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Read about Boots'
amazing recovery inside!

Dear Friends,

Just as we were all looking to start a new year with our sights on brighter days ahead, tragedy struck our community. The devastating Marshall Fire will forever be a memory I wish we didn't have – and an experience I wish none of you ever had to endure. My heart aches for the tremendous loss our community has experienced, and we continue to send hope and healing thoughts to everyone impacted. As we start to pick ourselves up from the recent struggles, I am in awe of the many ways your overwhelming kindness brought a guiding light in the darkness.

I am incredibly grateful to the thousands of individuals and organizations who came together and donated to support our Safety Net services to help our neighbors. Your remarkable generosity provided HSBV with the funds needed to continue to deliver critical services, including:

- Temporary housing for animals of displaced families.
- Free pet food and supplies for those who lost everything.
- Lifesaving veterinary care for burned and injured animals.

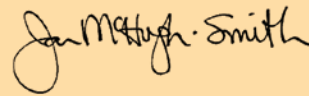
We recognize that this is a time of tremendous loss for so many, and our hearts continue to hold everyone experiencing the hardship, trauma and unknowns in their lives. As we start to look ahead, we know this is just the beginning for many of our neighbors. There's still work to do in our community's recovery — and we want you to know we'll be here for you.

These trying times have emphasized the community's reliance on critical veterinary and Safety Net services, and underscore the need for us to continue to be a resource for future generations.

This year, we plan to do just that by embarking upon a critical renovation and expansion to our **Veterinary Clinic** so that pets and people have access to care during their times of greatest need. Our mission has expanded beyond adoptions to address the increased demand for animal health, behavior and Safety Net services. I hope you'll read on to hear more about our plans and our important **Bold Future for Animals** campaign, an exciting step in HSBV's history. We can only do this, together with you, for the animals.

Thank you all for your continued support of HSBV, and each other. Every day, I am thankful to be a part of this amazing community.

My heart is with you, now and always,



**Jan McHugh-Smith, CAWA
CEO**

P.S. - If you are interested in learning more about our campaign, or for a tour as we build our new space, please call me!
303-442-4030 x629



WE CAN HELP!

If you know someone who needs assistance, please direct them to:
boulderhumane.org/safety-net-services

Our Safety Net services include:

- Free pet food and supplies
- Discounted veterinary care
- Temporary pet housing
- Behavior and training support



Marshall Fire IMPACT

THANK YOU for your support! So far, you've helped those impacted by the Marshall Fire in an incredible way:



57 TOTAL FIRE-DISPLACED ANIMALS SHELTERED AND REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES



VETERINARY CARE

Nearly 50 animals received veterinary care for conditions including burns, smoke inhalation and injuries.



NEARLY
200

DAYS OF FREE BOARDING PROVIDED FOR FIRE-AFFECTED PETS IN NEED



Hope & Healing Vigil at HSBV

TOTAL LOST AND FOUND ANIMAL REPORTS RECEIVED

107



PET FOOD & SUPPLIES

Thousands of pounds of pet food and supplies distributed to those in need at both HSBV and the Disaster Assistance Center

MARSHALL FIRE IMPACT

Lives Saved by Your Support

We're so happy we could play a part in these special reunions. Thank you to our compassionate community and supporters for making these heartwarming stories possible.



Higgins

As flames rapidly approached a Superior-based boarding facility, the owners acted quickly and heroically to load as many animals as possible into their vehicles. During the stress and confusion, though, the owner's own dog, Higgins, fled in fear. With time running out, the facility owners had to make the unimaginable decision to let the remaining animals out of their kennels with the hope that they and Higgins would somehow make it to safety. The fire had already engulfed their barn, and their survival at that moment depended on their swift and narrow escape.

Miraculously, Higgins was found several hours later by a good Samaritan near a home that was still standing, and he was reunited with his family. During the commotion that followed, his guardians worried they may never see Higgins again when he escaped — yet another time! — once evacuated to Boulder. After two long nights and many community sightings, a good

Samaritan finally located Higgins and brought him into HSBV for safe shelter and care.

Covered in burrs and with his paws burned, our veterinary team quickly examined him and treated his injuries. Our shelter team then ensured he had special medication, food, water and a warm bed to rest and recoup until his family arrived.

Soon, Higgins was finally reunited with his grateful family, including his dog "sibling," Gatsby, pictured above. The reunion was filled with non-stop tail wags, kisses and an eager walk to the car for a much-needed nap for Higgins!

Amazingly, all 41 animals from the boarding facility were saved. Fifteen were boarded safely at HSBV after being found by Animal Control and good Samaritans before being reunited with their families.

Boots

This sweet orange tabby arrived at HSBV, having miraculously survived, but suffering from severe burns after being found in a neighborhood completely destroyed by the Marshall Fire. After a few visits with our partners at local emergency veterinary clinics, he was transferred to HSBV for specialized treatments and extended care.

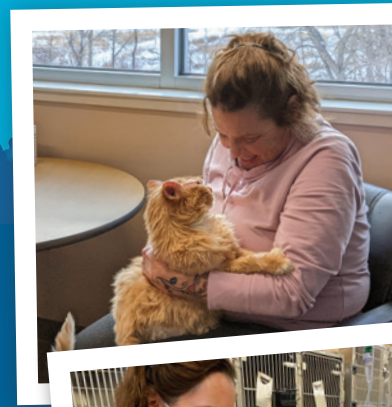
His face and paws were extremely burned, and our compassionate veterinary team quickly began carefully treating him for the burns, cleaning his wounds and ensuring his pain was well-managed for the weeks that followed.

When he arrived at HSBV, a potential match for his family had already been found. We continued to closely monitor his healing, and as he improved, more of his features became identifiable. This resulted in the family determining that he, sadly, was not their cat. We cross-checked the lost cat reports, spoke to many hopeful guardians, and unfortunately went several weeks unable to find his family.

After seeing photos posted by HSBV as we worked to find his family, Jules came into HSBV wondering if this

handsome boy could be her "Boots." Boots actually went missing a year before the fire, and Jules searched far and wide for her beloved boy to no avail. When she saw photos as he recovered here at HSBV, and noticed his signature orange and white markings, she couldn't believe her eyes. She was overwhelmed to realize it was her long-lost companion, and Boots was overjoyed to see her!

After more than a month of critical care and lots of love from our veterinary team, Boots was healed, microchipped and ready to go home to his family — where he belongs. Now, Jules reports that Boots has settled right in at home (even enjoying time with his two pug brothers), and is back to enjoying naps in his favorite spot on her chair.



A Bold Future for Animals

BoulderHumane.org/BoldFuture

COMING SOON!



Our history runs deep in Boulder Valley since we were founded 120 years ago in 1902. Since the opening of our 55th Street campus in 2001, more than 250,000 animals have come through our doors to find lifesaving care and a second chance. You've helped us create an incredible foundation built upon compassion, but we're only just beginning. Today, HSBV animals and our community need other essential services – including expanded access to veterinary care and a Safety Net of services to prevent relinquishment. HSBV endeavors to not only be an organization that saves animals and creates new families, but also the organization that supports, sustains and protects relationships for the lifetime of the bond.

As the only organization in our service area providing financial assistance for vital veterinary services to keep pets with their families, we've reached the limits of the care we can provide in our existing facility. Annually serving more than 10,000 animals, we are constrained by our current space as demand for our services is greater than our resources. The animals and our community need us to do more!

Thanks to several supporters who have stepped forward with generous lead gifts, we are eager to share a major milestone with all of you, and we wanted you to hear it from us first. This spring, we are beginning construction on a much-needed expansion and remodel to our Veterinary Clinic and various campus enhancements. These initial funds are the foundation for A Bold Future for Animals campaign — a long-term vision that will allow us to expand our services and better meet the animals' and our community's needs. To date, we've raised \$3.9 million of our \$5.3 million goal –

with \$1.4 million still to raise for all who are counting on HSBV for their new beginnings. In the coming months, we will need you to make this vision a reality.

We will add 1,800 square feet to our Veterinary Clinic, expanding the clinic footprint and purpose-rebuild existing spaces to resolve challenges and improve access to veterinary care for those who need help. The expansion includes:

- **Creation of Critical Care Ward**, where shelter and Safety Net patients requiring intensive care or with contagious illness can be safely treated and rehabilitated.
- **Double the number of large dog kennels and exam rooms**, reducing length of stay for shelter animals and wait time for Safety Net patients because we can comfortably house and treat more animals.
- **Two new Surgery Suites, including a dedicated Dentistry Suite**, reducing wait time for one of our highest demand services for shelter and Safety Net patients.
- **Upgrade and centralize laundry, dish sanitation systems and food preparation areas.**
- **Remodel volunteer office and workspace** to create a comfortable space for our amazing volunteer team.



After a tragic accident, Rosie's devoted family brought her to HSBV for help when they were unable to afford the emergency surgery needed to save her life. HSBV's Safety Net services treated Rosie and reunited her with her loving family.



This campaign will transform the lives of animals and our Boulder Valley community for decades to come. Stay tuned for more updates, and visit our campaign website for more information: BoulderHumane.org/BoldFuture

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NEW location for group dog training classes!

All of the **Humane Society of Boulder Valley's Training and Behavior** group dog training classes will be held at our **Arapahoe Campus at 5320 Arapahoe Ave, in Boulder.**

Puppy Club and many **one-on-one consultations** will continue to be held at HSBV's main campus at 2323 55th St. in Boulder. If you are scheduled for a one-on-one consultation, your consultant will confirm your specific location with you before your appointment.

Formerly HSBV's Book & Jewel, our new offsite Arapahoe Campus is located directly west of OZO coffee shop on Arapahoe Avenue. We anticipate all Training and Behavior services returning to HSBV's main campus between October and December of this year, upon completion of the exciting renovation to our Veterinary Clinic.

We look forward to continuing to serve you and your pets!

Questions?

Email us: Training.Center@boulderhumane.org
or call (303) 442-4030 ext. 368.



PUTTIN' ON THE LEASH 2022 IS GOING PUP, PUP AND AWAY!

Our team is hard at work planning another un-fur-gettable night to raise critical funds for the animals. Historically held in the spring, Puttin' On The Leash is soaring to fall 2022!

Keep your eyes and ears open for the **event date and more details to come!**

