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You're Invited to Our Annual Meeting!

Once a year, For Pets' Sake invites everyone to our annual meeting and picnic, where we update members and friends on what FPS is doing to assist animals in our area. Please set aside this time to celebrate YOUR contribution. We will gather on Sunday, August 24, at the Parque de Vida East Playground Picnic Pavilion, from 1 to 3 p.m. Please bring a potluck item to share. Drinks will be provided. Although we are all longing for rain, our hope is to not have a flood like at last year's meeting.



At this year's meeting FPS will elect, or re-elect, board members. Everyone is welcome: For Pets' Sake members and volunteers, anyone interested in membership or volunteering, and anyone in the community who just wants to know what we're up to. For Pets' Sake continues its 41 years as an all-volunteer organization of people who are committed to helping the dogs and cats of the Four Corners area.

Every month in the newsletter we tell heartbreaking and heartwarming stories about the animals (and their people) For Pets' Sake has helped. This meeting is your opportunity to meet the people who perform these miracles every day and to hear firsthand their stories. You may also learn how to become part of these stories, as volunteers are always needed.

This past year, we have been fortunate to add four new board members. The annual meeting is a great way to meet them in person. For Pets' Sake is thrilled to see new people coming forward to support our work! You can meet the other board members as well, many who have served For Pets' Sake for years.

Please make a special effort to join us at the For Pets' Sake Annual Meeting this year. It's a great way to make a commitment to the ongoing success of For Pets' Sake. Please join us. Local pets need YOU! Together we can do so much more to help animals in need.

Hope to See You There!

Help Max Find His Forever Home



Max and his "happy tail" before (left) and after surgery.

Beautiful, smart Max is a very lucky boy. FPS snatched him up less than 24 hours from euthanasia. With no foster homes available, we placed Max in a boarding facility, where he developed a terrible case of "happy tail." He probably had it all along but was in tight quarters at the facility much of the time and really bloodied himself up. And his tail could be painful when it struck people and other animals. After consulting with several veterinarians, we concluded that the only permanent solution was a partial amputation. He developed a terrible infection that required a second surgery to remove even more of his tail. He currently lives with other dogs of all sizes and temperaments and is doing amazingly well. The term *bombproof* has been used to describe Max. He absolutely adores people and loses his mind with joy when he sees them. He's been around kids ages 5 and up and is learning to suppress his joy a little bit so that nobody gets knocked over. He's met some mellow cats and did great with them, but caution would be advised because he doesn't know his own strength. He seems content to run around with the other dogs for an hour or two per day, but mostly he loves to snuggle and sleep. He seems to alert to deer, goats, and horses, so off-leash hikes are probably not a good idea. Max seems to particularly love men. He could be a great hiking companion or even a running partner as he's learning not to pull when leash walking. The dogs are separated at feeding times because some of the other dogs get very excited, which sometimes triggers a quick correction when the dog bowls are distributed, so caution is advised.

Max is about 4 years old, approximately 75 pounds, up to date on all vaccines, heartworm negative and on preventive medication, microchipped, and neutered. He would make a wonderful companion for a couple, single person, or family. He could likely adapt to just about any situation. Please help us find Max's forever home. Maybe you??

Read more about Max on Petfinder:

<https://www.petfinder.com/dog/max-76317266/co/cortez/for-pets-sake-humane-society-co227/>



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In Cortez September 11–14. City of Cortez Animal Shelter.
Volunteers needed! See <https://bergenspayandneuter.org/get-involved/> for details.


 **DOGS** \$65–\$170 depending on household income*

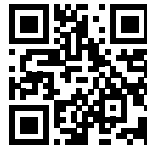
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Pennies for Pets Update

A big **thank you** to everyone who stopped by to visit, donate, and join/renew their memberships to For Pets' Sake during Pennies for Pets at the Cortez and Dolores Farmers Markets in July. Market goers of all ages pitched in to raise \$874.00 for dogs and cats in Montezuma County.



Pennies for Pets at the Dolores (left) and Cortez Farmers Markets.

August is National Dog Month. Time to Celebrate!



Banjo and Biscuit Find the Good Life



FPS was contacted by a family that had purchased two purebred cocker spaniels about 5 years ago. The dogs were well cared for, beautiful and healthy, groomed, and very friendly. The family's business took them out of state and even out of the country frequently, so these two dogs spent a lot of time at a kennel. They enjoyed their time at the kennel and were always happy to come home, but the family felt that it wasn't fair to the dogs to spend so much time away from them. Although Biscuit and Banjo weren't siblings, they were just a few weeks apart in age. They were already neutered, up to date on all vaccines, and loved everyone. FPS figured it would be easy to find a rescue partner interested in a couple of purebreds.

However, the pet overpopulation problem, in this area especially, is bad right now. All of our partners' shelters and rescues are full to overflowing. It's become increasingly difficult to help people who want to rehome their animals. After a few days with no response from rescue partners, FPS put them on Petfinder. Their owners were anxious to move them. A local man with two dogs saw their profiles, so we arranged a meeting, and it was an instant match. The dogs loved Bob, Bob loved them, and his two cockers, Stewart and Beckett, got along perfectly with Biscuit and Banjo. We followed up with Bob a few times, and he tells us everyone is doing well. And BONUS . . . the bonded pair did not have to be separated to find a great home. That rarely happens. We are so grateful to Bob and all of our supporters who helped us create happy beginnings like this.

Board Meeting Dates

Monday August 11 • 6:30 p.m.
Monday • September 8 • 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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