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September 2025

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## And the Winner Is...For Pets' Sake!

ZU Gallery Owner and Zu Keeper, Jodi Darling, launched a new, creative approach to Montezuma Mutts this year. In lieu of a calendar, the gallery featured a trio of events highlighting area canines and a community vote that benefited For Pets' Sake.

Dog owners received a digital copy of the best image of their dog, taken by a professional photographer, for only \$5.00. All photographs were entered in a Community Choice Awards vote, and the top three winners received an exclusive photo session at an iconic Montezuma County landmark.



Public voting ran for 1 week.

Humans were encouraged to vote, early and often, for their favorite dog(s) at \$1.00 per vote. All proceeds from the voting benefited FPS.

FPS received over \$900.00 thanks to Jodi, ZU Gallery, and this fun contest. All the dogs were winners, as all received votes, but the unabashed winner was FPS foster rescue Daisy Mae. This sweet cocker spaniel mix was adopted at an FPS membership meeting 13 years ago at the age of 4, making her the grande dame of the contest at 17. Daisy's shameless person, the president of FPS, rallied every vote possible, making Daisy the winner with 250 votes. Daisy, however, is much more interested in sleeping and helping FPS make money than fame, and she graciously seceded her title to the next three highest vote-getters (*see photograph above*).

Daisy's iconic county landmark is her bed at home with her mom!

FPS is grateful to have been the recipient of the contest proceeds, and the money will be put to good use helping the animals of Montezuma County.

## ***FPS Annual Meeting with Very Special Visitors***

For Pets' Sake held its annual meeting on August 24, 2025. Required in the by-laws, the annual meeting is where board members are elected or re-elected and FPS program managers briefly summarize their programs for the year. Reports were given on cat and dog foster and spay/neuter programs, the Feral Cat Project, medical and pet food assistance, membership, grants, and the endowment fund. Current board member Pam Smith was re-elected and the four board members added during the year—Bill Williams, Patty Boyer, Diane Bush, and Mollie Gosnell—were reaffirmed. Special thanks to all board members who serve the animals of our community.



Very special visitors to this year's meeting included FPS member Trudi Webster and former foster, now forever-homed dogs Koda and John Boy (Jack) (*pictured at right*). Both dogs were difficult and tragic rescues. Koda was found chained to an old vehicle, literally starving, with six tiny puppies all around her. Jack was a reservation stray who was terrified of people. He had several rough starts in foster care, including a broken leg while in a training facility. Both dogs are now healthy, happy, and outgoing with people. Everyone enjoyed kisses from Koda and Jack throughout the meeting. It is wonderful to see animals FPS has rescued have such happy endings to their life stories. The real champion here is Trudi for giving these dogs the love they deserve and for sharing them with everyone at the meeting.



Special congratulations were also given to longtime board member and FPS secretary, Rachel Caciagli, who recently received her veterinary assistant certificate. Rachel has a tremendous love for animals and is already working in her new position.

A potluck followed the meeting and everyone shared good food and conversation. If you weren't at this year's meeting, please try to join us next year.

### ***Board Meeting Dates***

Monday • September 8 • 6:30 p.m.

Monday • October 13 • 6:30 p.m.

Call 970-565-7387 for more information

### ***Upcoming Events***

Halloween Bake Sale • October 25

Turkey Trot • November 27

Holiday Bake Sale • December 20

## Meet Your New FPS Board Member

MOLLIE GOSNELL is a Cortez native. Her grandparents, Denver and Florence Daly, bought property in the Lewis/Arriola area in 1960 and Mollie returned to the family property in the fall of 2022.

After graduating from Montezuma-Cortez High School Mollie attended the Denver Institute of Technology and graduated with a degree in architectural and structural drafting. Her profession took her from southwestern Colorado to various engineering firms as a drafter/designer.

She became interested in fostering a former board member's bonded pair of dogs but was unable to foster them because of how her cats reacted to the dogs. Since January 2025, she has fostered three dogs and four kittens for FPS and four dogs for Den kai. Mollie loves the animals she cares for and finds it rewarding when they find their forever homes/families.

Mollie volunteers for the Community Animal Response Team and Sexual Assault Services Organization, which offers survivors of sexual violence support, compassion, hope, and healing. She is a network marketing representative for Young Living Essential Oils and Wyld Notes and sells directly for Alison's Pantry.

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