

PAW PRINTS



Inside Scoop...

Wow! It is truly amazing to have not only met but surpassed our goal to raise \$31,000 in the month of August! With animal intakes climbing through the summer months, it is wonderful to have ample funding to take care of our special needs and medical case animals. Interestingly, August was a tough month for animals in our care...

A litter of Border Collie pups, received from a nearby county's hoarding case, were infected with giardia. Around the same time, a number of cats coming from New Mexico came down with coccidia, and others with upper respiratory infections. Then, to our disbelief, several of our dogs began with symptoms of kennel cough. Our Isolation kennels, nearly empty on a typical day, were instead filled with sick dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Our staff team's daily routine now involved donning personal protective equipment and cleaning and medicating for three hours straight each morning. Our shelter veterinarian, Dr. Annie Cordova, received our texts and phone calls seven days a week, as we addressed one infection only to discover another. Then a kitten arrived in a humane trap, hissing one day and deciding to trust us the next. As we bathed him, we noticed clumps of fur falling out, leaving bald patches behind. Where had the days gone when an animal arrived, got vaccinated, spayed and then adopted all within a week's time?

Faced with these challenges, rather than become frustrated, I saw our staff team become grateful. Grateful that these babies could be saved. Glad that we had medications that could help. Appreciative of Dr. Annie's around-the-clock support. Thankful, when another puppy pulled through or a kitty finally stopped sneezing. Amazed at our donors, who helped keep hope alive by stopping in our lobby and sharing a story of a pet they loved. Please SAVE THE DATE for our Sunday, November 6th Open House. Our Board Members and Staff Team are looking forward to showing you around our facility, answering questions, and sharing stories. We couldn't do this work without your support! May we all celebrate this fall season by giving thanks.

Sincerely,



Amber Vanleuken
AVHS Executive Director



Happy Tails Photos!

Thank you to everyone who adopted an animal this Summer!



Movie Night at the Comanche Drive-in was a hit!



Thank you to everyone who came out to see the Secret Life of Pets 2 at the Comanche Drive-In this year. You helped raise \$1,108 for the animals! Special thanks to our amazing business sponsors: High Side! Bar & Grill, Laura's dog training, Tracks Software, Rustic Wood, Good Skin Matters, Goode Things, Mountain Dogs- Romp & Chomp, Sangre De Cristo Electric / Tri-State, Mandala Collective, Sparks Provision & Seadog Sailing Inc. We couldn't do it without you!



Executive Director, Amber Vanleuken & Vice Chair, Allison Gergley

Thank you to everyone who donated during our August Matching Campaign!

Cindy & Mike Newell, Greg & Ruth Phillips, Bob & Sarah McMahon, and Judy Hamontre graciously doubled every gift made in August up to a \$15,500 max contribution from them. We asked you to help us reach our fundraising goal of \$31,000 and you answered! In the month of August \$36,620 was raised for AVHS, thank you!



Thank you!



Donors Annette Dickinson and Buri Gibson doubled their donations in August! After selling their restaurant in Breckenridge, they collected \$1,720 in dollar bills that had been taped and tacked to the walls by customers over the years! With their dog Sarah, who was adopted from AVHS in 2013, they dropped by AVHS shelter with a bag full of cash! Every dollar will go twice as far, thanks to the McMahons, Phillips', Newells and Hamontre!

Big Heads, Bigger Hearts

Our 3rd annual tshirt fundraiser raised \$676 for AVHS and 70+ people now have these great t-shirts! They're still available for purchase at bonfire.com/adoptatavhs if you missed out!



Ark-Valley Humane Society Purchases Building in Salida



AVHS purchased 1425 E St, previously home to 14ers Wieners food truck, in Salida, Colorado. This 400 square-foot building will act as our new animal impound facility serving southern Chaffee County. If a member of the public finds a stray dog in southern Chaffee County they can call Dispatch at (719) 539-2596 to have an officer meet them at this facility to take in the animal. This Salida-based facility is not a staffed location and animals received at this facility without a known owner will be transferred to the Buena Vista shelter for owner reclaim or adoption services.

Ways to Give

Dogs come in all shapes and weights! Cats come in a variety of colors and breeds! Why not donations? They too can come in many different forms and sizes! While the majority of gifts AVHS receives are online or mailed check cash donations (thank you HUGELY!), there are a number of other creative and thoughtful ways to support AVHS through gift giving!

Consider signing up for monthly recurring online donations through the donate link on our website. Each month your credit card will be automatically charged with the amount you designate, allowing for careful budgeting and the ease of recurrent giving. In-Kind donations are non-cash items such as pet food, litter, or toys. These can be dropped off at the shelter or purchased on Chewy.com or Amazon and shipped directly to the shelter. You can also sign up for Amazon Smile by designating Ark-Valley Humane Society as your Charity, and a percentage of all of your Amazon purchases will be automatically donated to AVHS!

Or perhaps purchase a commemorative Brick or Glass Leaf? Bricks are \$250, custom engraved, and are displayed in the AVHS memorial garden. Hand-crafted Glass Leaves range from \$50-\$100 and are a beautiful way to memorialize your pet. Get creative and host a garage sale or sell crafts with proceeds benefiting AVHS. A child might be excited to ask for pet food donations instead of, or along with, birthday gifts. Businesses have opportunities throughout the year to sponsor AVHS events and be recognized at those events for their contributions.

Donations can also come in the form of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or even real estate, that may allow the donor to avoid paying capital gains tax while directly supporting AVHS. Retirement planning offers other creative ways to give, including Rollover IRAs and Charitable Gift Annuities that may also provide significant tax benefits. Legacy gifts, including bequests by will or trust, or a beneficiary designation, enable donors to create a powerful philanthropic legacy by designating some part of your estate as a donation to Ark-Valley Humane Society.

For gifts to Ark-Valley Humane Society other than cash, please contact your financial advisor or attorney first before making a donation. Additionally, please contact Amber Vanleuken, executive director at Ark-Valley Humane Society to ensure that your gift can be accepted. Look for more information about different ways to give by clicking on the DONATE tab on our website. We are incredibly grateful for all the special ways our donors support the work of AVHS.

High Country Bank Hosts Two Food Drives for Ark-Valley Humane Society

Our amazing community donated 1,875lb of pet food at these two events! High Country bank matched 1,000lbs of pet food with a \$1,000 donation, along with donations from our community! Thank you everyone! This food not only helps feed the animal at AVHS but also helps keep our community pet food pantry open to community members in need.





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 at AVHS. 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 displayed at AVHS

Leaf to be mailed to address listed below

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

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NUMBERS THAT COUNT JUNE - AUG RECAP

Animals Adopted	119
Lost Animals Returned to Owner	65
Animals In Foster	54
Number of Spay/Neuter Community Assistance Surgeries	77



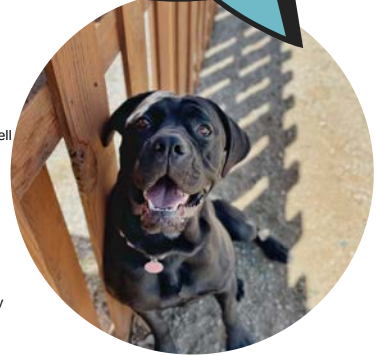
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Your contributions to AVHS are invaluable to the lifesaving work we do everyday. The animals we help everyday have a second chance at life because of **you**.

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"Hi there, I'm Molly, available for adoption from 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

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|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bruce John Smith | Dr. William Burton | Joni McCoy | Ron Roberts |
| Carol Hagan | Dr. William Mehos | Laurie L. Walters | Ronald Wilson Southard |
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**"Until one has loved an animal, part of one's soul remains unawakened."
-Anatole France**

Pet Memorials

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| Ally Martin | Cooper | Kayla L. | Pepper Lehmann | Sammy |
| Axel Miller | Dakota | Lily Lewrs | Poe | Scooter Kerr |
| Belushi | Deater | Lionel Derke | Princess | Shooter |
| Bogart | Empi Stubbs | Maci | Pussy | Spud Horton |
| Buddy | Gracie Webb | Mai Mai | Reece Turner | Stella |
| Carissa | Henry | Malaia | Ringo | The pets of Marsha Unruh |
| Cassie Propernick | Jaxon Binns | Mason | River | Trevor Andrews |
| Charlie | Jody & Baxter Shake | Maverick Masingale | Roofus Garrett | Westly Dages |
| Chester Kriebel | Juju | Molly | Sally | Zoe Feuerstein |
| Cholulu and Jackson | Katy | Oscar Merchant | Sam | |



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Save The Date: Feline & Fido Photo Contest returns Oct 17th-30th



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