



For Pets' Sake Humane Society

The Companion

March 2025

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

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VOLUNTEER!

Puppies and Kittens are Coming!

What happened to winter this year? It's very scary to think of a summer without water. But nature responds to the changes in climate, and birds are already migrating north for their summer. Sandhill cranes have been seen in Montezuma County on their way to Alamosa and then up north. Once again, spring brings challenges when unwanted puppies and kittens show up at homes, barns, and garages, under porches, and, honestly, almost everywhere. The answer to unwanted litters is, of course, spaying and neutering adults before they breed. Since our beginning in 1984, For Pets' Sake's number one goal has been to reduce the unwanted pet population through spay/neuter (S/N). In addition to committing our own funds toward this goal (thanks to YOUR donations), two grants help local pet owners and caretakers get their animals fixed. The Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund (CPOF) pays half of the procedure's cost for qualifying owned pets, and grants from the Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter have helped the FPS Feral Cat Project spay and neuter over 6,400 feral cats. Both of these grants are available now to pet owners and caretakers to limit the number of unwanted animals. The For Pets' Sake general fund will pay for 50/50 S/N when the CPOF grant does not apply. Money in the general fund comes from your donations.



However, the current situation is complicated: most of our local veterinarians are overloaded and are not taking new patients, so getting an animal fixed can be a challenge. FPS is working with a local, semiretired vet who is only performing S/N, rabies shots, and euthanasia to help meet local animal needs. Dr. Sue Grabbe's information is listed below. In addition S/N clinics in the area are low- or no cost and usually include vaccinations. All require appointments. (See page 2 for more information.)

The Four Corners community is coming together to eliminate unwanted animals and make S/N more easily available. Thank YOU for helping For Pets' Sake eliminate the problem of unwanted pets. Every animal deserves a forever home.

D-SNiP presents

"Beat the Heat"

Get your
CAT
fixed for
only
\$40

Special price good
through March 31

schedule online at
d-snip.org
or call
970-403-4424



Low- or no-cost spays and neuters are available by appointment at the locations below. Call for information.

Dr. Sue Grabbe
970-560-4054
S/N, rabies shots, euthanasia
Works with FPS 50/50 program

Denkai Animal Sanctuary, Durango
970-217-1457
denkaisanctuary.org
Occasionally offers S/N clinics

La Plata Humane Society, Durango
970-259-2847
Register online: laplatahumanesociety.org
Also feral cats in traps

D-SNiP, Durango
Schedule appointment online: dsnip.org
Also feral cats in traps

Board Meeting Dates

Monday • March 10 • 6:30 p.m.
Monday • April 14 • 6:30 p.m.

Call 970-565-7387 for more information

Spring Bake Sales at the Cortez City Market

10 a.m. until sold out

St. Patrick's Day • Saturday • March 15
Mother's Day • Saturday • May 10

March is Pet Poison Prevention Month

Dangerous Foods for Pets

***Alcohol
Chocolate
Coffee
Garlic
Grapes/Raisins
Macadamia Nuts
Onions
Raw Yeast Bread Dough
Tea
Xylitol***

Top Toxic Plants for Pets

***Azalea
Aloe
Daffodil
Daylily
Easter lily
Hosta
Peace lily
Philodendron
Pothos/Devil's ivy
Sago palm
Tulip***



**If your cat or dog ate something you think is poisonous, don't wait!
Call your veterinarian or the Pet Poison Helpline®* at (855) 764-7661.**

* \$89 incident fee applies

LOR Foundation Funds Dog Training



Over 27 dogs to date have benefited from a generous grant from the LOR Foundation that provides behavioral training to dog owners. The \$8,350 grant aims to address the root cause of pet surrenders and support canine-human relationships. Training tools, boarding, and vetting to bring vaccines up to date prior to boarding are included. Our target audience is owners that are willing to work with local trainers and do the homework requested. Our hope is that this will result in fewer surrendered dogs and a better understanding of our canine companions.

With adoptions way down and more and more animals being surrendered, it's become increasingly important that we explore all options to keep dogs in the homes they know and love whenever possible. Many times, depending on the behavior and the dog, there is no adopter and no rescue partner that will take a chance on them in their current state. We're very hopeful that we will be able to make a positive difference in the lives of dogs and their people.

Please contact For Pets' Sake or call Debbie at (720) 271-9040 for more information about how to participate.



St. Patrick's Day BAKE SALE

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



SATURDAY MARCH 15th
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 14th, 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

*Start saving Cash for Cats and Dollars for Dogs (aka Pennies for Pets)
for our Cortez Farmer's Market booth in July*

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