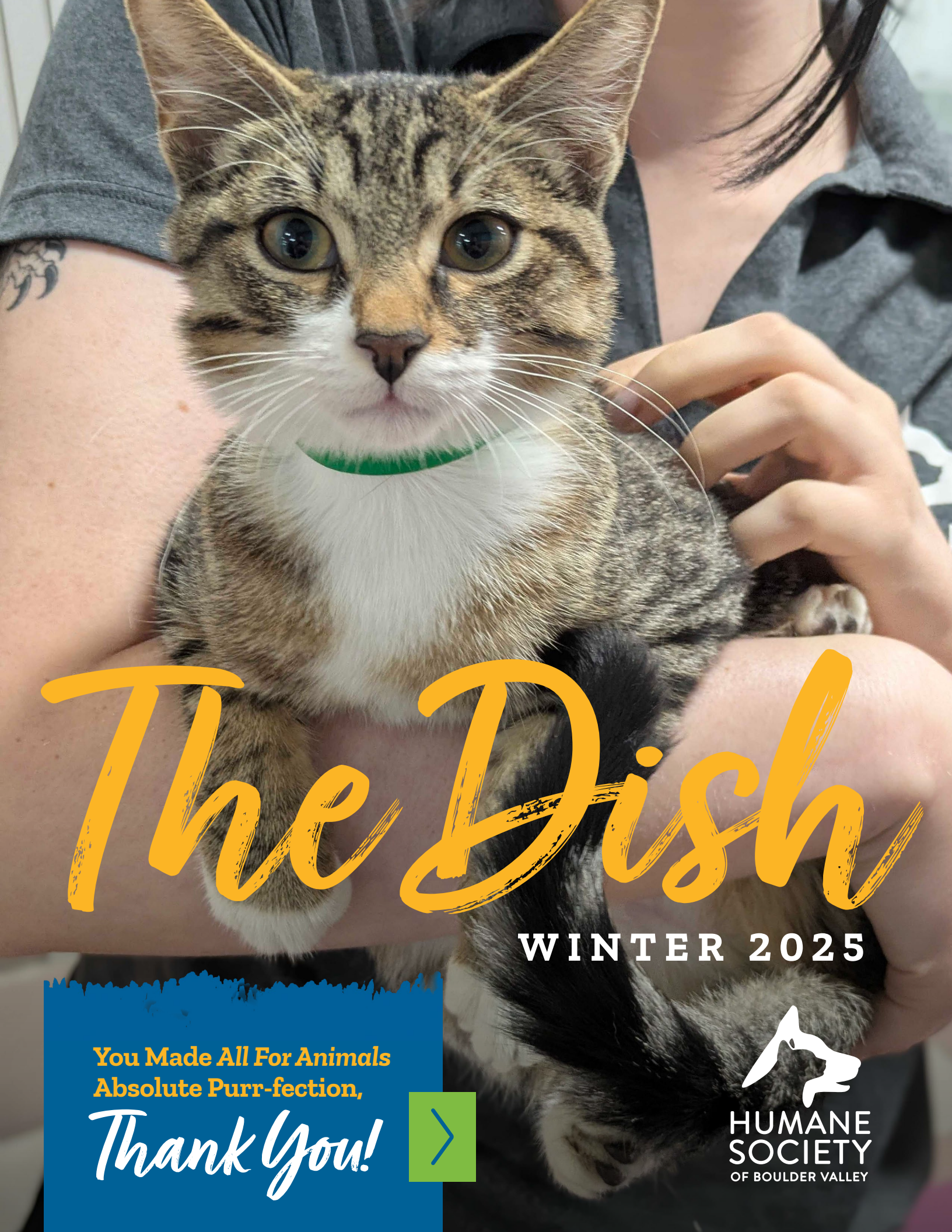




The Dish

WINTER 2025

**You Made All For Animals
Absolute Purr-fection,**

Thank You!



**HUMANE
SOCIETY**
OF BOULDER VALLEY

A message of gratitude from our CEO!

Dear Friends,

This year, I celebrated my 20-year work anniversary at the Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV), and my first year as CEO is coming to a close. I am writing this to you feeling incredibly thankful and inspired by the compassion and generosity of this community. I find myself filled with a deep sense of gratitude as I reflect on all you made possible for HSBV and the animals in 2025. I watched thousands of animals find their new beginnings this year — **and it was all made possible because of you** — our community of animal lovers.

Every animal that comes through our doors arrives with a story — some frightened, some injured, all needing love or a second chance. Because of your generosity, these animals find more than just shelter. They find comfort. They find healing. They find hope.

Animals like little Tonka, who you'll read about in this edition of The Dish. Tonka arrived at HSBV hurt and desperately in need of critical veterinary care. Thanks to your support, we were here for him when he needed us most. With the help of our teams, Tonka has healed and is spending the holidays at home, with his family.

Your support means everything. It means lifesaving veterinary care. It means training and behavior support that changes lives. It means a safe place to land — not just for the animals, but for the people who love them. Thank you for being there and for standing with us in our shared mission to help animals in need.

Our ability to continue this vital work depends on the sustained support of our community, and as we close out

this year, I hope you'll consider standing with us again. On **Colorado Gives Day — Tuesday, December 9 — your gift can go THREE times as far** thanks to an **extraordinary \$100,000 matching opportunity** from our friends at **Fetch Pet Insurance** and an anonymous group of donors who believe, like you do, that our work is **critical**. That means **every dollar you give will be TRIPLED**, helping three times as many animals find safety, love and the new beginnings they deserve.

Your kindness makes our work possible. Your compassion brings families together. And your belief in a more humane community for animals continues to inspire us every single day.

Thank you for making my first full year as CEO so meaningful — and for being a true champion for pets and people of our community — when they need it most.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Kat Burns
CVPM, CAWA,
CEO



TRAINING CENTER SERVICE SPOTLIGHT SINGLE SESSION DOG TRAINING CLASSES

Want to train your dog but struggling to find the time to commit to a weekly dog training class? Interested in our classes but want to give one a spin before deciding to enroll in a multi-week class? Our single sessions are for you!

In these 45-minute classes, your dog will practice important skills like paying attention to you, polite leash walking, and sitting to greet people instead of jumping all over them. Enjoy having the freedom and flexibility to take only the classes that interest you and that fit into your busy schedule.

With the holiday season just around the corner, now is the time to start working on your dog's manners!

Learn more and sign up at
BoulderHumane.org/Training



By the Numbers

YEAR IN REVIEW Thank You!



MORE CARE

Record increases in subsidized veterinary assistance (**1,800 appointments**), food share (**26,000 meals**), and temporary boarding for families in crisis (**1,240 nights**).



SERVING MORE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Expanded our lifesaving services across Boulder County — and now into Frederick and Dacono.



MORE SECOND CHANCES

Expanded shelter dog behavior modification programs to save more lives (420 enrollees, +13% from 2024)

Tonka:

Tiny Kitten, Big Name, Triumphant Spirit

A story of how your support gave this little one hope

When this tiny two-month-old kitten first arrived at HSBV, his situation was heartbreaking, and his outlook was grim. He was brought in by our partners at animal protection after he was found at a construction site. His shoulder was crushed, and his severe wounds were badly infected.

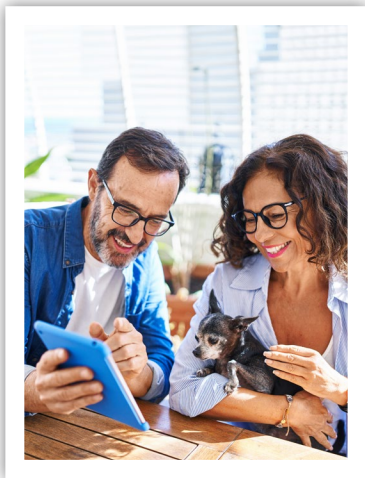
For his first few days with us, fear ruled his world. He was hurting and kept his distance from anyone who tried to get close. We knew we had to fight for him. Despite his tremendous pain, we saw a spark in his young eyes. With patience and compassion, our veterinary team got to work cleaning his wounds, treating the infection and performing a lifesaving amputation to remove his injured leg.

As his pain subsided, a remarkable transformation began for this brave boy. His fears melted away, and his personality blossomed. With this joyful shift, Tonka soon showed that he trusted us, leaning in for pets and giving our staff and volunteers lots of purrs in return.

Today, Tonka is thriving in a loving home — a testament to your compassion, and what your support makes possible.

Thousands of animals and the people who love them turn to HSBV for safe haven, care and a second chance, every year. This Colorado Gives Day, your generosity will save more animals' lives. Visit [Coloradogives.org/hsbv](https://coloradogives.org/hsbv) and make your lifesaving gift — ensuring we'll continue to be here for countless other animals who need us — for years to come.





Make a plan. Protect your pets.

The generosity of our community helps ensure that every animal in our care is met with kindness, medical support and the opportunity to thrive. As the longest running animal shelter in the state of Colorado, we are honored to have helped generations of pets live healthy, happy lives.

HSBV will always be a safe place for animals — and you can help alongside us for generations to come. As we look to the future, we invite you to consider a lasting legacy of compassion. HSBV has partnered with FreeWill, a free and easy online estate planning tool. With FreeWill, you can create a will in as little as 20 minutes — and include a gift to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley that will provide safety, care and hope for animals for generations to come.

Including HSBV in your estate plans is a powerful way to ensure that your love for animals continues to make an impact well into the future. It costs nothing today, and it can change countless lives tomorrow.

FREEWILL 

To get started, visit:

freewill.com/humanesocietyofbouldervalley



Thank you for being
ALL FOR
Animals



On behalf of our entire team, dedicated volunteers and every wagging tail and purring cat in our care, we want to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our recent All For Animals community event. It was a true joy to share a behind-the-scenes look at the work we do every day.

We hope you enjoyed the inspiring stories of lives saved during tours of our state-of-the-art veterinary hospital, the interactive demos with our animal training and behavior center, and of course — puppy playtime and kitten cuddles! Seeing you connect with the animals and our staff in a fun, relaxed environment was the perfect way to close out summer.

While the day was filled with fun and laughter, your participation had a profound and lasting impact. The proceeds from every ticket purchase and donation go directly to animals who need us. Your support helps us provide lifesaving veterinary care and critical behavior support, and it ensures safe shelter for animals to heal and thrive until they find loving families.

We're incredibly grateful for our community, and we look forward to welcoming you back next year!



Meet Hoover:

From Sick and Scared to Happy and Home

When little Hoover arrived at HSBV, he was facing an uphill battle. He was sick with parvovirus, a highly contagious and often-fatal illness for puppies. This poor pup was also struggling with mange, an uncomfortable skin disease. He was clearly in pain and desperately needed our help.

Thanks to your support, we were immediately able to give Hoover the critical attention he needed, placing him in an experienced foster home with medicine, food and a loving family dedicated to his full recovery.

After weeks of continuous care, Hoover made a complete transformation. His foster parents watched him blossom from a fragile patient into a healthy, playful dog. As his recovery neared completion, they realized they couldn't imagine life without him—he had found his family right where he was healed. They made his adoption official, and he's now thriving, surrounded by love!

Hoover's story is just one life impacted by your incredible compassion for animals. Your donations ensure animals like Hoover receive all the care they need and deserve.



All donations up to \$100,000 will be

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BECOME A CHAMPION YOUR LOVE FOR ANIMALS TRIPLED THIS COLORADO GIVES DAY!

This year, we're inviting you to make your passion for pets public!

HSBV is ramping up our peer-to-peer fundraising for Colorado Gives Day on December 9. This is your chance to multiply your impact by inspiring your friends and family to give to the organizations you care about.

You can launch your personal fundraising page now, and champion for animals all the way through Gives Day on December 9!

The Triple Match is On!

Every dollar raised has incredible power, thanks to a triple match up to \$100,000 from our incredible partner Fetch and a generous group of anonymous donors!

Ready to start fundraising for the animals? Go to coloradogives.org/hsbv and select "Fundraise." Help us unlock the full match and make this our biggest Colorado Gives Day yet!

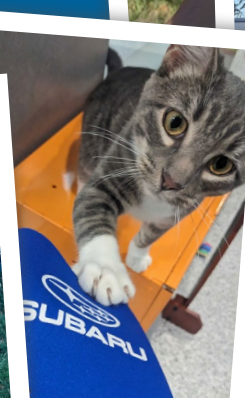
Together, we can give 3x the animals the second chances they deserve!

Subaru Loves Pets *and We Love Subaru!*

We're endlessly grateful to our amazing partners at Flatirons Subaru for sponsoring another incredible Subaru Loves Pets adoption event! Their generous support helped make this year's celebration a huge success, offering discounted adoption fees for animals three years and older — giving these often-overlooked pets the second chance they deserve.

Thanks to Subaru's compassion and our community's big hearts, more than 40 animals found loving homes during the event weekend — nearly half of them qualifying for the special promotion — making the dream of a new life, a reality for so many animals!

Thank you, Flatirons Subaru, for continuing to drive love, hope and second chances for animals in need.





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