met in a parking lot. The owner promised medical or registration records, and when the buyer or adopter attempts to get the records, the owner cannot be found. The puppy or kitten needs urgent and costly medical care for a deadly virus that could have been prevented with vaccinations. For Pets' Sake may be able to help or it may be too late. This is a heartbreaking situation for all.

Follow this link to learn more about HB 25-1180: <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb25-1180>.

Montezuma Mutts Photographs to Feature Local Canines and Benefit For Pets' Sake



Photo by Jodi Jahrling, Zu Keeper, ZU Gallery.

In lieu of a Montezuma Mutts calendar this year, ZU Gallery will feature a trio of events that spotlight area canines and a community vote to benefit For Pets' Sake.

Bring your pup to ZU Gallery, 48 W. Main Street in Cortez, on Saturday, July 19, from 10:00 to noon, and for \$5.00, you'll receive a digital copy of the best image from a professional photo shoot of your pet. All participating canines will be entered into a Community Choice Awards vote, with the top three winners receiving an exclusive photo session at one of Montezuma County's iconic landmarks.

Public voting begins immediately after the event and runs for 1 week. Vote for your favorites at \$1.00 per vote, with all proceeds going to For Pets' Sake. A link to voting will be provided at zugallery.com.

Board Meeting Dates

Monday July 14 • 6:30 p.m.
Monday • August 11 • 6:30 p.m.
Call 970-565-7387 for more information

FPS Membership Drive Continues

Help companion animals in Montezuma and Dolores Counties by supporting For Pets' Sake during our membership drive at (970) 565 PETS/7387.

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