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WINTER 2024



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Thanks for making this a
season of second chances

Dear friends,

As my retirement draws near, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared over the years. It has been a privilege to lead this organization and see firsthand the incredible impact we've had on the lives of pets and people in our community and beyond. As I prepare to transition from my role - one thing remains clear — **our work is far from over.**

Over the years, your generosity has enabled us to transform the lives of thousands of animals. We have given hope to those who needed it most, and **together**, we've made a lasting impact on our community. Still, the demand for our services continues to grow. Every year, more animals come through our doors with greater needs. We rely on your kindness to ensure that every animal who comes to us for help finds a safe haven.

Please join me, one last time as the CEO of this incredible organization, in making a difference. Our need now is urgent, and every dollar makes a world of difference. Your gift this holiday season — no matter the size - will directly support the care and well-being of twice as many animals, when they have nowhere else to turn, ensuring:

- **Emergency and routine medical treatment**, alleviating suffering of injured or sick animals.
- **Behavior and training support**, fostering a foundation of trust so animals can live their best lives.
- **New beginnings** for animals in need of a new home full of love.



Only we can give the gift of life, love and hope to these animals. As I step into the next chapter of my life, I am confident that the future of HSBV is bright, because of what we've built, together.

Visit boulderhumane.org/YE2024 to give today!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the kindness you've shown — and will continue to show — the pets and people we serve. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside each of you, and I'm excited to see HSBV grow and thrive in the years to come.

Deepest gratitude and warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan McHugh-Smith".

Jan McHugh-Smith, CAWA
CEO

Now through the end of the year, every gift to HSBV will be DOUBLED, up to \$40,000.

Thanks to a generous group of donors. Visit boulderhumane.org/YE2024 to make twice the impact for animals.

A message from Kat HSBV CEO DESIGNATE

Dear Friends,

I am excited and humbled to step into the role of HSBV CEO in the new year. As I embark on this path paved by truly incredible leaders, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the legacy Jan is leaving — after 40 years in animal welfare. Her dedicated leadership and compassion have made HSBV a beacon of hope for countless pets and people — especially during our community's most challenging and difficult moments. Jan's vision for our community and HSBV has laid a foundation that I am committed to building upon.

We still have work to do. Animals and their families still face daily challenges and look to us for care. I hope you'll join us this holiday season as we stand for these animals — and honor Jan for her many years of unwavering support of animal welfare.

Thank you for being a vital part of HSBV's life-saving mission, and for your continued compassion as we move forward, together.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kat Burns".

Kat Burns, CAWA, CVPM
CEO Designate



Year in Review: Thank You

Statistics are through October 2024



30,006
MEALS DONATED
to community pets in need

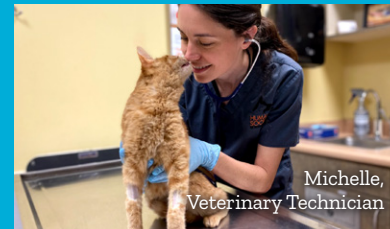
Providing support to community members in need to keep their pets fed and healthy despite hardship.

1,462
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.



Michelle,
Veterinary Technician

10,181
ANIMALS SERVED THROUGH
VETERINARY MEDICINE

1,272
ANIMALS
TRANSFERRED

to HSBV from overburdened communities to find loving forever homes.



**BEHAVIOR
MODIFICATION**

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

541
ANIMALS
SUPPORTED



YOUR SUPPORT HELPS ANIMALS LIKE *Bruno*

Meet Bruno. He's one of three Beagles recently transferred to HSBV after being saved from an animal testing laboratory. While we don't know what his life looked like before he came to us, his eyes tell his story.

Bruno has complex needs. He would plop down on the floor, too scared to walk. Often, even our team's kindness and gentle encouragement wasn't enough to get him moving again. If you have a pet like this, you know that, with fear, the simplest act like taking a treat, becomes an impossible challenge.

Despite this, every day our team showed up for this sweet dog with lots of treats and patience. Some days, Bruno took the treats to the corner of his kennel. Other days, he wouldn't move, and our team would just sit with him. They knew what Bruno needed was time to adjust and space to build his confidence.

Giving dogs like Bruno a second chance isn't the "easy" thing to do. If it were easy, everyone would do it. It takes a lot of time, perseverance, love and commitment.

Animals are staying with us two days longer than last year. Two extra days may not seem like much, but for the 5,000 animals in our care each year, it means more time and resources. Behind each of these numbers is a life worth saving.

Bruno is in a loving home instead of a cage because you care. It's only through your kindness and compassion that we can continue this lifesaving work and ensure a better tomorrow for our animals.

Your support helps write a happier ending for animals like Bruno who need more time. **Thank You.**



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2025 New Year's Resolutions:

HELP ANIMALS AND FEEL GOOD DOING IT!

Looking for something new to add to your new year's resolution list?
Consider a resolution that will save and change the lives of the animals who need us!



Adopt!

Visit BoulderHumane.org to see the dogs, cats and small animals who are ready for their new beginning – with you!



Make a plan

Give yourself peace of mind and protect your pets in your will.
Visit BoulderHumane.org/Legacy-Gifts for more information.



Give

Donate to the animals in our care at BoulderHumane.org



Help animals while they wait for a new home

Chewing is a wonderful activity for dogs — promoting mental wellness, stress relief and helping to beat boredom. **We are running critically low on chews, bones and high value treats.** Bully sticks for medium and large dogs are most needed. Tax deductible items can be dropped off at our Service or Adoption Desks (2323 55th Street, Boulder, CO 80301) during regular business hours.

Gabby



HSBV SENIOR PET HERO SPOTLIGHT

On the heels of Senior Pet Month, we're proud to feature our senior pet hero, and special HSBV alum: Gabby! Read more about this sweet senior, and the joy she brings to her family:

"Twelve years ago, wiggly Gabby came into our lives, and we've been smitten ever since. It's incredible to think that our girl is almost thirteen. Her bright spirit has never dimmed, and her body still wags with such enthusiasm that her tail touches her shoulders! A true social butterfly, Gabby enjoys everyone she meets. Her world revolves around food, people, her favorite chair, our cozy bed, the warm sunshine, outdoor adventures, and sharing her opinions about other dogs with her signature bark. Perhaps this energetic trait is what earned her the name "Gabby" before she found her home with us. This past year, Gabby has been an incredible companion, adapting gracefully to the changes brought about by our newborn daughter. She's been a constant presence, patiently enduring middle-of-the-night feedings, making space for all the attention a child needs, and offering comfort and love. We will forever be grateful to HSBV for saving Gabby's life! We cherish every moment we have with her."

– Gabby's guardians



We're so grateful to our amazing partners at Flatirons Subaru, who sponsored another successful Subaru Loves Pets adoption event this year!

They generously discounted adoption fees for animals three years and older with the goal of finding them families. Over the course of a special weekend, our community came together to welcome pets to their new homes. Thank you, Subaru, for always helping animals in need!

Gift Cards for Animal Training Services Available Now!

Start Them Off on the Right Paw

Did you know that January is National Train Your Dog Month? Help your friends and family achieve their training goals in 2025 by purchasing them a gift card for our training services this holiday season! Gift cards for our training and behavior classes, private consultations and Puppy Club are now available for purchase on our website.

Our certified trainers are skilled in the use of force-free, positive-reinforcement-based techniques to teach animals new skills and change unwanted behavior. These science-based methods allow both pet and guardian to develop a shared language and accomplish goals together, all while having FUN!



**PURCHASE A
GIFT CARD TODAY!**
[BoulderHumane.org/
TrainingGC](https://BoulderHumane.org/TrainingGC)



THANK YOU, FOR BEING

All for Animals

We are so grateful to everyone who joined us on September 29 at our first All For Animals event. Our dedicated staff and volunteers were ecstatic to welcome our community and supporters behind-the-scenes for an inside look at our work to protect and enhance the lives of animals in our community.

From an exclusive tour of our hospital, to special animal training demonstrations, to the always heartwarming kitten cuddles, All For Animals offered fun for the whole family — and we had so much fun sharing it all with you!

While this was a new and exciting event for HSBV, your lifesaving commitment remained the same — and our hearts are touched that you continue to show up for us, and the animals who need us.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the lifesaving work that is only possible because of your support!



HSBV HOSTS SHELTER SHOWCASE FOR COLORADO

In partnership with members of the Metro Denver Animal Welfare Alliance and the Animal Welfare Association of Colorado — HSBV opened its doors to local and state decision and policy makers — hosting tours of our campus as part of a special Shelter Showcase.

Many thanks to those who visited our shelter in October to learn more about what we do to help the pets and people in our community:

- Boulder Police Chief Stephen Redfearn and Commander Mike Heath
- Boulder City Councilmember Tina Marquis
- Broomfield Commander Kent Wichlacz and Officer Amy Voltin
- Boulder City Councilmember Ryan Schuchard

**Special Thanks to our
2024 top fundraisers!**

Ray Bambha
Janet Intrieri
Hope Michelsen
Kiara Thompson-Wolfersperger
Christie Veitch





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HAPPY PAWLIDAYS

*Kahlua and her puppies are
safe + warm in loving homes
this holiday season.*

**May the kindness you've
shown others come back to you.**

