



# The Dish



**HUMANE  
SOCIETY**  
OF BOULDER VALLEY

**SPRING 2021**

**Thanks to shelter collaboration, animals were transferred to HSBV for the second chances they deserved! See their amazing transformations inside.**

# Dear Friends,

While HSBV will always be the safe haven for animals in need of shelter, 2020 emphasized the importance of preserving the life-changing relationships we share with our pets as we counted on their companionship and love like never before. **HSBV believes pets and people belong together.**

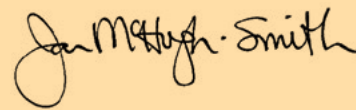
Because of your generous support, HSBV expanded access to our Safety Net services to keep thousands of pets with their families through crisis. We streamlined service delivery to families in need by developing a response team, enabling HSBV to provide immediate access to pet food and supplies, temporary pet housing, urgent veterinary care and behavioral consultations. These services kept pets and people together through financial crises, hospitalization or illness, disasters and personal emergencies. Thank you for making this work possible in addition to our adoption, lost and found, transfer, shelter medicine and behavior programs for animals in need.

With so many still in need of help as our community recovers from the trials of the past year, we hope you will be our guest for our biggest fundraiser of year, **Puttin' On The Virtual Leash 2021: La Paw-tisserie!** Through your support, we can provide critical services to pets and families counting on us. Purr-don our French as we take you on a virtual trip to PAWris for a night of sweet treats! It's sure to be a delicious

celebration and time for us to come together virtually and raise critical funds for the animals who need HSBV — animals who need YOU. You'll enjoy an exciting online auction, heartwarming videos of lives changed and saved and an opportunity to help the thousands of animals counting on us where **all donations will be matched thanks to the Hearst family and our amazing sponsors.**

Reserve your free seat now at [potl2021.org](http://potl2021.org)! I can't wait to see you there, and together, I know we will make it the best night for animals!

In gratitude,



**Jan McHugh-Smith, CAWA  
CEO**



## Help! Just like you, our pets are adjusting too!

# Separation Anxiety and Your Pets

## Preparing our pets as COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift

We may have noticed that our pets have enjoyed the extra time together as some of us have worked from home over the past year. However, as we prepare to spend more time out of the house, our pets will need us to be thoughtful to prepare them.

Here are some tips to help our dogs and cats navigate the transition to spending more time alone:

- 1. Leave your pets alone multiple times per week.** Go for a walk (without your dog!), call a friend while enjoying some sun or read a book in a separate room. The most important thing is to leave your pets alone only for as long as they are comfortable.  
**Training Tip:** Use a camera to see how they do. Start small, maybe 5-10 minutes.
- 2. Set up a "fun-zone"** for them in another area, but separate from you. The fun zone might include toys and treats. You want them to know that many fun things can be enjoyed even without you there!

- 3. It takes a village! Keep the daily routine as regular as possible.** Although things may be changing for us and our pets – see if a friend or neighbor can help with mid-day feedings or walks – so your pets' routine is not disturbed too much!

- 4. Remember: You are not alone! HSBV is here to help!** If you need additional support or your pet already experiences discomfort when left alone, please consider scheduling a consultation with HSBV or our team can refer you to other Certified Separation Anxiety Trainers in your area.

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Manager of Animal Training & Behavior

HSBV's Training & Behavior Center offers animal behavior classes and tips on a variety of topics using the proven positive-reinforcement model.

**Visit [boulderhumane.org/training](http://boulderhumane.org/training) for more information.**



## THE NEW ROAD HOME

# HSBV receives 30 dogs in need of behavior support

*Thanks to shelter collaboration, animals found the second chance they deserved.*

Earlier this year, HSBV provided safe transport and shelter for 30 dogs and puppies seeking a fresh start from both an overwhelmed breeder and an overwhelmed guardian.

Each dog required extensive and individualized behavior care as we prepared them for adoption. After many hours with our expert Training and Behavior team – learning to trust through force-free, positive reinforcement training and gentle interactions – many of these dogs are now in loving and supportive homes where they will continue to receive behavior care from HSBV.

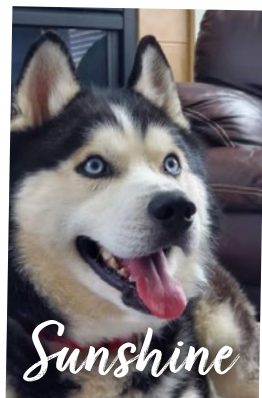
Their journey to a happy and healthy life continues, and your support changed and saved their lives.

This story is also a true testament to the power of Socially Conscious Sheltering, as the Humane Society of Boulder Valley partnered with the Dumb Friends League, the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region and Larimer Humane Society to facilitate these transfers and ensure the best possible outcomes for each animal.

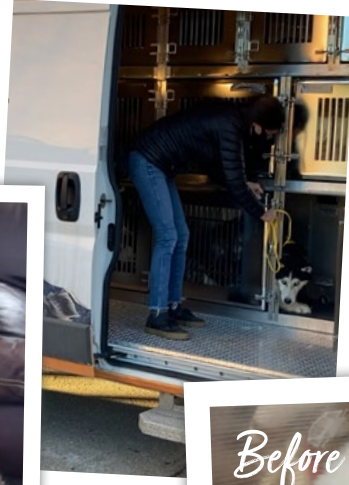
Happy in their new homes



Koda



Sunshine



Huskies arriving at HSBV



Before

Mitch

## A Puppy Parvovirus Emergency

### Mitch's Incredible Story

HSBV welcomed 27 dogs from a Texas transfer partner, including a litter of adorable beagle-mix puppies. Within days of their arrival, our team discovered some of the little ones were lethargic and wouldn't eat and quickly diagnosed them with the life-threatening parvovirus.

Over 12 days, our expert veterinary team treated Mitch and six other puppies with intensive supportive care with fluids and special medications in an effort to save their lives. Some even required plasma transfusions, like sweet Mitch.

The treatment for parvovirus is resource-intensive and requires tremendous commitment and compassion from our team.

Because of your support, all seven puppies survived because of the expert care provided by our veterinary team after days of hospitalization and critical care. We're thrilled to share that each puppy is now enjoying their new life in a loving home! Thank you for giving these puppies – and so many more – new beginnings to the happy and healthy lives they deserve.



After

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## Governor Jared Polis Signs Animal Welfare Bill at HSBV

HSBV was thrilled to host Colorado Governor Jared Polis and First Gentleman Marlon Reis for the signing of Bill HB21-1102, Consumer Protection For Dog And Cat Purchasers, on Saturday May 1, 2021. This bill adds and requires more transparency around the pricing and background of animals in stores that sell dogs or cats, providing information that empowers consumers to make more humane choices.

The Governor and First Gentleman were joined at the event by two of the bill sponsors: State Representative Monica Duran and Senator Sonya Jacquez Lewis. In addition to the Bill signing, HSBV also provided the Governor and First Gentleman a tour of our campus, including our Adoption Center with plenty of animal cuddles! Some adorable HSBV puppies, Chuco and Dude, even joined the Governor to make the bill official. This was a monumental moment in Colorado animal welfare, and HSBV is proud to be a part of it!



## Safety Net Services Update

### Preserving the Bond Through Access to Care

HSBV's Safety Net services support and foster loving relationships between pets and people and seek to prevent relinquishment when possible. We are committed to **Supporting Human and Animal RElationships (SHARE)**, and our services include temporary pet housing, pet food and supply share, discounted pet behavior services and grants to alleviate the cost of urgent or general wellness veterinary care. In 2020, your support expanded our safety net services to help keep people and pets together.

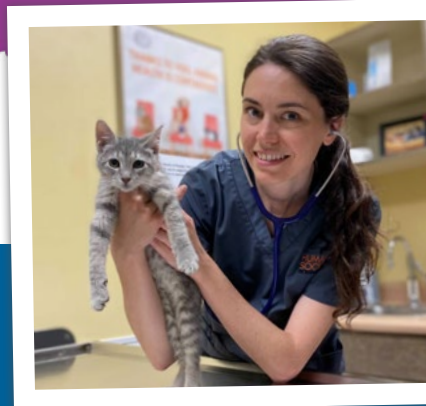
**Do you or someone you know need help?**  
**Learn more about our Safety Net services:**  
[boulderhumane.org/safety-net-services](https://boulderhumane.org/safety-net-services)

### Veterinary Safety Net Services Update

#### So far in 2021:

- HSBV has awarded 13 total Medical Access Grants, providing emergency veterinary care to keep pets with their families.
- Our Veterinary Clinic averages three to four SHARE appointments every day. These discounted appointments keep pets healthy, happy and with their families!
- About 20% of total Clinic appointments are SHARE, and 2021 is on track for our biggest SHARE year ever!

Thank you for helping HSBV keep pets with their loving families, even through hardship.



### Your Impact by the Numbers

Adoptions: **3,284**

Lost & Found

Reunifications: **507**

Spay/Neuter Surgeries: **2,930**

Behavior Care Animals: **684**

Transfers to HSBV: **1,573**

Pet Food Share Meals  
to Community: **38,756**

### 2020 Totals

Donate to help the animals:  
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