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VOLUNTEER!

June is Membership Month

As For Pets' Sake enters its 42nd year, the support of our members is more important than ever. With the support of grants from the Animal Assistance Foundation, the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund, the Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter, and YOUR generous donations, FPS works here, in southwest Colorado, helping local dogs and cats. We reduce animal suffering by providing medical assistance to animals in need. Spay/Neuter assistance has always been the core of For Pets' Sake, and within the past 42 years, over 10,500 local pets have been spayed or neutered. Our pet food program continues to provide for needy local pets, and our Feral Cat Program, now in its seventeenth year, has fixed almost 7000 cats. For Pets' Sake has also rescued thousands of cats and dogs, kittens and puppies, and placed them in their forever homes. WE have accomplished so much together and we do it with a 100% volunteer staff and no physical location.

Your membership goes directly toward helping animals in our community.

We continue to live in uncertain financial times, making For Pets' Sake even more important. WE don't want people to put off spaying or neutering their animals because they can't afford it. WE don't want animals to suffer unnecessarily because their owner cannot afford their medical care. WE don't want people to have to decide between feeding themselves or their animals. WE want to help feral cats by limiting their populations and saving their kittens. FPS wants to be there whenever an animal needs our help!!

For Pets' Sake again asks that you give generously during our membership campaign. The animals need YOU! For Pets' Sake needs YOU! Please help For Pets' Sake keep the momentum going. Thank YOU.

For Pets' Sake Humane Society's ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

is happening in June!

Your 2026-2027 Membership packet will be arriving in the mail next month. We look forward to your renewal and really appreciate your continuing support!

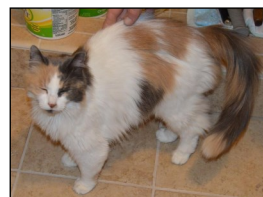


Celebrating 42 Years

Feral Cat Project to the Rescue

In the previous newsletter, we mentioned the For Pets' Sake Feral Cat Project has rescued over 1200 kittens and cats. Those stories are some of the hardest but can also be the most rewarding. Most of the rescues have been 6-8 week old kittens. We grab them, get them healthy and friendly and transfer them to our partners in Glenwood Springs and Eagle for adoption. But then there are the emergency situations. And we have been asked to help with many. If we have the volunteers and foster homes available, we can accomplish anything. A few examples:

Several years ago, a caretaker in Arriola called: he said that when he moved in 11 years earlier he had three outdoor cats and now he had 50! and if we didn't come take them all, he was going to shoot them. People say that to get our attention – and they do! Over the next six years FPS trapped and fixed 49 cats and rescued 16 kittens. And then he died. The new owners would not feed the cats, threatened to tear down their barn, and closed in the bottom of the house where many of them slept. FPS stepped in and rescued 15-20 cats, several of them moms with newborn kittens, and 5 who had been closed in under the house. One cat had to be euthanized, but the rest all found new homes.



A young woman called and said her uncle in Cortez had been hospitalized and wouldn't be going back home. He had several outdoor cats. We stepped in and started feeding the cats. He did eventually come home, but was unable to care for the cats and passed a couple years later. FPS cared for the cats for 12 years and during that time trapped and fixed 30 cats and rescued 27 kittens. We also rescued occasional adults that developed health issues. At the end there were just four older cats left and one of the For Pets' Sake volunteer feeders took them in.

One of For Pets' Sake's big pushes has been talking to the owners of trailer parks and getting all of the outdoor cats fixed. One of the smaller trailer parks in Cortez where we had been trapping intermittently for 7 years was condemned and everyone was evicted – and left their cats behind. We spent about four weeks feeding and trapping 10 feral and previously owned cats. One beautiful boy had feline leukemia and died, but the rest all found homes.



Beau

This past year, a caretaker in Dolores, whom we had been working with for 15 years fell and was hospitalized and could not go back home. She left behind 5 pet cats in her house and about 14 outside cats, most of whom were already fixed. FPS took over feeding the cats. Her son put the pet cats out of the house and we eventually caught them. We also caught one kitten who had cerebellar hypoplasia and the few outdoor cats who were friendly and adoptable. Four of the cats were adopted locally, two of whom were very sick.

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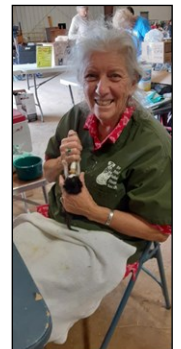
Feral Cat Project to the Rescue, cont.

Sage was in end stage renal failure and died after about 10 weeks of warmth and love. And Beau is still going! He seems to be recovering from the effects of starvation: the silly boy got back into the house and couldn't get out again. He finally started throwing himself at a window when one of the feeders was there and we got him out. All of the other rescued cats were treated for various health issues, including several extensive dental appointments, and went to our rescue partners. We are still feeding 8 cats.



Last summer FPS worked with a very dedicated caretaker who had moved into a trailer in Cortez and started taking care of the many strays in the area. He fed them and tamed most of them. We worked diligently and trapped and fixed 19 adults and FPS rescued 15 very sick kittens. We got them as healthy as we could and sent them to our rescue partners, including Humane Colorado. They had such serious eye infections that one had to have both of its eyes removed at the rescue. Then the caretaker was forced to leave very quickly and had to leave behind all of his belongings and abandon the cats. He called to let us know and FPS went into action. We ended up trapping 19 adults, two of whom hadn't been fixed yet, and five adorable 6-week old kittens. All have gone on to new homes.

FPS has kept busy since 2009, but we are finally seeing the results of fixing almost **7000** outdoor cats. Our waiting list is down from a consistent 40 cats month after month, to about 4 cats per month this past year. We're hoping it stays that way. With your help FPS will continue to rescue these special cats and continue to increase the number of feral cats spayed and neutered.



Marian Rohman, Feral Cat Project Coordinator

Sooner Needs Your Help



A woman reached out to For Pets' Sake asking for help for a dog that she was fostering on her own. Sooner is a beautiful husky whose past is checkered with different homes in a couple of different states, and a couple of years of being lost until she was found again in Venice Beach, CA. She was brought to Colorado to be adopted by a family, but she did not get along with the resident dogs at all. Sooner will probably need to be the only dog in her new home. She's about 5 years old, and has developed a huge tumor just inside her vagina. One of the many vets that she's seen did a needle aspiration and believes that the tumor is benign, but it is so large and in such a difficult area, they're unsure how best to proceed. The recommendation is a CT scan first to tell exactly how far the tumor extends. Advanced Veterinary Surgery in Durango is the only vet in this area with the ability to do these scans, which cost over \$1,800. If the scan determines that the tumor is operable, Sooner will need to have surgery, which could run up to another \$2,500. We can't determine if she's been spayed, so that procedure may need to be tacked on as well. We decided that FPS was the only option for Sooner to

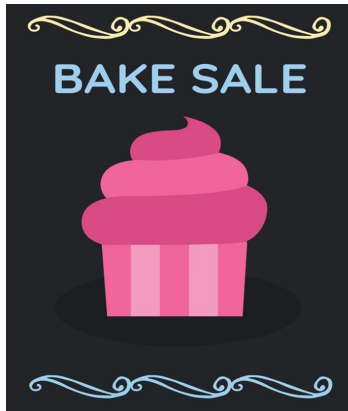
receive the medical treatment she needs, so she is now an FPS foster. Can you help Sooner on her journey to become healthy, happy, and to her forever home? As always, we appreciate your generous support!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

City Market / North Entrance

10:00am until Sold Out

Saturday, May 9th

See flyer on page 5 for details

PENNIES FOR PETS RETURNS THIS SUMMER

Join For Pets' Sake at the Cortez Farmers Market on July 11th for our annual Pennies for Pets fundraiser.

Learn about FPS projects throughout Montezuma and Dolores Counties and contribute your coins and dollars to help the animals in our community thrive.



YARD SALE

As you do your spring cleaning this year, think of For Pets' Sake. The **FALL 2026 YARD SALE** will be held

September 23 - 26 in the Beef Barn at the Fairgrounds.

More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.



Board Meeting Dates

Monday • May 11th • 6:30 pm

Monday • June 8th • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387

Reminder

The newsletter is not published in June so that we can prepare the materials we send out to our members and friends for the upcoming 2026-2027 Membership Drive.


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To Benefit
FOR PETS' SAKE
HUMANE SOCIETY



SATURDAY • MAY 9th
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 9:30am. **Early drop-offs** can be made at NetForce PC (1011 N Mildred Rd) Friday May 8th, 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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