

Read about
Frisco's amazing
transformation!



The Dish

SUMMER 2025

A warm welcome to summer from our CEO!

Dear Friends,

As the sun shines brighter and the days grow longer, my heart is truly warmed reflecting on the journey we've shared and the exciting path ahead for the Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV). Many of you know I've been a part of this incredible organization for two decades, serving in various roles, and it's with immense honor and profound gratitude that I stepped into the role of CEO earlier this year.

This spring, I watched a once-frightened dog joyfully bound into the arms of her new family. It reminded me of why I began this work 20 years ago - and why it still fills me with hope today. My commitment to our mission has never been stronger. My goal, and our collective vision, **is to help even more animals. I'm so proud to share that HSBV cared for more than 20,000 animals in the past year** - continuing to uplift the compassionate people who love them. Every wagging tail, every purr and every new beginning is a testament to what we can achieve **together**.

Thank you, from the deepest part of my heart, for your unwavering support of HSBV and the critical programs and services we provide to change and save animals' lives. Without YOU, the stories and information featured in this

edition of The Dish would not be possible. Your generosity makes every life saved, every second chance and every moment of joy possible.

Here's to a summer filled with happiness and the shared love we all have for the animals who need the safe space they will find at HSBV – because of **you!**

With heartfelt appreciation,



Kat Burns
CVPM, CAWA,
CEO

P.S. Our supporters are the heart of everything we do. I'd love to hear from you! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 303-442-4030 x629 or kat.burns@boulderhumane.org.



Disaster Ready.

Protect Your Pets, Plan Ahead!

Disasters are unpredictable. Your pet's safety doesn't have to be. Here are some tips to help you and your family – including your pets – plan and prepare now!

Build a Pet Disaster Preparedness Plan

Things to include:

- **Have an evacuation plan for your pet.** Determine a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen. Your local animal shelter may offer temporary housing during a disaster. Find a pet-friendly hotel, or friend who will welcome you and your animals.
- **Develop a buddy system.** Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for, or evacuate, your pets if you cannot. Consider connecting through the free Pet Help & Rescue app (phar.org) for a neighbors-based emergency alert and communication tool.
- **Have your pet microchipped.** Make sure to keep your address and phone number up to date on your microchip registration and include contact information for an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.

For more pet preparedness tips, visit boulderhumane.org or ready.gov/pets



Build an evacuation "Go Bag" with essentials like:

- ✓ Food and water
- ✓ Pet carrier
- ✓ Pet prescriptions
- ✓ Bowls
- ✓ Leash and collar
- ✓ Vaccination records
- ✓ Photo of you and your pet for ID
- ✓ Poop bags/cat litter and litter box

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley offers free, temporary boarding during disasters for evacuated pets.

Lives Saved by Your Support



Frisco's Journey: A Tale of Resilience and Second Chances

When Frisco first arrived at HSBV last fall, he was extremely fearful and struggling to find his place in the world. His body language told us he was scared, and he was struggling to adapt to his new environment. Our teams were determined to help Frisco overcome his fears, learn to navigate his new world and find his new family.

For months, our training and behavior, shelter and veterinary teams worked collaboratively, using compassionate, fear-free techniques to help Frisco feel safe. Soon, our teams discovered one

special key to his heart: Frisco loved treats! We included delicious treats in every interaction, slowly building tiny bridges of trust and teaching Frisco that the best was still to come.

This tireless work wasn't without some extra help. For Frisco, a breakthrough came in the most unexpected form: Crunchwrap, a tiny chihuahua! Sweet Frisco seemed to have a soft spot for puppies and smaller dogs. This unusual, but oh-so-adorable, friendship helped Frisco's confidence grow as he played with his new little friend.

Today, we're ecstatic to share with you, **that after 160 days** in our shelter – having made so much progress – Frisco was adopted into a loving home, where he is now living his very best life – a testament to the lifesaving power made possible by your incredible support!

A New Beginning:

How One Small Kitten Inspired Our Community

Rosemary, a newborn kitten, was found cold and alone, abandoned in a stairwell in our community. Just a few hours old, her tiny cries were barely heard when an animal protection officer found her. She was weak, dehydrated and scared, her future hanging by a thread.

Our dedicated veterinary team worked around the clock to keep Rosemary alive, cleaning, feeding, and warming her tiny body. She arrived freezing, but thanks to dedicated care, she recovered beautifully and is now flourishing in a loving home.

Rosemary's story highlighted a critical need in our veterinary hospital: an incubator. This vital piece of equipment

provides the specialized care and controlled environment necessary for vulnerable newborns, just like Rosemary.

We are thrilled to share that we have successfully raised the funds needed to purchase a new incubator!

You answered our call for help, and we now have the tools to provide the most fragile animals in our care with a strong start for years to come.

Your support transforms stories of despair into stories of hope. Thank you for opening your heart and being an essential part of our mission to ensure every animal has a chance at a healthy and happy life.



Lifesaving stories like these are only possible because of compassionate supporters like you. Your gift helps animals when they need it most. Thank you for making it all happen.

Make a secure donation today at
boulderhumane.org/donate

Summer Tips for Pets

Some Like it Hot, Your Pet Does NOT!

We all love summer with our pets, but heat can be dangerous—especially in cars. At just 75°F, a car's interior can hit 120°F in 30 minutes, even with windows cracked. Never leave pets in parked cars, even briefly. If you see a pet alone in a hot car, call Boulder Animal Protection at 303-441-3333.

Here are tips to keep your pets safe and happy all summer long:

1. **Ensure pets have a shaded area when spending time outside.** Not much is better than lounging in the shade on a sunny day!
2. **Always keep fresh, cool water available for your pet.** Take it a step further and help your community cats by leaving water bowls out for them, too!
3. **Learn the signs of heat stress and stroke.** Knowing the early signs can be lifesaving on hot summer days! Pets with flat faces – Pugs, Bulldogs and Persian cats – are more sensitive to heat because of their anatomy and have a lower tolerance for heat exposure.
4. **These boots were made for walking!** Keep your pet's paw pads safe by using booties during walks. Test the sidewalk yourself – place your hand on the pavement for 10 seconds, if it is too hot for your hand, it's too hot for bare paws!

For more information and tips to stay cool, visit: boulderhumane.org



Heartworms, fleas, and ticks! Oh my!



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It's warming up Colorado and we're all eager to get outside and enjoy nature! It's also time for ticks, fleas and mosquitoes to come out, and they love to be close to us and our pets. These pesky pests can transmit serious illnesses like heartworm, plague and tick fever.

Prevention is key!

- **Keep the wildlife wild.** Wild animals may seem cute and cuddly, but they can carry a host of parasites and even deadly viruses like rabies. Keeping your beloved pets (and yourselves!) safely distanced from wildlife is crucial.
- **Protect your pets.** There are a wide variety of effective preventative products available. However, some can be harmful if not chosen carefully, or interact poorly with other medications. **Always consult your veterinarian to discuss the best, safest options for your pets.**
- **Found a tick?** We have simple, safe removal steps and even a cool way you can help the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment keep us all healthy!

Visit boulderhumane.org for more information!

Your Impact in Action

Last year, you helped us provide more critical care, love and resources to our community, when they needed it most.

THANK YOU!



20,000
ANIMALS HELPED

3,803
ANIMALS
GOING HOME



36,087
MEALS DONATED
to community pets in need

13,057
VETERINARY
MEDICINE
Total Animals Served



Shop for yourself. Help save animals' lives.



Did you know that you can donate to HSBV just by grocery shopping? Link your King Soopers Shopper's Card to HSBV through their Community Rewards program, and a portion of your purchases will be donated to us—at no cost to you. Your grocery trip could help feed a shelter pet for a week. Just shop and swipe to make a difference in the lives of pets and people in our community.

It's easy! Sign up and start saving lives today:

1. Visit: kingsoopers.com/signin and sign in or create an account.
2. Go to My Account > Community Rewards.
3. Search for Humane Society of Boulder Valley and click Enroll.
4. Shop, swipe your card and feel good knowing you're helping animals in our community!

Visit boulderhumane.org/donate for more ways to help animals in need!



TRAINING CENTER SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

Kids + Dogs = Best Friends!

Our Sidekicks training class teaches them how to be the ultimate team, all while having a blast!

Your budding trainer will learn how to communicate and interact with their dog as they train new tricks and activities, and learn about all things dog.

This class is for children aged 7+ and meets for one hour for three days in a row. An adult must attend with each child.

Visit boulderhumane.org/training to snag your child's spot and see the many animal training services we have to offer!



1,621

NIGHTS OF EMERGENCY
BOARDING
for pets of families facing crisis



7,064

TRAINING &
BEHAVIOR CENTER
Animals Supported

1,478

TRANSFERRED
ANIMALS
to HSBV



123

STAFF
MEMBERS



49,922

VOLUNTEER HOURS
Equals 24 Full Time Employees

To see more of what you made possible in 2024, read our latest impact report at: boulderhumane.org/publications.



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All for Animals

A Community Celebration

Back by popular demand, join us for a fun-filled day of community celebration.

Save the date for our special behind-the-scenes event and open house.



WHEN:

Sunday, Sept. 21

WHERE:

Humane Society of
Boulder Valley
2323 55th Street
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More info
and tickets
coming soon!



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