

# The

WINTER 2019

#### Dear Friends,

This holiday season we look forward to gathering with friends, family, neighbors, and our community to celebrate the love we share and the bonds that bring us together. As the weather gets colder and the needs of many grow larger, we are especially grateful for our steadfast connection to you – a family of animal lovers, caretakers, and supporters of pets and people who are always ready to lend a helping hand. Your commitment inspires us and strengthens HSBV's cornerstone programs, ensuring animals have a safe place to lay their head and pet guardians are met with compassion and kindness, during their time of greatest need.

We need your help to save and change the lives of the nearly 7,000 animals who will rely on HSBV in the coming year. On Tuesday, December 10, Colorado will come together to make our state an even better place to live, work, and play for pets and people on Colorado Gives Day. One of the most exciting days of the year, Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate lives changed and saved, make a promise to those still in need, and increase philanthropic awareness through online giving. You can dedicate your gift to our Transfer, Shelter Medicine, Safety Net, and Behavior Modification programs, or give a general donation to help us extend a net of care and kindness to every animal in need who walks through our doors.

I am so excited to return to HSBV as CEO, and look forward to working with you to drive these programs forward, together. As I walk through our Adoption Center, I see so much hope and love around me. Wagging tails, purrs, smiling faces, and joy fill our halls this holiday season because of your support. I am incredibly grateful I am able to witness these amazing relationships being created and strengthened.

Please join me, and schedule your donation today at <u>coloradogives.org/HSBV</u>. When you support the Humane Society of Boulder Valley on Colorado Gives Day, you are giving a lifesaving and life-changing gift in support of thousands of animals and people who count on us each year. Your generosity will save and change lives, and really, there's no better gift than that.

With gratitude,

Jan Maturth - Smith

Jan McHugh-Smith, CAWA CEO



P.S. Please join me at HSBV on Tuesday, December 10th for a holiday open house from 5:30-7:30pm. I can't wait to meet you, and toast to a lifesaving Colorado Gives Day!



# Lifesaving Stories

### PEDRO

Pedro arrived at HSBV after he had been found in the cold, health fast failing. His rescuer knew he needed help – Pedro looked sickly and frail – and that HSBV would welcome this tiny kitten with open arms and kindness. It was quickly discovered that Pedro was malnourished and suffering from ringworm. Our team started him on twice daily medicated baths to treat his infection and mixed up a nutritious kitten-approved gruel to boost his development and recovery. Once Pedro started responding to his around-the-clock care, it was time to find a foster family to provide the stability and comfort of a home which would support his continued recovery. One of our most tenured foster volunteers stepped forward to help Pedro overcome his rough start and get him back on his paws – what a lucky kitten! Thanks to your incredible support of each of these programs – our open admission animal services, lifesaving shelter medicine resources, and compassionate foster support – were at the ready when they were needed most. Pedro recently received a clean bill of health and is almost big enough to start looking for his loving family! Thank you for giving Pedro a second chance and the life full of love that he deserves!





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## **A LIFESAVING SAFETY NET**

Tab was not feeling very well when our team received a call from his worried guardian. The sweet senior kitty had stopped eating and his guardian wanted to ensure Tab received the care he needed, but money was tight. The subsidized veterinary care we provide through our Safety Net program was at the ready to help Tab's guardian, a veteran on a fixed income, access the veterinary care needed to save Tab's life. Following treatment for a urinary blockage, Tab also needed dental surgery to remove infected teeth that were causing pain, and continued support on a prescribed diet to keep his kidneys healthy. Tab is now back home, fully recovered, and looking forward to cozy afternoons snuggled up with his family this winter! Because of your commitment to helping keep pets and people together, Tab was able to find lifesaving care at our veterinary clinic and go home to his loving family.



The HSBV Safety Net has supported more than 1,000 families in need this year – providing housing after an emergency, access to veterinary care, training services to alleviate behavior challenges, free food and pet supplies, and so much more. Thanks to you, Tab, his guardian, and others like them can find a safety net of compassion and kindness when they need it the most. Sweet Pete was found as a stray in our community and brought to HSBV by a good Samaritan. At 12 years old, Pete was lumpy and bumpy, but full of love to give! The veterinary team provided important vaccinations, extensive dental surgery, and removed a lump on Pete's head to help him look and feel his best. Soon, Pete was adopted and now spends his



days being spoiled and loved. Because of you, HSBV's safety net of care was open to provide the support Pete needed to get back on his feet and find a loving home.

Thank you for supporting this November's Adopt a Senior Pet Month! This November, HSBV helped 12 senior pets find their second chance. Your generosity ensures sweet seniors find the love they need for their golden years!

A special thank you to the Morgan Family for their inspiring matching contribution of \$5,000 in support of senior animals in need!

Love Letters

Just a quick note to say thank you for our precious boy, Sagan! We adopted from you last November and he has been such a wonderful addition to our family. He gets along with everyone he meets (human and canine), loves playing with his two doggie brothers, learning new tricks, hiking, camping, and, as we learned on one of our our latest trips, swimming! He is just perfect and we adore him! Thank you to all of the wonderful people who made this happen for us and for so many other deserving pets and families!







- Branka D.

# Hazel VV

I had to share these pics of our sweet Hazel! We adopted her from HSBV in October 2015, and can't imagine life without her! She was found as a wee, injured pup about 8 weeks old, and she hitched a ride with road trippers to you guys. Well, she's the most affectionate, good-with-kiddos dog we've ever had. We're so thankful for your care of her before she joined us. Thanks for all you guys do!!

🖊 – Sarah C.

## Upcoming Events

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 TO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 1 - 4 PM	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 6 PM
PINTS FOR PAWS: ELLIE'S BROWN ALE AVERY BREWING CO. \$1 donated for every Ellie's sold!	KATHY SDAO & DR. FRIEDMAN HSBV TRAINING CENTER REGISTER   training.boulderhumane.org	BOULDER LIGHTS OF DECEMBER PARADE DOWNTOWN BOULDER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 11 AM - 1 PM	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 5:30 - 7:30 PM
PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA UPSLOPE BREWING CO. \$20 for a professional image + beer discounts	COLORADO GIVES DAY SCHEDULE YOUR GIFT coloradogives.org/HSBV	COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE: MEET OUR NEW CEO! HSBV TRAINING CENTER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15	SATURDAY, JANUARY 25	SATURDAY, APRIL 18 6 PM
COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY THRIFT SHOP AND BOOK & JEWEL 50% off everything!	BOW WOW FILM FEST THE DAIRY CENTER FOR THE ARTS TICKETS   bowwowfilmfest.com	PUTTIN' ON THE LEASH 2020 CU EVENTS CENTER TICKETS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY 2020!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 10 AM		

**DOGGIE DASH 2020 BOULDER RESERVOIR STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!**  @humaneboulder

@humanesocietyofbouldervalley

@HSBVCommunityResourceCenter





Happy tales made possible by happy tails! Purina's year-round support of HSBV ensures over 5.000 animals look and feel their best while they await loving homes!

Ramona finds a loving family after waiting 3 months!



#### **HOLIDAY WISH LIST**

Looking to spread a little holiday cheer? Help the animals at HSBV with your support! Here are some ways you can help this holiday season:

- make an online gift to HSBV and send a holiday e-card to a friend
- become a monthly donor to provide vear-round support
- donate your vehicle
- donate your gently used goods to our Thrift Shop
- help animals in our behavior modification program with donations of hot dogs, cheese, and meat-flavored baby food

Learn more about how you can help the animals at HSBV under "How to Help" at www.boulderhumane.org



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 YOUR DONATION GOES FURTHER!



# Your Support at Work

#### SAVING LIVES!

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV) is not operated or funded by any national humane groups or governmental agencies; we rely on your contributions to bring our services to the community. Our service area includes Boulder, Broomfield, Niwot, Louisville, Erie, Lafayette, and Superior. As an Open Admission shelter, we accept every animal who is brought to our facility regardless of age, health, or behavior.

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS	Q3 2019
Adoptions	3,760
Reunited Lost & Found Animals	532
Spay/Neuter Surgeries (SHELTER)	2,072
Animals Supported by Behavior Modification	687
Animals Transferred	1,974
Average Length of Stay for All Animals (in days)	11.7

Thank you for helping animals in need!

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