



For Pets' Sake Humane Society

The Companion

March 2026

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

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Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund Celebrates 25 Years

In 2001, nonprofit animal welfare organizations, officials from state and local agencies, and concerned citizens joined to address the need to increase spay/neuter (S/N) access for pets whose humans did not have the means or ability to receive veterinary care. Their efforts led to the creation of the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund (CPOF), which was established by the Colorado Legislature. CPOF works with animal care and control organizations, veterinarians, and local communities to help control pet overpopulation in the state. CPOF also educates the public about the importance of controlling pet overpopulation.



COLORADO PET OVERPOPULATION FUND

Two grant programs are available under CPOF. Tax Checkoff Grants support S/N for owned animals and License Plate Grants support shelter animal care, including S/N, medical treatment from a veterinarian, and microchipping, and assist shelters to meet the state-mandated S/N requirement for all shelter animal adoptions. More than 26,000 Adopt-a-Pet license plates are on Colorado roads today and have generated more than \$5 million since 2011. Tax Checkoff Grants, have distributed more than \$3.7 million, providing more than 85,000 spays and neuters in rural and underserved communities. For Pets' Sake has been a recipient of the Tax Checkoff Grant since its inception and has spayed and neutered thousands of animals locally.

License Plate Grant funding comes from an initial \$30 donation, plus a \$50 fee for a specialty plate, in addition to registration fees. At the time of renewal, an annual donation of \$25 is added. Tax Checkoff Grants come when taxpayers choose to donate to the program from income tax refunds.

Most funds are granted to rural communities. For the last 5 years, License Plate Grants have gone to over 72% of rural communities, and Tax Checkoff Grants have gone to over 89% of communities with little access to veterinary care.

CPOF has made major contributions to the needs of animals and their people in rural communities over the past 25 years. FPS is very thankful for the assistance CPOF has provided to us, and we look forward to continuing our work together to eliminate the problems from pet overpopulation.

Don't Despair! Be Aware!

The For Pets' Sake Yard Sale is returning in September. Start saving all your GOOD items now!



Spay and Neuter Services Expand



Dogster's in Durango has received a grant to provide S/N services in 2026, expanding access to communities in need across Colorado. This grant is available to lower-income Colorado residents with owned pets and covers spay or neuter surgery and vaccines (DHPP or FVRCP and rabies). Call 970-403-4424 to schedule an appointment.



Rezdawg Rescue will hold a clinic in Towaoc on March 27 and 28. The clinic will offer low-cost S/N and free vaccinations. Email rezdawgrescue@gmail.com or text 720-706-8810. By appointment only!



Soul Dog Rescue will hold a S/N clinic in Cortez on March 28 and 29. Email: admin@souldog.org or call 303-999-6424. By appointment only!



A BIG THANK YOU to the IFA Country Store in Cortez for their donation of 900 pounds of cat food to For Pets' Sake. We appreciate their continued support.

Bowls of Hope Fundraiser a Success



The Bowls of Hope fundraiser tempted attendees with a variety of soups (left) and a paw-themed purse (right).

The first try at a fundraising event for the three tax-exempt small animal rescue organizations in Montezuma County was a huge success. Bowls of Hope, including soups, bread, and dessert, welcomed about 50 guests and raised about \$900 that was split between For Pets' Sake, Obe's Angels Rescue, and Rachel's Forgotten Felines. The event was held in January at Obe's Angels Thrift Store in Cortez.

All food and supplies were donated by local businesses and individuals. Along with the food, a silent auction for a tote bag (featuring a paw-shaped design, above right) and a drawing for a basket of goodies were held. The February event was a pancakes and waffles brunch (see the next FPS newsletter for an update). This month's event, held on March 28, will be a spaghetti luncheon, with seating times at 11:00 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. To reserve your seat, text or call Nikki at Obe's Angels Rescue at 970-739-4432. Space is limited to 20 people per session. The suggested admission price is \$15.

The March event will feature a drawing for a beautiful quilt donated by Stacy Zion. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Tickets can be purchased from FPS board members Debbie Davis and Mollie Gosnell or at Obe's Angels Thrift Store.

Please support these monthly events and continue to help the animals of our communities.

Board Meeting Dates

Monday • March 9 • 6:30 p.m.

Monday • April 6 • 6:30 p.m.

Call 970-565-7387 for more information

Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale • March 15

Art for the Animals • March 21

Art For The Animals

Saturday, March 21st

5 to 8pm

Tickets are \$10

\$25 admission includes 2 glasses of wine

Music by **Cottonwood** 5:30 to 7:30

Ticket sales and art purchases benefit:



For
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Turquoise Raven Art Gallery
104 E Main St Cortez
(970)529-3597

Purchase tickets at the Gallery
Cash or Check Please

**Cash or check
and carry
All work \$350
and under**



St. Patrick's Day BAKE SALE

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



SATURDAY MARCH 14th
10:00am until Sold Out
At CITY MARKET/North Entrance

YOU CAN HELP!

- Drop off your baked goods at City Market Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am. Early drop-offs can be made at NetForce PC (1011 N. Mildred Rd.) Friday, March 13th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



- 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 any questions, please call (970) 565-PETS/7387

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