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SUMMER 2023

Our Future is Bright and Bold...

THANKS TO YOU!

Dear Friends,

I'm ecstatic to share that the construction of our new Veterinary Hospital is complete, and our future is looking bright and BOLD! Our new hospital expansion features a state-of-the-art facility and has already served hundreds of animals with routine and urgent veterinary care. I can't thank you all enough for your support of our campaign and vision to create A Bold Future for Animals, and for your patience with us during our construction period. As always, you showed up for the animals who need us, and we're so grateful.

As we continue to look forward, I'm elated to think of the new possibilities that await us as we expand our services to our community and beyond. So far in 2023:

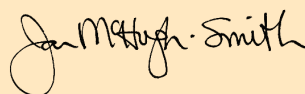
- We continue to break down barriers by offering routine and emergency veterinary care, as well as critical services to keep pets and people together, through both our new veterinary hospital and safety net program.
- We've adjusted our adoption center and service desk hours, and are open again at 11 a.m., seven days a week!
- We are now offering adoption holds over the phone to community members who are opening their hearts and homes to a shelter pet.
- With the conclusion of our hospital construction, our Training Center team is now back at our main campus (with a few new upgrades to their space as well!), offering critical services to our community.
- When others reach their capacity, we continue to support our transfer partners, both locally and regionally, by accepting animals from overburdened shelters.

- We held our first in-person Puttin' On The Leash event in three years, and we're gearing up for our community-favorite Doggie Dash! We look forward to seeing you there!

We're thrilled to implement these adjustments to help us serve the pets and people in our community now – and for generations to come!

As we continue to adapt to the changes in animal welfare, our economy, and the needs of our community, one thing remains the same: **You**. It is your unwavering dedication that fuels our work and makes all the difference. Your support helps every animal that comes through our doors get the shelter, care and love they need until they find their new homes. Your support allows us to be the helping hand our community needs when facing challenges that threaten the loving relationships with our pets. **It is because of you** that we can continue to evolve, innovate, and save lives. Together, we are rewriting the story for countless animals and creating a better world.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey,



**Jan McHugh-Smith, CAWA
CEO**



National Make-A-Will Month

This is National Make-A-Will Month — a month-long celebration dedicated to creating a plan for you and your pets' future. HSBV is excited to announce our partnership with FreeWill, a secure and easy-to-use online tool that guides you through making your will 100% cost-free!

Creating your will provides:

1. **Peace of mind:** A will allows you to provide for the people and pets you love, so you know that no matter what, they will be supported. It's especially important to name a guardian for your pets to ensure they always have a loving and safe home.
2. **Security:** You can communicate important financial and healthcare decisions, so you're prepared for whatever the future may hold.
3. **Legacy:** By planning a gift of any size in your will, your legacy will save future animals' lives and ensure HSBV is here to promote healthy relationships between pets and people — at no cost today.

Visit BoulderHumane.org for more information and to get started!

FREEWILL 

By the Numbers

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO

Between January and June of this year we've been able to help in the following ways:

**1,092
NIGHTS**

**EMERGENCY
BOARDING**

for pets of families facing crisis

For hospitalized guardians, and for families seeking refuge in times of crisis or hardship, HSBV is here to offer shelter and care to pets in need.



11,748

**MEALS DONATED
to community pets in need**

Providing support to community members in need to keep their pets fed and healthy despite hardship.



**BEHAVIOR
MODIFICATION**

Proven positive-reinforcement based training to save animals' lives.

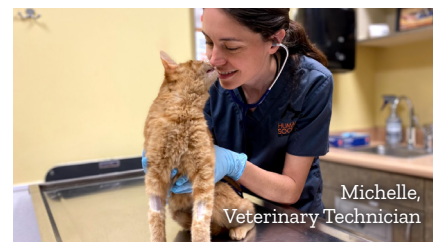
**477
ANIMALS
SUPPORTED**



968

ANIMALS TRANSFERRED

to HSBV from overburdened communities to find loving homes.



Michelle,
Veterinary Technician

**6,711
ANIMALS
SERVED
THROUGH
VETERINARY MEDICINE**

Not all Heroes Wear Capes - Help Us Save Lives!

As you may have seen in the news, animal shelters across the country are grappling with capacity challenges, and HSBV is unfortunately, no different. The overwhelming influx of animals in need of our care has left us with limited shelter space – especially for dogs. Over the last several months, despite our best efforts, we are seeing more animals surrendered to the shelter, and it's taking longer to find them loving homes. While we remain focused on the health and well-being of the animals in our care – the impacts of the economy, and housing instability, including the rising cost of living in Boulder and Broomfield counties, are affecting the community we serve. Due to the longer lengths of stay, we're also seeing an increase in our costs – generating a financial burden for our shelter as it requires more resources for us to support the animals in our care.

We are committed to providing the best care for the animals in our care, no matter how long they need us, but now... **We need your help!**

- **Know someone looking for a new pet?** Send out the bat signal and recommend adoption from HSBV to people you know!
- **Adoption not an option, but your Spidey Sense is tingling?** Donate to the animals in our care at BoulderHumane.org.
- **Want to use your SUPERPOWERS in another way?** Help us continue to provide quality care and enrichment to the animals and support our neighbors when they need us most! We're running low on high-value treats for dogs (bully sticks are a favorite!), and dry dog and cat food for our food share program. Items can be dropped off at our Service or Adoption Desks (2323 55th Street, Boulder, CO 80301) during regular business hours.

Together with you, we can be the superheroes these animals deserve and can continue to support our community as we navigate these new challenges.



SOURCES OF Support

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

62%

Contributions and Grants
\$5,002,184

Includes Capital Campaign contributions

Investment and Trusts
-\$1,673,719

Unrealized value change not shown in chart

37%

Services
\$3,032,821

1%

In-Kind
\$88,474

2022 Total
\$6,449,760

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? Expenses

42%

Animal Welfare, Behavior and Sheltering
\$2,890,414

8%

Fundraising
\$557,343

7%

Support Services
\$495,230

3%

Community Engagement
\$199,716

40%

Veterinary Hospital (Animal Health Care)
\$2,700,207

2022 Total
\$6,842,909

Did you know?

It costs **\$48 a day** to house a dog at HSBV. The average length of stay for a dog at HSBV has increased by **THREE DAYS** since 2019 - requiring an additional 1,881 days of care and **\$90,000** in costs!

The financial data is unaudited.

Lives Saved By Your Support

We're so happy we could play a part in these heartwarming tales, each one shining a light on the extraordinary bond between humans and animals, a love that knows no bounds. We couldn't have done it without all of you - our compassionate community and supporters.

Sunny: A story to warm your soul

Sunny, a now 1-and-a-half-year-old lab mix, was surrendered to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV) at eight months old with severe elbow dysplasia. Despite being a puppy, Sunny was in constant pain. When he played with other dogs (his favorite thing to do!), he stood in place, waiting for the other dog to come back to him. This told us how much pain he was experiencing. Committed to helping Sunny, HSBV was able to provide Sunny with the surgery that he so desperately needed and deserved, as well as eight weeks of post-operative care.

Because Sunny's elbows were painful, he didn't feel his best when receiving medical care.

HSBV's Training and Behavior team was able to partner with the medical team on his case, and help him to feel more comfortable, allowing him to make safe choices during treatment.

We all collectively shed a tear when he had healed enough to play with dogs again! We are thrilled to report that Sunny was adopted after four months in our care. We couldn't be happier for Sunny and his adopter and wish them a lifetime of joy, happiness and adventure!



Clancy: Taking steps home!

When this poor pup arrived at HSBV, he had lived through an absolute nightmare. Found at Foothills and Arapahoe in Boulder, covered in blood and dirt, he had puncture wounds, possibly from a wild animal, too numerous to count. Thankfully, our partners at the City of Boulder Animal Protection brought him to our veterinary hospital.

Due to the unknown circumstances surrounding his injuries, and his unknown vaccination history, the Boulder County Public Health Department required rabies quarantine as a precaution. As a result, **Clancy was with HSBV for 120 days!** During that time, he underwent both a leg and toe amputation and our remarkable "three-legged wonder" was even fitted for a new prosthetic leg, which our Veterinary Hospital team was able to purchase thanks to the generous support of our community!

The outpouring of love that this special dog experienced during his time with us is truly heartwarming, not only from our unwavering supporters, but also from our dedicated Veterinary Hospital team, compassionate training and behavior experts and devoted volunteers. With every wag of his tail, we are reminded of the many compassionate individuals out there who were rooting for his success.

After completing his quarantine, Clancy "graduated" from his time with us, the culmination of 120 days filled with love and devoted care. As he stepped out into the play yard for his celebration, joy radiated as he received pets from each person who had cared for him during his stay, along with the countless others who had passionately advocated for him from afar. It was no surprise when he was quickly adopted into a loving home, where he continues to thrive with his new family.

We're so grateful to have been a part of this sweet boy's long road to recovery. It's stories like Clancy's that remind us why we do what we do. It reminds us how special it is to give animals the second chances they so greatly deserve, and our hearts are full knowing people like you are out there to help us, help them.

Thank you for making this new beginning possible for Clancy and the 16,000 animals like him we see each year!





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