



**HUMANE
SOCIETY**
OF BOULDER VALLEY

A PAWS TO SAY
Thank You
2021 IMPACT REPORT





Jan McHugh-Smith
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Every day, it's a privilege to work in a community with so many committed animal lovers. Good Samaritans who bring us a vulnerable kitten or puppy they found, supporters who give generously to help animals and neighbors in need, families who choose to adopt a new friend from us ... we're all working together to keep thousands of animals happy and healthy every year. Thank you for being an important part of our lifesaving work!

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Can We Talk?

A WORD FROM STRIPEY

Being a cat is great. I get food in my bowl, a cozy lap, toys to play with, even a little catnip now and again. And all I have to do in return is be cute, which, let's be honest, is not hard with a face like this. But I'm one of the lucky ones. Pets like me get lost, or our guardians can't take care of us anymore, or we get sick and our families can't afford to get us healed up, and some of us are even born with no home at all.



When that happens, we need nice humans like you. Through the Humane Society of Boulder Valley, you help us stay with our families whenever we can, and when we can't, you make a safe place for us to wait until a new family chooses us. That's pretty huge. I hope you feel good about all the ways you help us, because it sure makes us feel good.

From all of us to you, purrs and tail wags,

STRIPEY 



Thank You

for a year of
helping pets
and people!

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE WAYS
YOUR SUPPORT MADE A DIFFERENCE!

COCO



Little Coco's family had fallen on hard times and were unable to pay the monthly pet deposit to keep him in their rented home. Devastated at the thought of losing their beloved Coco, they turned to HSBV for help.

Our team knew Coco belonged with his loving family and worked together on a plan to keep him there. As part of our Safety Net Services, HSBV offered to help cover the pet deposit so Coco could return to where he truly wanted to be—with his family.



As we learned more about Coco's needs, our Training and Behavior team worked to help ease some fear and anxiety Coco was experiencing, and our veterinary team performed a wellness exam to ensure Coco was in good physical health. Soon, Coco was ready to return home to the family who loves him so much.

KODA



Each year, HSBV partners with organizations across Colorado and neighboring states to provide lifesaving transfer and behavior modification and new beginnings to nearly 2,500 animals.

Thanks to shelter collaboration and HSBV's transfer program, 30 dogs and puppies arrived in early 2021 from both an overwhelmed breeder and an overwhelmed guardian. Each dog—many overcome with worry—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—dogs like Koda 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.

BOOTS



You've seen his pictures and know his name. Sweet Boots captured the hearts of animal lovers around the nation with his remarkable journey after miraculously surviving the Marshall Fire.

Found in a destroyed neighborhood, Boots received weeks of intensive care in our veterinary clinic to treat severe burns to his face, ears and paws. Now healed, micro-chipped and home with his family again, Boots is described as a "loving, cuddly, chow hound" by his grateful guardian, Jules. Although they spent what felt like an eternity apart, Jules and Boots are back together and not missing a beat!

These days, Boots is enjoying snuggles with Jules in his favorite nap spot, and can't get enough play time with his pug brothers. Because of your support, Boots is back with his family—where he belongs.



Caring for Animals in Need



16,000+ animals helped



4,400+ animals adopted into new, loving homes



650+ lost animals reunited with their families



50,000+ hours given by our kindhearted volunteers

Keeping Pets & People Together

Through our Safety Net Services, you helped provide:

- ✓ **30,000+ free pet meals** to families who needed a helping hand to feed their pets
- ✓ **1,350+ discounted veterinary appointments** to keep pets with their loving families
- ✓ **900+ days of free pet boarding** when families needed temporary care for their pet

2020 Marshall Fire Response

Here's what your generosity means for animals in crisis:

- ✓ **57 fire-displaced animals** sheltered and reunited with their families
- ✓ **Nearly 50 animals received veterinary care** for conditions including burns, smoke inhalation and injuries
- ✓ **Nearly 200 days of free boarding** provided to fire-affected pets in need
- ✓ **Thousands of pet meals** distributed through our Safety Net via our shelter, disaster centers and community support events