

PAW PRINTS



Inside Scoop...

Here at Ark-Valley Humane Society, summertime equals kittens! And this year more so than ever, as we have grown our transfer partnerships to save even more lives. As of June 15th our shelter had taken in 38 kittens!

Twenty-one of these purring, and oftentimes hissing, fur-babies were transferred in from shelters or rescue groups in need. Most were born to feral mothers, who have undergone trap and spay, and have been returned to an outdoor life. The not so technical term we prefer to use to describe the behavior of these kittens when they arrive at the shelter is "spicy"! We even have a spicy chart to help us gauge how much socialization each kitten will need and whether they will require foster care for their rehabilitation. Without socialization in the first 12 weeks of life, a kitten born to a feral mother will remain feral, or extremely shy, for the rest of his life.

These first few months of life offer a short window of time to take action. So much individualized care would not be possible without a small army of kitten fosters that step up to the task each summer. The trick to transforming a kitten from spicy to mild is strategically offering yummy food and cuddle time. Since at time when my children were old enough to carefully handle kittens, we have been taking the spiciest of these babies into our home for a few weeks of socialization, prior to

them returning to the shelter for spay or neuter, and adoption. A couple of our favorite techniques are burrito-ing the kitten in a towel and holding the kitten close while watching TV or relaxing on the couch. With its little head peeking out of the towel, the kitten cannot escape but also feels a sense of security. Like kangaroo care with a newborn human baby, hearing your heartbeat and sensing your calm presence soothes the kitten. Once a kitten appears less scared, my kids discovered that they could wear a sweatshirt backwards and a shy kitten would nestle in the hood. Last year, 63 foster homes cared for and helped with the rehabilitation of 206 shelter animals! We literally could not do the work we do without our foster volunteers, especially when it comes to transforming spicy kittens into cuddle bugs.

Sincerely,

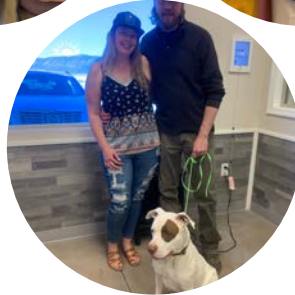


Amber Vanleuken
AVHS Executive Director



Happy Tails Photos!

Thank you to everyone who adopted an animal this Spring!



Good Pet/Bad Portrait



Our annual Good Pet/Bad Portrait Fundraiser was another successful event! We could not do this without our wonderful volunteer artists. Thank you to the amazing volunteers who donated their time and talents to help homeless pets. This year, our volunteer artists helped raise over \$2,775 and created 67 gorgeous portraits of community pets. This fan favorite fundraiser is always a hit. Thank you!



AVHS recognizes volunteers at appreciation event in April

It's been a few years since we have been able to gather at the shelter and celebrate the amazing work our volunteers do. This April we had beautiful weather, brats on the grill, and homemade dishes from staff and board members. What a blast! Thank you to all who were able to attend and make this sunshine-filled day the perfect gathering. We were grateful to recognize nine of our volunteers, but truly every volunteer makes an immense difference in the lives of homeless pets. In 2022, 56 volunteers gave over 1,515 hours of service. Additionally, 63 foster homes helped care for 206 homeless pets. Wow, we're amazed at our wonderful community of volunteers, thank you!



Volunteer of the year:
JACK HAWKINS



Purrfect cat cleaner:
JUNIA FITZGERALD



Best feline friend:
DELANEY BENNIS



Take a lap (dog walker):
PHIL WALKO



Volunteer Rookie of the year:
KATHY CAMPITELLI



Foster rookie of the year:
ERIN PURSCHE



Photographer of the year:
KARI VANDERBURG



Most dedicated foster:
AMY POTTS

All photos taken by Andrea Newell, Chaffee County Times correspondent
Not pictured: Helping Hands Award, Ann Carter



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** Leaf to be displayed at AVHS
- Green
- Yellow \$75 Donation** Leaf to be mailed to address listed below
- Yellow
- Orange \$100 Donation** Orange

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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To become a legacy society member visit ark-valley.org/legacy/

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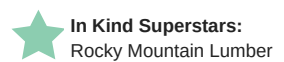
Animals Adopted **69**

Lost Animals Returned to Owner **46**

Animals In Foster **52**

Number of Spay/Neuter Community Assistance Surgeries **54**

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.

50 Burger	Congregational United Church	Bridget Hurley	Nina Molinaro	Soiled Out T-Shirts	Candace Weiss
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Over the Rainbow Bridge

Human Memorials

Anna Marie Bell	Jan Witte	Orthel Family
Annette Leary	John 'Nomi' Nahomenuk	Phyllis Giles
Denis Fisher	Michael Bull	Stanley A Lebiaziewicz
Gordon Trask	Norman L Wheelock	Vicky Williams



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

Pet Memorials

Abby Hoffman	Conrad/Aneloski Bella	Jemay Guy	Misty Chartier	Spike Martinez	Zeb Gerstmeyer
Ashe Pinson	El Don Johnson	Kagei	Panda Watson	Sweet Pea Hintz	
Aspen	Fancy Green	Katie McKnight	Phil Friedman	Tippy Tom	
Bear	Gracie, Carly, and Jovi	Kiowa Goode	Precious Jordan	Toby Hoffman	
Boon Kampling	Gucci	Layla Walsh	Puddy Cat	Tootsie Onderdonk	
Bryn Swift	Harry McCoy	Lily Bellantonio	Roxy McCollister	Tucker Osowski	
Buster Vargo	Hatkin	Maggie Chartier	Sammi Welch	Tyler Bollinger	
Cheese Somme	Holly Deffenbaugh	Maitilda	Shval	Velcro	
Chloe	Huck LeTourneau	Mischca Minor	Smoky Erler	Walnut	
Chloe Hansen	Izzy Little	Miss Kitty Starnaman	Sophie	Wilson & Lucy	



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