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We Invite YOU!

For thirty-eight years, For Pets' Sake has been an all-volunteer organization. People committed to helping the dogs and cats of the Four Corners have stepped up, helped as they could, and in many cases moved on. The players change but our commitment to helping animals never does. Do you have some spare time? We need more people to join our core group of volunteers especially with fundraising, feeding and trapping feral cats, providing foster homes for needy pets, or assisting in many other ways (anyone willing to sell items for FPS on eBay?). Some volunteers are only needed a few times a year (like for our upcoming yard sale) and others, who can't stay away from the purrs and kisses, help every week. FPS would truly welcome your skills, talents, energy, and time.

Speaking of welcome, once a year FPS invites everyone to our Annual Meeting and picnic, where we update all of our members and friends on what FPS has done and is doing to help animals in our area. We also elect, or re-elect Board Members. Please join us on Sunday, August 21st for this fun event (for details, see the

announcement further in the newsletter). Everyone is welcome at the Annual Meeting — For Pets' Sake members and volunteers, anyone interested in membership or volunteering, and anyone in the community who just wants to know what we're up to.

Hopefully the heat has broken and the weather will be perfect for a fun get together. This is a great way to meet YOUR For Pets' Sake Board Members and other core volunteers.



Please join us. Local pets need YOU!! Together we can do so much more to help animals in need.

See You There!!!

POOR DOLLY DESPERATELY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!



After having gone missing for four days, Dolly returned home with extensive injuries, probably the result of being hit by a car. The owner didn't have the funds necessary for X-rays or treatment. For Pets' Sake was contacted after the fact and offered assistance, but the owner did not have the rest of the money needed. Unfortunately one of her fractures was compound, with the bone actually protruding from her leg, and infection setting in. Eventually the owner surrendered her to FPS. Besides Dolly's broken leg, she had multiple fractures throughout her pelvis including the neck of the femur on the opposite side, and a raging infection. Dolly endured over 6 hours of surgery. An 8-inch metal plate was screwed into her right leg and the femoral head on the opposite side was removed. Other fractures should heal with strict rest over the next 6 weeks. Despite her incredible pain, she remains the sweetest dog, handing out kisses like it is her job. Given her young age (one year) she is expected to fully recover.

Dolly's bill totals thousands of dollars, and FPS desperately needs your help. FPS policy does not support euthanasia when a veterinarian determines an animal can be saved, but when we have to spend this much on one animal, it very much limits the number of other animals we can assist. Please help, and please spread the word to your friends. To donate please go to our Facebook page, or send a check to FPS, Box 1705, Cortez, CO 81321

Dolly and FPS thank YOU for making her future bright.

Feral Cat Project Happenings

Martha and her little firecrackers were handed to For Pets' Sake in a bird cage on the 4th of July. We received a call from a colony caretaker in Pleasant View that one of the twenty-seven abandoned cats he's been feeding for almost a year now had kittens THAT MORNING. He had them in a cage and wanted us to come get them RIGHT AWAY. So we did. The mom is a beautiful gray tortoiseshell who we named Martha in honor of the mother of our country. The kittens are three black tortoiseshells and a solid black – all girls. Their new foster mom named the kids for the occasion: Independence (aka Indy), Liberty (aka Libby), July, and Summer.

Martha is a wonderful, dedicated mom and the kids are getting BIG and starting to escape their nest box. They love being picked up and snuggled, but quickly get all squirmy and cry for their mom. They've been a joy and we feel as lucky, too, that we were able to rescue the whole family. Now we just have to get back and keep fixing the rest of the cats in the colony. The caretakers of another colony sent us this email: "Before we found you, we felt totally overwhelmed about our situation, like it was too big to get a handle on, but your advice as well as the resources For Pets' Sake provides have been invaluable. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your help! We are incredibly grateful!"

For Pets' Sake has had a very busy year so far – we have added twenty-six colonies to the list of colonies we support with trapping and/or food and have trapped in several of our previous colonies. We have now fixed well over 5,200 cats since the start of the program in 2009 – over 270 of them so far this year. If we can keep donations coming in, and have a successful yard sale, we can keep up this pace and possibly get over 500 cats fixed in 2022!



PEBBLES AND BAM BAM FEEL THE LOVE FROM THE FUTURE GENERATION

FPS received a hotline call on July 7th from a very young lady seeking help for a couple of very young puppies. The girl, only 10 years old, lives in Mancos. She is a figure skater who was practicing on the concrete at the park when she ran into a group of four kids talking to a man



with four little puppies. The story was that the man was traveling to Austin, Texas, and his car broke down and he needed to get back home via airplane in a hurry. He had four little puppies that were only 3-weeks old. The mom evidently had been hit by a car and killed a day or two earlier. He asked these kids if they would take the puppies so he could catch his plane.

The group caring for the pups ranged in age from 11 to 17, and had cared for them about 4 days when their new friend, the 10-year old, reached out to FPS. The kids researched how to take care of puppies that young, bought all the necessary supplies, and fed them every three hours around the clock, holding them almost constantly to keep them warm. When I met the puppies, I was prepared for the worst since I wasn't sure these kids could properly care for puppies this young for 4 days.

Most adults, let alone kids, don't have the commitment necessary for feeding every 3 hours. But these puppies looked great. I think 3 weeks was a good estimation of their age, cute as could be, fat little round bellies. To top it off, these kids were just here for a few days. They came to visit one of their parents and were leaving the following day. They had already decided to keep two of the puppies. I talked to them about vaccines and they already knew the schedule that they needed to follow to give them the best chance. We talked about the importance of spay and neuter and I feel pretty confident they're going to do the right thing. They were very attached to all the puppies and it took them 10 minutes to say goodbye and shed some tears.

These were such conscientious kids. The 10-year old who originally contacted FPS about the puppies stayed involved and requested updates. FPS scrambled to find somebody to take puppies that young, and with the help of another rescue partner, located a rescue in Moab that specializes in bottle puppies. The rescue emailed me their surrender form, I acted as a representative for them and the puppies were relinquished. I was able to find a transporter for the following morning to get them to Moab. We've received numerous updates about them. They're doing very well and rapidly approaching adoption age. They've been named Pebbles and Bam Bam and their foster mom is crazy about them.

FPS gained a rescue partner for bottle babies, met some great kids that give me hope for the future, and saved a couple of adorable puppies. Win, win, win!

Many thanks to the four kids, passing through town, who disrupted their vacation to save four tiny puppies. They went to the trouble to research and purchase all the necessary supplies and use them properly and they were willing to forgo sleep and undoubtedly some of their vacation activities to make sure the puppies thrived. And many thanks also to the young lady who researched rescues and humane societies in the area and gave FPS a call. I hope their parents are extra proud of them, because I sure am.

Story by Debbie Davis, FPS Dog Program Coordinator

BERGEN SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC



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BERGEN SPAY AND NEUTER ALLIANCE UPDATE

For Pets' Sake partnered with Bergen Spay and Neuter Alliance in another successful spay/neuter clinic in Cortez, July 10 - 14. We're all aware of the need to spay/neuter our pets. The inability to schedule a spay/neuter appointment in Cortez has backed up the numbers in need of this service. The clinic served 202 animals, 119 dogs (61 female/ 58 male) and 83 cats (49 female/34 male.) Through the FPS grant from Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund (CPOF), FPS sponsored 70 of the animals served. This is the second time FPS has partnered with this clinic by sponsoring animals and we hope more clinics will follow in the future. And special thanks to the Cortez Animal Shelter for hosting us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

Thursday • August 18th • 6:30 pm

Thursday • September 15th • 6:30 pm

Call for information and meeting location. (970) 565-7387

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please join us on Sunday, August 21st from 1:00- 3:00 for a Pot Luck and Membership Meeting at Centennial Park in Cortez. We'll be electing For Pets' Sake Board Members and discussing other fun stuff. We promise to keep the business brief with plenty of time for socializing. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages provided.

UPDATES

PENNIES FOR PETS UPDATE

Thank YOU to all who stopped by the Farmers Market Community Booth on July 3rd and lost their heavy metal in the Pennies for Pets Jars. FPS collected \$416 to help needy pets and also shared information with many people regarding how FPS helps animals in our community. Societal changes that include no longer carrying change, mean FPS will be changing their fundraiser to: Pennies and More for Pets. Still happy to take the change, FPS can really use the paper money too. FPS thanks everyone for what they are able to give. Every penny, dime, quarter, and dollar helps pets in Montezuma County.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

Have YOU renewed your membership to For Pets' Sake? Members make everything we do possible. As a non-profit, totally volunteer organization, every dollar you give goes to help the animals. Currently FPS has 117 renewed members. Reminder letters will go out in early August to those who have not yet renewed. In these difficult times of rising prices, FPS needs YOU more than ever. Please send in your renewal today.

FOR PETS' SAKE HUMANE SOCIETY

Huge Yard Sale!

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

September 21 – 24, 2022

DONATIONS ACCEPTED September 20, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Early donation times and pickup of LARGE items may be arranged. Call 970 565-7387.

Please, NO computers, printers, or other techtronics, NO televisions, NO paint or chemicals, and NO tires!

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