



# For Pets' Sake Humane Society

## The Companion

October 2025

**Supporting Planned  
Pethood: Volunteers  
working to improve the  
lives of companion  
animals in Montezuma  
and Dolores Counties,  
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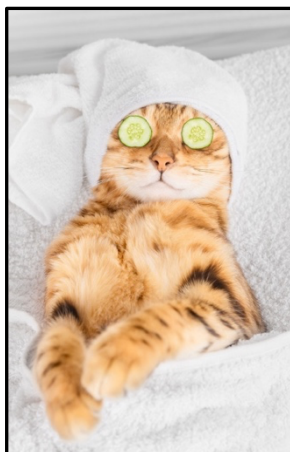


**VOLUNTEER!**

## Celebrate National Pet Wellness Month

In October, we think of ghosts, jack-o'-lanterns, and the For Pets' Sake Halloween Bake Sale. But it's also National Pet Wellness Month, sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) since 2004, to educate pet owners about the pet aging process, the importance of preventive care, and the need to develop positive lifestyle choices for dogs and cats.

In 1761, Frenchman Claude Bourgelat established the first veterinary school. But it wasn't until the mid-1900s that pets began to be seen as family members rather than working animals. This change significantly impacted how pets were cared for and led to advancements in vet care, disease prevention, and treatment options. The AVMA encourages pet owners to address these key areas of pet wellness:



- Regular vet visits for vaccines and screenings
- Routine dental care to prevent gum disease
- A balanced, age-appropriate diet
- Regular activity for physical and mental health
- Protection from fleas, ticks, and parasites
- Updated vaccinations and microchipping
- A safe and healthy home environment
- New toys to stimulate their minds

According to the AVMA, the most common pet nutritional problem is obesity. If your pet is overweight, work with your veterinarian to determine the best age-appropriate diet. FPS's number one health care assistance request is for dental care. FPS will provide some help through our grant from the Animal Assistance Foundation, so please remember FPS is here to help when needed.

While you are celebrating Halloween by creating that perfect costume or carving the scariest jack-o'-lantern, remember to give extra love and attention to your best friend(s).

## ***Bergen Spay and Neuter Clinic by the Numbers***

Two hundred thirty-four animals were spayed or neutered (59 dogs [32 female/27 male] and 175 cats [96 female/79 male] at the Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance clinic at the City of Cortez Animal Shelter in September. Here are a few scenes from the clinic. A big thank you to all those who made the clinic possible.



## ***2025 For Pets' Sake Officers Elected***

At the September board meeting, officers for 2025 were elected. Returning are Lynn Dyer, president; Debbie Davis, vice president; Rachel Caciagli, secretary; and Liz Markum, treasurer. Thank you to those officers who continue to be willing to serve For Pets' Sake. It takes a lot of time and dedication to keep FPS operational. Thanks to all board members and members for continuing to support the work of For Pets' Sake.

***October is Black  
Cat Awareness Month  
Hug a black cat today!***



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

Monday • October 13 • 6:30 p.m.  
Monday • November 10 • 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





# Halloween BAKE SALE

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



**SATURDAY • OCTOBER 25**

**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 24th, 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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