

PAW PRINTS



DRIFTER

Inside Scoop...

At AVHS the summer concluded with an overwhelming sense of gratitude as we not only met, but surpassed our goal to raise \$33,400 in the month of August! These critical funds, raised thanks to the incredible support of our community, will make a lasting difference to animals in need. Many cases brought to our staff throughout summer further highlight how our work would not be possible without such dedicated involvement by all of you.

A stray blue lovebird was recognized to be out of place and brought to AVHS by kind samaritans after being found along the roadway near McDonald's. His owner was so grateful to be reunited with his beloved bird, who he was unsure he'd ever see again.

18 litters of kittens were brought to AVHS to begin their journeys towards adoption, the majority of whom were strays found by community members. This brought year-to-date totals up to 108 kittens received so far! Wow!

Three dogs arrived at AVHS within a one week period after having been caught in humane traps—all too fearful to willingly approach the kind samaritans looking after their welfare...

Community members rallied around the aptly named "Drifter" when he was posted online as a stray. Seen wandering for a period of time and due to his skittish nature, local community members set a humane trap in the hopes of catching him. Fortunately the trap worked and Drifter was brought to AVHS. Our staff evaluated him

and treated injuries he sustained while on the run, including a deep laceration on a paw pad. Only days later Penny was humanely trapped by kind samaritans after being continually spotted in the area of a local campground. Penny was treated for ticks, cactus spines in her leg, open sores, and tapeworms after being evaluated by our staff team. To our surprise, the very next day Arizona was brought to AVHS also thanks to the dedicated effort of community members who took the time to set a humane trap to bring her safely to AVHS. Staff was overjoyed to see the personalities of these initially shy dogs begin to shine as they settled into the shelter routine. While in the care of AVHS all three dogs were spayed or neutered, microchipped, and brought up-to-date on vaccinations. I am happy to report that each have since found loving homes! From all of us at AVHS, we **THANK YOU!** We could not do this without you. With summer ending and the aspens already giving our valley a magnificent show, we hope for a long and colorful fall season full of giving thanks!

Sincerely,

Nikki Ritter

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AVHS Executive Director



Happy Tails Photos!

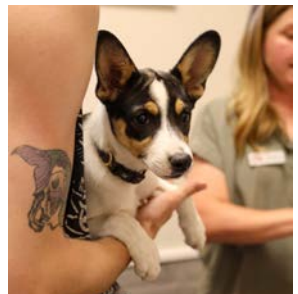
Thank you to everyone who adopted an animal this summer!



Free Community Microchip/Pet ID Clinic

Thank you to our sponsors for supporting our first-ever Free Community Microchip/Pet ID Clinic. In 2023, Ark-Valley Humane Society helped reunite 185 lost animals with their families. One of the first things AVHS staff is trained to do when a lost animal arrives at the shelter is check for ID tags and scan for a microchip.

Thanks to the many participating community members, we were able to provide 37 Pet ID tags and 32 microchips. We hope by offering this clinic, even more pets will have up-to-date tags and microchips so that lost pets can be quickly reunited with their loving families.

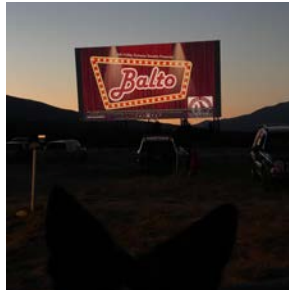
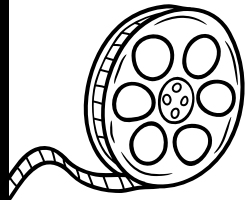


Movie Night at the Comanche Drive-In



We had a blast at our 4th Annual Movie Night at the Comanche Drive-In! Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and showed up to watch Balto with their friends, family, or four-legged companions. We raised \$2,460 that will benefit the homeless pets of Ark-Valley Humane Society!

Thank you to our Premier Sponsor:



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Volunteer DiscoveryBound NLC with Adventure Unlimited Ranches Group Visits

We are incredibly grateful to the DiscoveryBound NLC with Adventure Unlimited Ranches group for their tremendous help at the shelter. Each day, around 15 amazing kids dedicated their time and energy to weeding our Memorial Garden and Meet and Greet Dog Yard, cleaning and breaking down airline kennels, and sorting cat and dog food donations in preparation for distributions to local pet owners in need. Their hard work and dedication made a significant impact on our shelter. We are so thankful for their support and kindness!



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August Matching Campaign

Generous donors Junia & Bill Fitzgerald, Judy Hamontre, Donna Hassinger & Stephen Williams, Sarah & Bob McMahon, Cindy & Mike Newell, Ruth & Greg Phillips, and Tom Purvis challenged YOU to help raise crucial funds for Ark-Valley Humane Society by pledging to match every monetary donation in the month of August, dollar for dollar, up to \$16,700! You answered the challenge and helped raise \$56,719.79 for the animals of AVHS! We are overwhelmed with the generosity of our community. Donations help us serve the homeless pets of Chaffee County and beyond. In addition to supporting the community through our stray intake, relinquishment, and adoption services, we also offer a myriad of pet-retention services. So far in 2024 we have served over 1,251 animals in need. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for allowing us to do this work, your support makes all the difference!





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 Nikki Ritter at executivedirector@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

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NUMBERS THAT COUNT

JUNE - AUG RECAP

Animals Adopted **106**

Lost Animals Returned to
Owner **75**

Animals In Foster **71**

Number of Animals Helped
through our Community
Pet Food Pantry **255**



Thank you, Summer Donors! June-August



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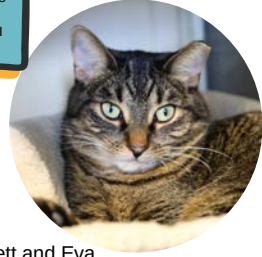
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Abby	Chloe Hampa	Harper King	Louper	Opie Woodyard	Scarlett and Eva
Amie	Claire	Iris Landess	Louie	Paddy	Scout Schoeffield
Anya Brooks	Cookie and Dulcie	Izzy	Lucy	Paris	Shira Barrows
Astro Vasquez	Cooper	Jack Billings	Maisy	Pinto Bean	Soda Frecking
Austin Boehmke	Daisy Maloney	Jasper Godde	Mala Lothamer	Prince, Pookie, & Lil Bit	Sugar
Bandit Urbine	Daisy Rau	Jigsy	Mali	Princess	Weber/Bassett
Becca	Demon	Latte Ziperman	Manny	Remington Ail	Family Cats
Bella	Eddie	Leroy Brown Weisenhorn	Maya Stroud	River	Tahari Pfeiffer
Carissa	Eddie Leary	Lexi	Monty kitty	Sammy	Wilson
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