



# For Pets' Sake Humane Society

## The Companion

April 2025

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

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## Preventing Animal Cruelty All Year

April is officially recognized as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, epitomized by the Five Freedoms of animal welfare:

1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigor.
2. Freedom from Discomfort by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
3. Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease by prevention of rapid diagnosis and treatment.
4. Freedom to Express Normal Behavior by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
5. Freedom from Fear and Distress by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

For Pets' Sake, with YOUR support, is constantly on the alert to protect animals and help them live healthy, happy lives.

- FPS food programs assist caretakers who feed feral cat colonies and pet owners who need help to feed their pets. A small donation for the food helps cover FPS expenses. Occasionally, FPS will work with other agencies and law enforcement to rescue and relocate animals without adequate food and water to an area with adequate care.

- FPS donates free dog houses for animals in need of shelter.

- FPS, with a grant from the Animal Assistance Foundation, provides up to \$250 to aid pets with injuries, cancer and other diseases, and dental care. Financial assistance from our general fund for kitten and puppy shots gives young animals a solid footing. The FPS spay/neuter program, facilitated by a grant from the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund and our general fund, prevents unwanted puppies and kittens from being born and helps adult animals lead their best lives.

- FPS's foster program provides kittens, puppies, dogs, and cats the opportunity to find homes where they will prosper. A strong working relationship with statewide partners helps FPS place foster animals where they will receive proper care and attention—and often share forever homes with others of their own kind. And this year, FPS, with funding from the LOR Foundation, paired trainers and dogs to correct behavioral problems and maintain the security of dogs' forever homes.

Together, we make a difference in animals' lives every day.

## ***Meet Your New FPS Board Member***

PATTY BOYER was born and raised in the Army. Her dad was a World War II veteran who stayed in the Army after the war. Her family traveled and camped all over the United States and Europe—wherever they were assigned. Her folks introduced her to the glories of nature and the animals who live there, and she has had dogs, cats, fish, snakes, lizards, and geckos for pets ever since. In the fourth grade, her fascination with slugs led her to keep a terrarium full of them.

Patty graduated from Kansas University and moved to Cortez in 2009. She met FPS board member Marian Rohman after joining the Mancos Valley Chorus. Patty adopted her wonderful cat, Emmylou Harris, from Marian, who encouraged her to join FPS. Patty's admiration for FPS led her to become its newest board member.

## ***St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale Success!***

The For Pets' Sake St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale added \$1,540 to our pot of gold for animals. Thanks to all who baked and bought treats and to those who made several very generous donations to FPS. Don't miss our last spring bake sale May 10 at the Cortez City Market. Look for more details in the May newsletter.



*Bill braves the cold at last month's sale.*



*Tables of goodies await hungry customers.*

### ***Board Meeting Dates***

Monday • April 14 • 6:30 p.m.

Monday • May 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Call 970-565-7387 for more information

### **Mother's Day Bake Sale at the Cortez City Market**

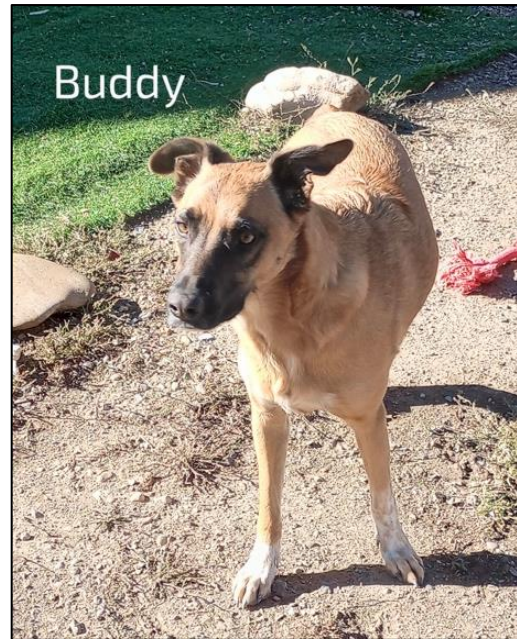
10 a.m. until sold out

Saturday • May 10

# Where Are They Now?

## *Frida and Buddy*

FPS members will remember Frida and Buddy, a bonded pair of dogs profiled in the February FPS newsletter. Humane Colorado tells us they were adopted together in late February in the Denver area, which makes everyone who knew about their situation very happy.



## *Mister Dude*



Mister Dude used to roam the streets of Cortez, where For Pets' Sake found him over a year ago and placed him in a foster home. According to a recent Facebook post by Colorado Animal Rescue (C.A.R.E.), Mister Dude “was a sucker for cheek scratches, had a total wild side, adored the other cats, doted on foster kittens, and enjoyed the company of a small dog.” Free to adjust at his own pace—along with plenty of tuna treats—Mister Dude was recently adopted by a family in Glenwood Springs, where he now lives with two feline siblings.



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