

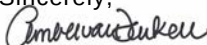
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Inside Scoop...

During this Safer at Home time we are getting into new routines and so are the animals. For those of you who saw the photos in March of our completely empty kennels, I've no doubt you were as amazed as we were. The stay at home order had motivated us to find foster care for as many animals as possible and the response from our community was incredible. However, the most amazing thing of all is that we've maintained empty kennels thanks to volunteers continuing to open their homes to dogs and cats in need of shelter. Last month we posted a photo on our Facebook page of a dog that arrived at the shelter as a stray. She had climbed up onto the front desk and was relaxing against the computer waiting for her human mom to come pick her up. We joked that the word was out that shelter animals have been in foster homes for two months, so now when new dogs show up at the shelter as strays they refuse to go into a kennel. We've shared many recent happy tails of dogs and cats being adopted directly from foster homes and it begs the obvious question; will animal sheltering ever be the same again? Two pregnant dogs gave birth in foster homes and their puppies were raised and socialized there. With pet adoption applications now online, and adoption counseling being provided by phone and video calls, each puppy, when old enough, went directly from their foster home to their adoptive homes. Our animal care technicians, who six months ago spent half of each day cleaning, are now animal ambassador case workers that develop a relationship with the foster parents and animals they oversee, providing necessary veterinary

care, behavior and training support, supplies, and adoption counseling. AVHS continues to provide all regular services by appointment, including stray reclaims, animal relinquishments and adoptions, spay/neuter programs, and pet cremation services. Stray animals continue to be admitted to both our shelter locations 24/7 with the assistance of law enforcement officers. With community members providing direct animal care, AVHS staff can safely practice social distancing while focusing even more on providing community support and expanding our programs. These programs now include a pet food bank, boarding for pet owners in crisis, greater trap/neuter/return support for feral cats, and growing collaborations with human service organizations. These are uncertain times and we look to the future with readiness to adapt to changing community needs and we are finding new ways to respond to animal homelessness and end its root causes. Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer. Thank you for all the ways you are supporting animals during this time.

Sincerely,


Amber van Leuken
AVHS Executive Director



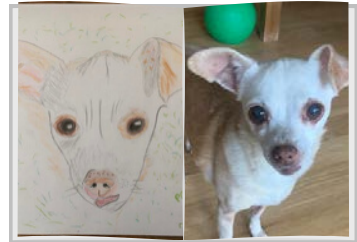
Freedom Ride Photos!

Thank you to everyone who adopted an animal!



Our BRAND NEW Good Pet/Bad Portrait Fundraiser was a hit!

THANK YOU To all of our amazing volunteer artists who donated their time and talents to make this fundraiser possible. You helped us raise over \$3,300 for the animals! We hope to hold this fundraiser again next year, stay tuned!



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

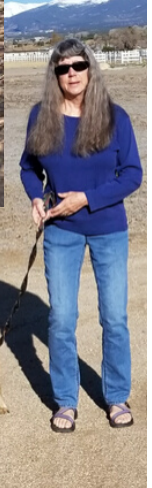


We wish we could have spent National Volunteer Appreciation Week with you, and can't wait to see everyone again! We want to give a special thanks to all our volunteers who are still helping out by fostering, writing humane education articles, gardening, fundraising and making portraits for our Good Pet/Bad Portrait Fundraiser!



3rd Annual Tails on the Trail Goes Virtual!

When the Stay at Home order came for April, we knew it would be hard to plan an event for mid-May that involved a crowd of over 100 people (and dogs!) last year. We didn't want to cancel this great community event, so we decided to try taking it virtual- a first for Tails on the Trail! Many amazing supporters participated in the virtual 5k, sharing photos of their adventures, hikes with dogs, getting fit with their goats, or taking a cat out for a stroll! THANK YOU for still embracing our annual dog walk during these difficult times. We are hopeful that we will safely see you all in person for next year's event!



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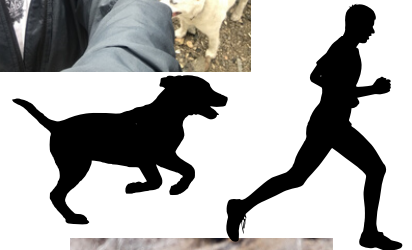
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Commemorative Glass Leaves & Brick Order Form

Take advantage of this special opportunity to acknowledge your support of Ark-Valley Humane Society with a commemorative glass leaf or brick paver. The bricks will be on permanent display outside of the new addition to our Buena Vista Shelter. Commemorative Glass Leaves may be returned to you as a keepsake or may be displayed on the AVHS memorial Tree in the Memorial Garden. If you choose to keep your leaf, there is no additional cost to you, however your donation will be reduced by the cost of the leaf and shipping if selected.

A hand-crafted glass leaf memorializes or honors a loved pet. A brick celebrates a special donation, honors a long-time volunteer or memorializes a loved one!

Questions?
Contact Amber van Leuken at avanleuken@ark-valley.org
719.395.2737

Glass Leaves



Green \$50 Donation

Green

Yellow \$75 Donation

Yellow

Orange \$100 Donation

Orange

Leaf to be added to AVHS Memorial Tree

Leaf to be mailed to address listed above

Pet's name to appear on Leaf _____

Brick \$250 Donation

4x8 Personalized Brick Paver

PLEASE PRINT WHAT YOU WISH TO INSCRIBE BELOW



How To Order

Fill out this order form and bring in or **mail to:** AVHS
Attn: Glass Leaf/Brick Campaign, 701 Gregg Drive, Buena Vista, CO
81211

First & Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

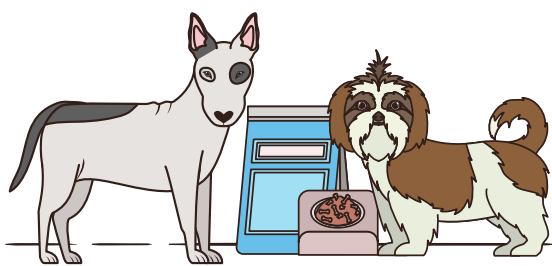
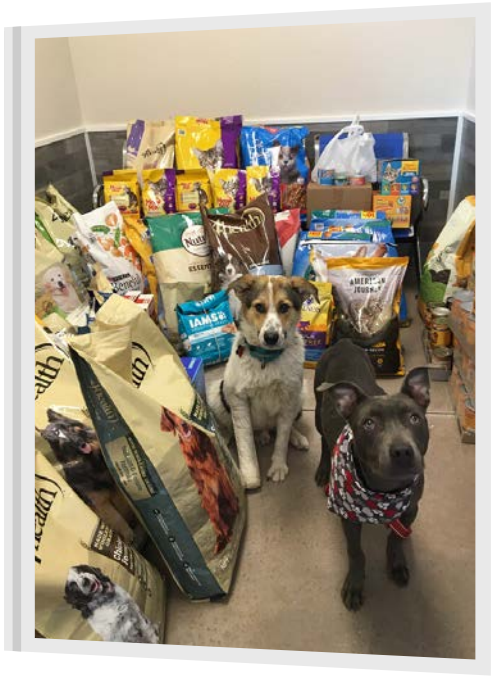
Include check of appropriate amount along with this form filled out

*Please make check payable to Ark-Valley Humane Society

To pay with credit card, please make payment in person at our shelter located at 701 Gregg Drive in Buena Vista

We asked for help collecting pet food for community members, and Chaffee County responded!

Thanks to everyone who donated Pet Food and Supplies! We've delivered food to many families in need and helped stock local food pantries. If you or someone you know is in need of Pet Food please give us a call at 719-395-2737.



We are available 7 days a week from 12-5:30PM by appointment, please call us at 719-395-2737 before coming to the shelter!

Pet Preparedness during COVID-19

Make sure to have a Plan! Develop a buddy system with neighbors or friends to make sure someone is able to care for your pets if you're unable to do so. Make a Pet Emergency Kit that includes 3 days of food and water, Medicine, medical records, collar with id tags, leash, crate or pet carrier, a picture of you and your pet together, some familiar items for your pet (bedding, toys), and bags or litter for cleaning up after your pet. For more information about pets and COVID-19 find updates at <https://www.ark-valley.org/services/covid-19updates/>



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These foundations and organizations helped with the building project, general animal care, and spay/neuter



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NUMBERS THAT COUNT MARCH - MAY RECAP

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| Animals Adopted | 48 |
| Lost Animals Returned to Owner | 27 |
| Volunteer Hours | 234 |
| Number of Spay/Neuter Community Assistance Surgeries | 7 |

Thank you, Spring Donors! March-May

Your contributions to AVHS are invaluable to the lifesaving work we do everyday. The animals we help everyday have a second chance at life because of **you**.

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"Hi there! I'm Pablo, currently available for adoption through AVHS. I wanted to thank everyone who donates to AVHS- you're helping so many animals just like me find loving homes!"



Over the Rainbow Bridge

Human Memorials

Sonia Walter
 Bud Surber
 Ethel Andrews

Elise Backinger
 Willis Surber
 Jennifer Pittman

Muriel Warner
 Sarah Bergman



**"Until one has loved an animal,
 part of one's soul
 remains unawakened."
 -Anatole France**

Pet Memorials

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 Boy Wonder
 Sophie
 Raggs
 Frank
 Wildlife Lost in Fires
 Roxy Priest
 Boba Ferret
 Dozer Goode

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 Rudy Smythe
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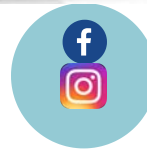
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