



# For Pets' Sake Humane Society

## The Companion

December 2025

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working to improve the  
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## Here Come the Pawlidays!

Another year is almost behind us. Seems like the older we get, the faster they go. At For Pets' Sake, the weeks of helping animals flow into months into a year as we meet many challenges. The newsletter has kept you updated on the many success stories of 2025. Look for more to come next year, including the rescue of 19 cats from an abruptly abandoned colony.

FPS wishes all of friends and loved legged critters who love (and food). We throughout the special sparkle and



Due to a generous member, we took a

year off from our traditional yard sale. Many people were disappointed, but it gave our board and volunteers a much-needed rest. We hope new volunteers and new board members will bring this excellent fundraiser back in the future—maybe even in 2026.

FPS will hold four bake sales this year, with the BIG holiday sale coming up on December 20 (see flyer on page 3). We are so grateful to our bakers and buyers. The bake sales make a real contribution to our cash flow. People are always generous with their purchases and donations at every sale.

The penny is going away, but not Pennies for Pets. We may need to change the name, but not the event. Volunteers have such fun at the farmer's market when people stop by to chat about FPS and contribute their saved coins. FPS is grateful for every coin, dollar, and check received.

We continued our Turkey Trot tradition this year on a beautiful sunny morning, when people and dogs strutted their stuff to benefit FPS (see story on page 2).

In the spirit of the holidays, we ask you to please remember For Pets' Sake in your holiday giving. An end-of-year request will be arriving in the mail shortly. Please remember that many dogs and cats depend on FPS for spays/neuters, medical assistance, and forever homes. Our hope is that you will continue to help them.

For Pets' Sake wishes you, our supporters, and your furry friends a joyous holiday season, full of wet noses, wagging tails, purrs, and lots of love.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

you a holiday shared with ones as well as your four-are always ready to share treasure their love year, but they do take on a glow at this time of year.

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## ***Continuing the Tradition: 22nd Annual Turkey Trot***

Blessed with a crisp, sunny day, over 100 people and their excited dogs gathered for the 22nd annual For Pets' Sake Turkey Trot, on Thanksgiving morning. Once again, board member and pilgrim, Jack Schuenemeyer, and his dog, Gracie, led the event, which raised \$2,400 to help the animals in our community.

First to cross the finish line was Sofi Zubieta-Stephens and last to cross were Leslie and Hannah and their dog, Porter. Prizes were also given to hot dogs Willie and Sammy and their person, Dawn, and best trick went to Claire Kai's sweet dog. Thanks to everyone who participated and a special thanks to our business sponsors.

Hope to see everyone in 2026.



*First-place finisher was Sofi Zubieta-Stephens (left).*



*Best-dressed prize winners, hot dogs Willie and Sammy, with their person, Dawn (left).*





# HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

TO  
BENEFIT



FOR PETS' SAKE HUMANE SOCIETY

Saturday, December 20th

10:00am until Sold Out

At CITY MARKET/North Entrance

## YOU CAN HELP!

- 🐾 Drop off baked goods at City Market Saturday morning starting at 9:30am. Early drop-offs can be made at NetForce PC (1011 N. Mildred Rd) Friday, December 19, 9:00am to 5:00pm.
- 🐾 Pick up some home baked goodies for yourself, family and friends Saturday morning. It's easy!
- 🐾 Or stop by and make a Kind-Hearted donation to For Pets' Sake for pets' sake!



If you have questions, please call (970) 565-PETS/7387

## ***Cliffrose Continues to Support For Pets' Sake***



*Ric and Chip at Cliffrose Garden Center & Gifts in Cortez.*

Ric Plese, owner of Cliffrose Garden Center & Gifts in Cortez, continues the tradition of supporting For Pets' Sake with funds from Desert Dollars. Throughout the year, customers receive coupons, called Desert Dollars, that may be redeemed between August 15 and September 15. Ric collects any Desert Dollars customers don't want to take and donates the total value to FPS.

This year, FPS received \$645 as a result of this unique fundraising idea.

Thank you, Ric, and all our friends at Cliffrose for your continued support.



Since 2010, Colorado Gives Day has raised over half a billion dollars for Colorado nonprofits. Support For Pets' Sake on Tuesday, December 9 to be part of the largest 24-hour giving movement in Colorado. Visit [coloradogives.org](http://coloradogives.org).

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

Monday • December 8 • 6:30 p.m.

Monday • January 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Call 970-565-7387 for more information

### ***Just a Reminder***

We don't publish a January newsletter in order to give your hard-working board of directors and newsletter editor a holiday break.

## **Thank You to Our Business Members and Supporters and ALL of Our Members and Volunteers!**

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