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HOW GENEROUS FINN FUND DONATIONS CHANGED LIVES

Every day For Pets' Sake is faced with challenges. Each year at least one or two of these challenges involve tragic situations and we ask YOU for extra help to save an animal's life. The *Fosters in Need Now* (FINN) fund was created to assist these special animals. Over the past three years, here are the stories of three animals who now live happy, healthy lives due to your generous donations. They thank you for being there when they needed you most.

In 2020 a young, adventuresome teenage cat showed up at a local business. He was fed by the owners, and just enjoyed hanging out there. One night something bad happened and the next morning he had a mangled back leg. The business could not afford the vet bills and gave FPS a call. Boots' best option for recovery was amputation of his back leg. Generous donations to the FINN fund through Facebook and YOU helped cover his surgery. Boots is now a tripod terror and the life of the party. As you can see in this photo,



he has even made a new friend. Being a tripod cat hasn't slowed him down.



In 2021 a foster puppy, Tess, was attacked and critically injured. A chunk of her kidney was torn off, there were multiple wounds to her intestines, and her pancreas was severely damaged. Again, FINN Fund contributions saved her life. Dr. Brock at Vibrant Pet Animal Hospital treated her, fell in love, and asked to adopt her. Posy (a.k.a Tess) is alive and well. She has been the family's little adventurer and has been going on mountain hikes. Posy is very good/tolerant with her human girls. She snuggles with the six year-old and chases bubbles that are blown by the three year-old.

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FINN FUND, cont.

This year, 2022, FPS was contacted regarding a cat who had given birth to kittens and had a prolapsed uterus that had not been treated. By the time Luna came to us she was in serious medical trouble as the uterus has necrosed. Her surgery was very long and challenging and she required an extensive follow-up with medications. During that time Luna was far from happy. Her kittens were gone (FPS bottle fed them), she had been through serious surgery, and now her foster mom was forcing all these bad medications down her throat. But throughout Luna's care, her foster mom kept telling Luna she loved her. That was obviously true, as the foster mom eventually adopted her.



The real happy ending to Boots' and Luna's stories is that the foster mom for Boots was also the foster mom for Luna. Failing at being a foster mom, she adopted both of them. The two make quite the couple, chasing, playing and then cuddling together. All thoughts of their bad experiences are behind them and they are enjoying life to the fullest.

The full and happy lives of all those helped by the FINN Fund are made possible by your support. These miracles could not happen without you.

THANK YOU!

LEXIE UPDATE



You may remember from our last newsletter, Lexie is the pregnant cat that was left for us under a feral cat feeding station. When it was time for her six kittens to be born, Lexie decided that her favorite litter box was a suitable place to deliver them. From that time on they have been known as the "litter bugs." They are so adorable and Lexie couldn't be a better Mom. All good things eventually come to an end, and Lexie and the kittens have left FPS for one of our sister adoption centers. When they are old enough they will be put up for adoption. While we would love to have watched them develop their little personalities, we are confident they will all go to good homes. Now we have room to take in more kittens. Good luck to Lexie and the Litter Bugs!



Tis the Season for Puppies!!!

The first three weeks of April, FPS saw a rash of needy puppies come our way. We are so grateful that, with support of members like you, FPS was able to help, as these guys were slated for an unknown future.

First, FPS was contacted regarding a group of three dumped pups that may or may not be related. They were picked up by a local woman who had them all vaccinated and spayed or neutered. She was looking for help getting them to a rescue or shelter where they could be adopted. Thankfully, Colorado Animal Rescue stepped up to take all three and our new transporter, Aimee Bird, met the CARE transporter in Delta.

Next were five extra cute Golden Doodle Aussie pups. Their owner had an appointment to get their female Golden doodle spayed about a month out, but unfortunately she was not completely separated from their Aussie before the appointment came around. Thankfully, they have since gotten the male neutered and their female is scheduled for spay. These little guys were VERY popular with rescue partners who were almost fighting over them. They were big, super sweet, gorgeous pups that had been well taken care of. They were split between CARE, Telluride, and Eagle. Again, our new transporter, Aimee, took them to Delta.



We are unsure of their exact lineage because four of them were in the 2 lb. range, and there were two big males over 6 lbs. Again we had a bidding war over them and Telluride Humane took one, Vibrant Pet Rescue another, and four went to CARE, thanks to the incomparable Bill Williams. They are wildly popular and very sweet. The two Vibrant and Telluride received have already been adopted.

Lastly, FPS was contacted by a volunteer from the Ute Mountain Ute Animal Shelter regarding a group of seven mix breed puppies that were languishing in their facility, without options. They had already given them two vaccines and two doses of pyrantel, but needed help finding a rescue partner. Montrose Animal Services stepped up and agreed to take all seven. Another new transport volunteer, Mary Scott, took them to Montrose to begin their new lives.

20 puppies in April!!!

If you would like to be a transport volunteer, please call 970-565-PETS and leave a message for Debbie. FPS thanks you.

Debbie Davis/ FPS Dog Program Coordinator
720-271-9040

We can't do it without YOU!

Special thanks to you, the donors, who make all of this possible.



Next came the litter of ridiculously cute Chihuahua mix pups. The owners also had an appointment to get their animals fixed and before that could happen, they mated. The owners ended up with a litter of six perfectly adorable puppies.

REMINDER: For Pets' Sake is Sponsoring a Low-Cost, Dog and Cat Vaccination Clinic

When: Saturday, May 7, 2022, 9:00 am to noon

Where: Montezuma County Annex Building, 107 N. Chestnut Street, Cortez

Veterinarian: Dr. Michelle Schmidt, DVM, Montezuma Veterinary Clinic

\$55 Dog Package includes DHPP/L, Rabies, Bordetella

\$55 Cat Package includes FVRCP/L, Rabies

\$40 Package without Rabies

\$20 Rabies only

Dogs must be on leashes – Cats in Carriers – Cash or Checks Only – No Credit or Debit Cards.

Vaccinations for our human population have been a topic on every newscast the past two years due to the global pandemic. But don't overlook the importance of keeping your pet's vaccinations up-to-date. Why?

The American Veterinary Medical Association gives 5 reasons to vaccinate your pet:

- Vaccinations prevent many pet illnesses.
- Vaccinations can help avoid costly treatments for diseases that can be prevented.
- Vaccinations prevent diseases that can be passed between animals and also from animals to people.
- Diseases prevalent in wildlife, such as rabies and distemper, can infect unvaccinated pets.
- In many areas, local or state ordinances require certain vaccinations of household pets.

The essential or core vaccines should be given to all dogs and cats at regular intervals. Puppies and kittens should start receiving their first shots at 6 to 8 weeks followed by 3 booster shots until they are 12 months old.



Puppies are especially vulnerable to parvovirus. Kittens are highly susceptible to panleukopenia (also known as feline distemper) and calicivirus.

The core vaccine for dogs given at our vaccination clinic is DHPP/L. Cats receive FVRCP/L. What does all this alphabet soup mean?

DHPP/L protects dogs against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus and Leptospirosis. Dogs also receive protection against Rabies and Bordetella.

FVRCP/L protects cats against Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, Chlamydia and Feline Leukemia. Cats also receive Rabies vaccines.

All of the diseases listed above are highly contagious, potentially fatal and costly to treat.

\$2 of the proceeds from each package purchased will be donated to For Pets' Sake!



ANIMAL ART WORKS UPDATE

Special thanks to Sonja Horoshko, Turquoise Raven Art Gallery, the exceptional artists, the wonderful For Pets' Sake members who provided food, and the great music provided by Black Hat. This successful event generated over **\$1,400** for For Pets' Sake. This financial boost to FPS income will truly help the needy dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies in Montezuma County. Thanks to all who attended. Meow, meow, Woof, woof.

NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Friday • May 20th • 6:30 pm
Thursday • June 16th • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387

REMINDER:

A newsletter is not published in June, as the FPS membership campaign asks for your continued support. Your membership, and additional contributions to various projects and funds, continue to make miracles happen in the lives of dogs and cats. Thank YOU for supporting For Pets' Sake.

The Yard Sale is Coming

As you do your spring cleaning this year, think of For Pets' Sake. The Fall 2022 FPS Yard Sale is scheduled for September 21-24. It will be held again in the Beef Barn at the Fairgrounds. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.



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