

The Dish

WINTER 2023



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OF BOULDER VALLEY

Dear Friends,

As we approach another year's end, I am filled with gratitude as I reflect on your continued commitment to HSBV and support of the animals who need us. You answered our calls for help and joined us in celebrating the joyous moments that remind us why we do what we do.

This year...

You answered our calls for support for animals like Clancy, who came to HSBV after an attack (likely from a wild animal) that left him suffering from terrible injuries and wounds — requiring him to spend 120 days with us under a rabies quarantine. Thankfully, after receiving critical care in our veterinary hospital (including several surgeries and a new prosthetic leg!), and lots of TLC from our compassionate staff and volunteers, I'm happy to report that our remarkable "three-legged wonder" has recovered and is now enjoying life with his new, loving family.

You answered our calls for support when the busy kitten season arrived — and we needed your help to give these little ones the special care and attention they need to grow and thrive!

When our shelter was full of animals, and adoptions were slow, you helped us support their care until we could find them loving homes.

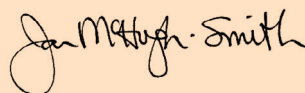
After four years apart, you helped us celebrate in person at our 2023 Doggie Dash Event — 33 years in the making! It was a memorable, fun-filled day at the Boulder Reservoir in support of the animals. Complete with beautiful weather, delicious local food trucks, special demonstrations from our expert training team, and amazing community vendors that filled our pet expo — I enjoyed seeing all your smiling faces. THANK YOU for joining us and for raising funds in the weeks leading up to the event day! Your support for events like Doggie Dash ensures that thousands of animals will find their second chance.

All year long, your support helped animals when they had nowhere else to turn. You alleviated animal suffering by supporting subsidized veterinary care, housing for pets of domestic violence victims, behavior help and pet food all to prevent relinquishment. Because of you, we can continue to provide vital services to animals so they can live their best lives with their guardians. The need for this service continues to grow each year as people struggle with rising costs, housing issues and a challenging economy. We desperately need your financial support to help keep people and pets together.

On December 5, we have an incredible opportunity to come together for the animals, once again. **When you celebrate Colorado Gives Day with us, you give directly to the pets and people in our community.** This year, **your donation will be matched — UP TO \$100,000** — by an anonymous donor who knows how important this day is to HSBV. Visit ColoradoGives.org/HSBV to give early.

Through your generosity, we are changing and saving lives every day!

Thank you,



**Jan McHugh-Smith, CAWA
CEO**



Warning About Phone Scams

Unfortunately, we've received reports of scammers targeting guardians of lost animals through deceptive phone calls. These fraudsters claim to represent an animal shelter that has found the missing pet and demand immediate payment over the phone or via online payment platforms like Venmo.

It is crucial to recognize these calls as phone scams or phishing attempts. Pet guardians are strongly advised against sharing personal information or making any payments to these callers.

IMPORTANT: HSBV never asks for money over the phone for lost animals.

If you receive a call like this, take note of the phone number and any relevant details — promptly end the call and report the incident to your local police department.

By the Numbers

YEAR IN REVIEW: Thank You!

**1,871
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.

15,292

**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.

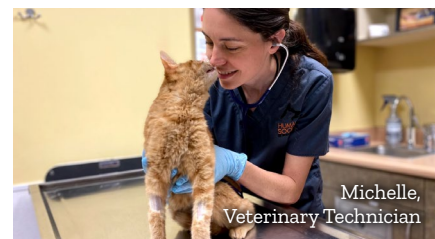
**749
ANIMALS
SUPPORTED**



1,221

ANIMALS TRANSFERRED

to HSBV from overburdened communities to find loving homes.



Michelle,
Veterinary Technician

**10,136
ANIMALS
SERVED
THROUGH
VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**Statistics are through September 2023*

You helped Monte walk comfortably again!

Meet Monte, a true testament to resilience and the power of compassion.

Monte is not your ordinary pup — he's an extraordinary goofball born with a charming quirk: only THREE toes on each paw!

Our devoted behavior modification training volunteer, Sarah, was fostering Monte and discovered that his unique foot structure was causing him discomfort and open sores when walking on hard surfaces. Thanks to Sarah's dedication and the tireless efforts of our training and behavior team, Monte's paws were measured for custom sandals that will provide him the comfort he deserves. In the meantime, we worked with Monte to get him comfortable having boots on, while he waits in his new home for his custom sandals to arrive.

To get Monte his custom sandals, we called on you, our incredible supporters, to help us cover the cost of his new shoes and the specialized training and care he received during his time with us — and you generously answered the call!

Because of you, Monte's life has been transformed as every step he takes in his new shoes is now pain-free. Thank you for supporting HSBV and changing the lives of the animals who need us.



Monte



Make a plan. Protect your pets.

As we enter the season of gratitude and giving, it's a natural time to pause, reflect and make decisions that resonate with your love for animals. After all, planning ahead is part of being a responsible pet guardian. Through our partnership with FreeWill — a free, online will-writing platform — we're pleased to offer you options that simplify the entire process.

Making your will and naming a guardian for your beloved pets ensures that they will always be cared for. It's a simple action that provides love and care for the rest of their lives.

As you make your will, please consider extending your care for animals by making a legacy gift to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley. Your support costs nothing today but helps us continue programs like Companion Care and others aimed at improving the lives of animals.

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

Questions about FreeWill or planned giving?

Please email francie.wojcik@boulderhumane.org or call 303.442.4030 x651

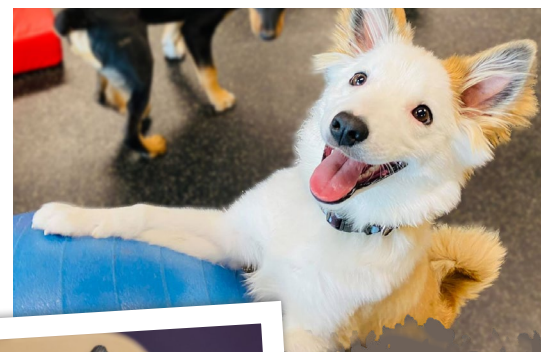
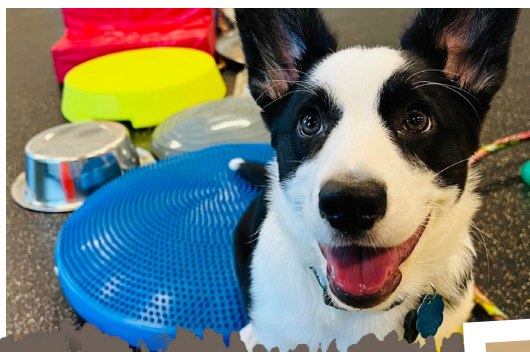
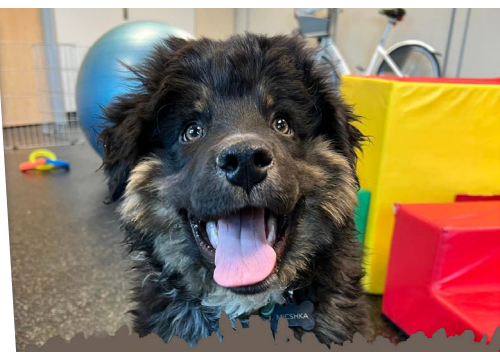
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Subaru Loves Pets and We Love Subaru!

HSBV and our amazing partner Flatirons Subaru celebrated Adopt a Shelter Dog Month by hosting another successful Subaru Loves Pets adoption event this year! They generously discounted adoption fees for adult animals with the goal of finding them new homes. Over the course of a special weekend, our community came together to welcome new pet companions to their families. Thank you, Subaru, for helping animals in need!





Your Colorado Gives Day Gift Will Help Animals Like Sedona

Found just miles from HSBV, this pup was brought in with a few chin scrapes but otherwise appeared in good health. Sadly, sweet Sedona was curled up in her kennel soon after arriving, surrounded by vomit and diarrhea — tell-tale signs of the deadly parvovirus.

Our incredible veterinary team jumped in, isolating Sedona, and starting intensive treatment for this highly contagious and deadly virus. Every day, our team watched this sweet girl, administering fluids and medications to help her fight off the virus. Sedona gradually improved, sniffing and licking her food, and her tired eyes were bright again.

Sedona's story is not only a testament to our incredible work, but it's also a reminder of your donation's life-saving power. When our team needs to act fast, having the funds available to treat animals like Sedona is critical.

Sedona not only survived but is thriving with her new family. Your support made her story possible, **and countless others like her are counting on your generosity this Colorado Gives Day.**

Today, you can make an important gift — giving animals like Sedona the fighting chance they deserve — in the following ways:

- Make your early Colorado Gives Day gift at ColoradoGives.org/HSBV
- Give on December 5 at ColoradoGives.org/HSBV
- Send by mail, directly to **HSBV (2323 55th St., Boulder, CO 80301)**

Make your gift today and be the lifeline they desperately need.



**YOUR GIFT
WILL BE DOUBLED
- UP TO -
\$100,000**

Thanks to an
anonymous donor!

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day to give.**



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TUESDAY, DEC. 5

**The best day to
save lives!**



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