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

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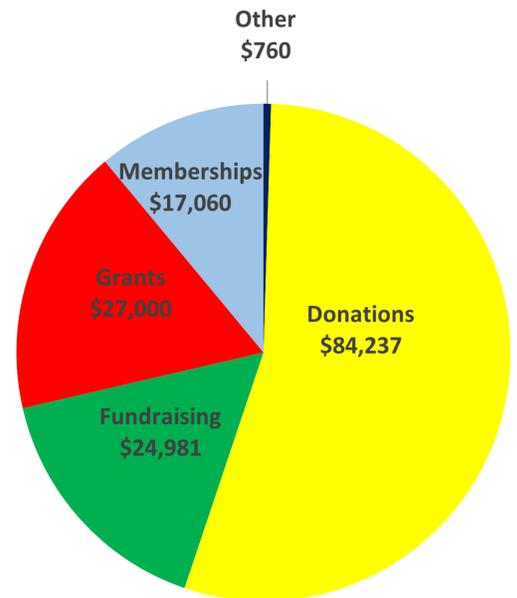
2023 Finances in Review

As always, your support is the foundation of our success. Donations from our members, business members, and friends made up 54.69% of our revenue. The Holiday Mailing campaign was the best ever, raising over \$14,000. Memberships, individual and pet, provided 11.08% of total revenue. A total of 65.77% of revenue came directly from YOU!

Fundraising events in 2023 provided 16.22% of total revenue. This was the first year since the Covid-19 shutdown in 2020 that we were able to have our usual four Bake Sales. We sold \$4,257 worth of goodies to satisfy the sweet tooth of residents of Cortez, surrounding areas, and our board of directors! Thanks to you and our friends in the community the Fairgrounds Beef Barn was stuffed full with treasures for our annual Fall Yard Sale which grossed \$17,429. The Turkey Trot raised \$3,240 and we had the pleasure of talking to and trotting with our two and four legged friends who always entertain us with their creative costumes.

Grants received from Animal Assistance Foundation, Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund, and Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter were instrumental to funding our Medical Assistance, Spay/Neuter, and Feral Cat programs. Grants provided 17.53% of total revenue.

How did we spend the money? \$170,648 was spent for direct services to animals: medical, spay/neuter, vaccinations, food, community cat colonies, and foster cats and dogs. An additional \$11,727 was spent for fundraising costs such as rent for the yard sale building and administrative expenses such as advertising, publishing, postage, internet fees, licenses, storage, and insurance.



Total Revenue \$154,038

Despite a \$14,000 increase in revenue over 2022, expenses exceeded revenue. Our biggest challenge this year was finding funds for our food programs that provided food for both pets and community cats. Food costs increased over \$18,000 as compared to the previous year. The increase was caused by greater demand and rising dog and cat food prices. In order to continue funding our programs, it was necessary to tap into our Endowment Fund for a \$20,000 cash infusion.

Please continue reading the newsletter to see how many animals we were able to help in 2023.

THANK YOU FROM THE FPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Liz Markum, Treasurer

HOW WE HELPED IN 2023 WITH HELP FROM YOU!!!

In 2023 For Pets' Sake still faced many challenges: overworked vets, supply chain issues, increase in demand for feral and pet food, never ending need for medical assistance, and way too many abandoned and unwanted animals. Nevertheless, For Pets Sake made major strides in helping animals in their time of need. Thanks to **YOU** here is some of what FPS accomplished.

Spay/Neuter Services were provided to 217 animals. Of those, 178 were assisted through a grant from **Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund**, including 50 animals we assisted through Bergen S/N. The general fund covered 39 animals who did not qualify for CPOF. Unfortunately, assistance was more difficult to provide due to the limited availability of local veterinary services. Special thanks to Dr. Sue Grabbe, a semi-retired vet who is still doing s/n two days a week. She is helping to fill the gap for those who do not have a regular vet, but hope to prevent unwanted animals.

Emergency Medical Assistance was provided to 106 sick or injured animals. Due to a generous grant from **Animal Assistance Foundation, and YOU, our members**, we were able to increase the amount of financial assistance provided to each animal, and make lifesaving contributions toward their well-being. Once again, our numbers are lower due to the limited availability of local veterinary services. Many emergency situations had to travel to Durango and Moab for treatment.

Feral Cat Project fixed and provided needed medical care to 418 feral cats: 50% of which were spays. Total spays and neuters from start of program - 5900. It also provided over 38,000 pounds of food to 800 cats in 56 colonies and rescued 15 cats and 121 feral kittens. Friends of the Aspen Shelter provided 100 spay vouchers for the feral cat program. See the separate article about the success and needs of the Feral Cat Project.

Cat Foster Program fostered 145 kittens and cats. Through our partnerships with Eagle County Animal Services, CARE in Glenwood Springs and other regional rescues, as well as local adoptions, many of these 145 kittens and cats found forever homes. Going into 2024 there are still a few in foster homes patiently awaiting future loving homes.

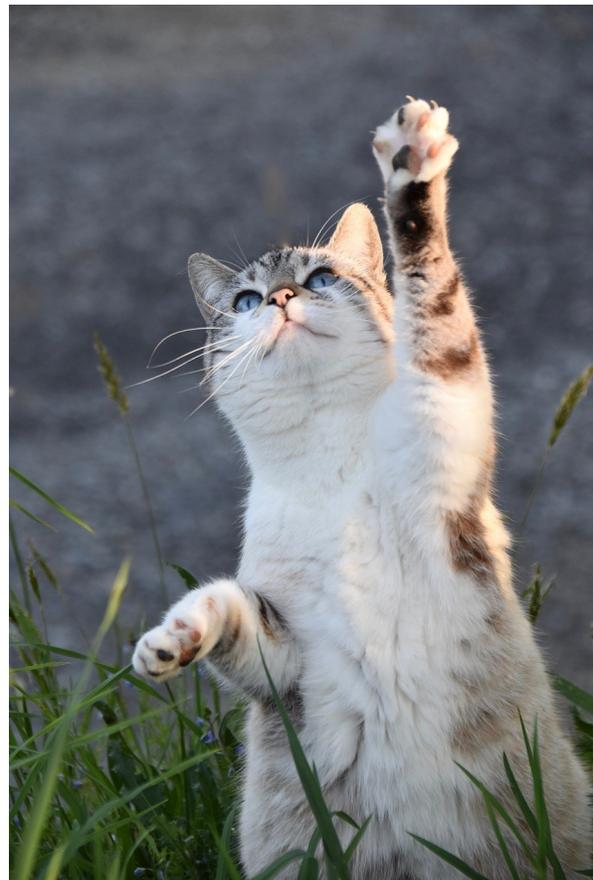
Dog Foster Program assisted in the rescue of 67 puppies and dogs, many of whom were transferred to our rescue partners. We ended the year with a few adults and puppies still in foster homes, hoping to find their new best friends soon.

Pet Food Assistance fed many hungry pets by distributing 24,055 pounds of food to hundreds of hungry dogs and cats, living with local needy families. FPS received assistance from **Walmart** through their donation of over 11,000 pounds of dog and cat food, as well as many assorted cans of food and treats.

All of these program successes are thanks to our dedicated program managers, volunteers, and most of all

YOU!!!!

Lynn Dyer, President



Thank You!

People and Their Pets

Pets, like their people, get sick or injured, grow old and die. At times people and their pets both need help, with food, housing, and medical care. Sometimes people need help to care for their pet's health issues. People may also need help dealing with their grief when they lose a best friend.



Hospice of Montezuma, with funding from the LOR Foundation, has developed a new program to keep pets and people together through life's transitions. The program will unify, support, and enhance pet related services in the area and will serve Hospice patients as well as others in the community experiencing health-related crisis. Patients will receive support to keep their pet(s) with them at home during their illness and decline, and assistance in placing the pet into a new, loving home when the patient has passed. The Hospice program works with volunteers for direct dog and cat care and support, as well as community education and assistance with other animal related needs like grooming, boarding, and transportation. In addition, Hospice of Montezuma provides free grief support for the loss of a pet, as well as free bereavement support to the community.

The activities of For Pets' Sake Humane Society and Hospice of Montezuma complement each other. Both organizations help pets and their people deal with challenging situations and enhance their lives. For more information on the Hospice program call 970-565-4400.

Jack Schuenemeyer, Board Member

Hospice has compiled an Animal Resource Manual for the community that may be obtained by calling 970-565-4400.

The Feral Cat Project Keeps Rolling Along...

2023 was another successful year for the Feral Cat Project! We fixed 418 cats (209 males and 209 females) and ended the year with 5900 cats fixed since the start of the project in 2009. Our average cost per cat was \$115.82, including a spay or neuter, rabies shot, and medical exam and treatment if needed. We also treated 10 cats who were already fixed and 1 who died during surgery. Those 418+ cats came from 99 different colonies. At the end of the year we were up to colony #729, with 45 colonies being actively trapped and 47 colonies on the waiting list. In addition to funding TNR (trap-neuter-return) services, we also provided 38,500 pounds of discounted food to over 800 cats in 56 colonies. And my favorite numbers: we were able to rescue 15 cats and 121 kittens and find them forever homes with loving families. Some of these kittens were in particularly rough shape medically, but the FPS FINN Fund (Fosters In Need Now) and Subsidized Rescue program were able to help them all.

We can only accomplish this much because we have great donors and great volunteers. The Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter gave the FCP another 100 certificates for free spays this year, totaling \$11,000 worth of services. And we received a large memorial gift of \$11,036 that kept us going thru the fall. And we received donations totaling over \$25,000 from YOU our generous members, board members and people receiving food and spay-neuter services. Thank you to all of our wonderful donors and volunteers.

We are planning some changes this coming year. For fifteen years, FPS volunteers have been going out at least once a week EVERY week to trap feral cats. This winter we are winding that part of the project down and leaving the trapping to the caretakers. Our limited number of volunteers may step in occasionally to help with a large or particularly needy colony, but we are planning to sleep in on Tuesday mornings starting sometime this spring.

Thanks again to everyone involved. We need all of you.

Marian Rohman, Feral Cat Project Coordinator



February is Spay and Neuter Awareness Month

We know that our members and supporters are **very** aware of how important it is to spay and neuter pets. But some folks still need to be persuaded. The graphic below may help spread the word! And For Pets' Sake can help pay 50% of the cost of a spay or neuter with funds from the **Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund**.



A Simple Way to Give

You can help Colorado dogs and cats when you file your state tax return. If you are getting a refund, you can donate an amount to the **Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund or CPOF**. This is a fund that provides funding to local shelters, rescues, and humane societies to help pay spay and neuter costs for Colorado pets. For Pets' Sake used their grant to spay and neuter **178** dogs and cats in the Four Corners area last year. Just use form **DR 0104CH** and look for **line 5** to donate. You can also go to **line 16** to make a donation to a Colorado nonprofit organization that you specify (of course we're partial to For Pets' Sake. Follow this link for our [Registration Number](#)).



Board Meeting Dates

(Now on Mondays, instead of Thursdays)

Monday • February 12th • 6:30 pm

Monday • March 11th • 6:30 pm

Spring Events

Bake Sales:

St. Patrick's Day • Saturday • March 16th

Mother's Day • Saturday • May 11th

A FEW OF OUR CLASS OF 2023 FOSTERS



Happy Valentine's Day!



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AND TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!**

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