Inside Scoop...

Fall is my favorite time of year, with its golden colors, blue skies, and a reprieve from the flood of animals that come through our shelter doors in the summer months. Vacationers and thunderstorms increase the number of lost and stray dogs in our care. While kittens born to feral colonies increase our feline intake in the warmest months. It is not uncommon for our 17 dog kennels and 22 cat kennels to be full on any day in July or August, with many animals in foster homes, especially kittens. We had a full dog and cat room when I received a phone call from the Salida Police department that they would be needing our assistance with the seizure of a number of dogs. When all was said and done, we received 23 chihuahuas that were terrified and far from housetrained. While our staff team worked long hours to socialize, clean, and care for these dogs, the community responded by giving donations and words of support, and opening their homes to foster many of these dogs when needed.

When the dogs were released for adoption, partner shelters stepped up by taking some of the dogs for adoption at their facilities while foster parents and community members adopted some as well. A seizure of this size is uncommon for our shelter, and coupled with the current construction project and a normally busy summer, we had our hands full. As a staff team we are often reminded that our successes would not be possible without the dedicated involvement and support of so many members of our community. We are feeling that more than ever now, with our building project nearly completed and with so many animals in need having received care, rehabilitation, medical treatment, and loving homes. Thank you to our board members, volunteers, foster parents, generous donors, partner organizations, law enforcement agencies, and supportive members of our community that make all these successes not only possible but a reality. These accomplishments are something to be proud of, and we look forward to celebrating them! I hope to see you all at our Cause for the Paws event on October 18th at the Salida Steamplant, so I can personally thank you all, for all you do for the animals!

Sincerely,

Amber van Leuken
AVHS Executive Director
Seizure of 23 Dogs

On Tuesday, July 23rd Ark-Valley Humane Society took in 14 small dogs from a Salida home that was declared inhabitable by local officials. An additional dog was received the following day, and 8 more dogs were seized on August 21st bringing the total up to 23 dogs from this case.

After caring for these dogs at the shelter for weeks, AVHS was able to successfully place many of them into 8 different Salida foster homes, and we are so grateful to the Salida community for stepping up and helping in this way. So far, 13 of the 23 dogs have been adopted!

Slate, pictured here, was one of the chihuahuas we received. He is so happy to now be in a loving home!

Thank you High Country Bank for Responding to our plea for dog food by hosting TWO dog food drives for AVHS over the summer!

Thank you 50 Burger for helping raise funds with Pints for a Purpose!

Happy Tails

*Thanks to those who have adopted an AVHS animal this summer!*
Fourth Annual Feline and Fido Photo Contest Winners!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Feline and Fido Photo Contest! Thanks to you, we raised $8,106 for the animals!

1st Place: Barnie
Barnie was found (wait for it) in a barn at 4 weeks old trapped in a small spot. Looked all over for any litter mates or momma but she was all alone. Luckily I had other kittens in the house to teach her all she needed to know about being a kitty. Most important of all how to look adorable for pictures.

2nd Place: Newman & Diego
Newman & Diego recently passed away this year, within 4 1/2 months of each other. Both were rescues. Diego (right) travelled all the way from the beaches of Rosarito Beach, Mexico! I could not resist him as I found him looking for scraps as a 3 month old puppy, alone and scared. Newman joined our team 9 months later, and became Diego's best friend immediately. Diego & Newman were with me through a lot. My rocks.

3rd Place: Bodhi
Bodhi is a 7 month old Aussie and was adopted from Ark-Valley Humane Society at the age of 3 months after a bit of a rough start in life. He's a big love bug with a huge personality. He loves his older sister, Abby, and tends to relentlessly tease her into playing with him. He quite simply brings joy into every space he enters!

Ark-Valley Humane Society
Dog (and Cat) Days of Summer Matching Campaign

Thanks to Greg & Ruth Phillips for sponsoring our Matching Campaign in August by matching 50% of donations. This campaign raised an additional $15,000 for AVHS!

Kitty Yoga at AVHS South!

Thanks to all of our foster parents and to everyone who came out to enjoy this fun & relaxing activity to support AVHS. Thank you to all the Yoga Instructors who volunteered their time this summer to teach Kitty Yoga with our shelter kittens.

Thank you to the following yoga instructors: Stephanie Helm, Abigail Smedly, Michelle Ricci, Ivy Bergemann & Mindy Candee
Help Us Build a Better Future
FOR THE ANIMALS

OUR VISION FOR THE NEW ADDITION

The project is an addition to the existing AVHS Animal Shelter consisting of approximately 1,200 square feet that will include a reception, adoptable cat room, two small meet-and-greet rooms, and an ADA compliant bathroom. Site work includes reconfiguration of the existing gravel parking lot, concrete access walks and new landscaped planting area. New electric power and lighting and mechanical heating and ventilation systems will be provided for all additions.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

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<th>Personalized Outdoor Paving Bricks</th>
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<td>Visitors enter the shelter through the main entrance and pass into the inviting Lobby space. This area serves as an educational and informational welcome to all members of the community. Humans and animals alike will feel welcome and at ease as they pass into the beautiful, spacious area, vaulted ceilings and all!</td>
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<td>The adoptable cat room will house our adoptable cats and offer a beautiful place for potential adopters to meet our feline residents. With spacious and open kennels, the adoptable cat room will serve as a comfortable space for cats while they wait for their new families.</td>
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<th>Meet &amp; Greet Outside Dog Area</th>
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<td>Our canine residents will get to meet their new families under the warm sunshine and fresh air! This area will provide an enclosed outdoor space for our canine residents to meet potential new family members (furry and human)!</td>
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<th>Indoor Meet &amp; Greet Rooms 1, 2, &amp; 3 (INDOOR MEET &amp; GREET ROOM 1 &amp; 2 RESERVED)</th>
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<td>These rooms will provide a private and spacious area inside for our animal residents to meet potential new family members (furry and human!) Adoption counseling will also occur in these rooms.</td>
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<td>The cattery will provide an open space for our cat residents to enjoy fresh air while also creating an inviting space for potential cat adopters to meet the kittens.</td>
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<td>We know that first impressions are everything. That's why all our visitors are warmly welcomed by one of our friendly staff members at our prominent Reception Desk located inside the lobby.</td>
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<th>Cat Kennel Banks (four sold, two available)</th>
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<td>Our cat kennel banks will house the adoptable cats and make sure they feel comfortable and secure while waiting to find their new family.</td>
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If you are interested in honoring a beloved pet or person with a naming opportunity, please contact Amber van Leuken, 719-395-2737 or avanleuken@ark-valley.org.
About the Bricks
Available for a limited time only in support of the building project

These personalized bricks will be on permanent display outside of our new addition. The paver bricks are approximately 4" x 8" in size and include three lines of up to 18 characters per line.
Characters includes spaces and/or punctuation.

Cost of 4x8 Personalized Brick Paver: $250

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