

Humane Society of Boulder Valley 2025

Impact Report



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OF BOULDER VALLEY

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It is the mission of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley to protect and enhance the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people.

Letter from CEO

Dear Friends,

As I look back on 2025, my heart is filled with gratitude as it was genuinely a year of compassion in action at the Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV). Because of your unwavering support, HSBV remained a lifeline for countless pets and people. Your generosity made our work possible in ways that truly transformed lives. Together, we didn't just save lives – we preserved families, we healed the broken, and we provided new beginnings and second chances for pets and their people – when they needed it most.

Because of you, HSBV continues to fulfill our mission through our lifesaving programs and services by keeping families together via our **safety net services**, healing the hurt and sick in our **full-service veterinary hospital**, transforming fear into confidence with our **robust training and behavior program**, and giving the gift of a new beginning by making perfect matches and providing a little extra TLC in our **adoption centers and through our foster program**.

Our Sincerest Thanks

As you read through our 2025 Impact Report, I hope you'll feel the pulse of your kindness and know that the animals featured are just a few of the thousands of lives you helped change this year. One thing is clear though - not one of the stories you'll read in this report would be possible without you. You are the heart behind our mission and the hope behind every wagging tail and purring cuddle.

Thank you for choosing HSBV and the animals.

With deep gratitude,



Kat Burns, CVPM, CAWA
CEO



What You Make Possible

Lives Saved by Your Support

Shelter, Adoption Centers and Foster Program

Making purrfect matches - and providing new, loving homes for animals every day...

Serving thousands of animals annually, HSBV is a vital resource for pets and the people who love them – working to improve their quality of life for our community; while also extending the compassionate care resources we have to animals of neighboring communities within Colorado, and beyond.

Every animal entering our facility receives a medical and behavioral evaluation, and this extensive process considers the needs of each animal, and the care necessary for successful adoption. Our animal services team also accepted relinquished pets, assisted with guardian-requested euthanasia services and provided resources to community members in need.

Our shelter sees **more than 4,000 animals a year**, and in 2025, our adoption centers helped **2,339 pets find loving homes**, while our lost and found team **reunited approximately 686 lost pets with their guardians**.

Additionally, our foster program serves as a critical lifeline to the new beginning we know so many animals deserve. As an open-admission shelter, HSBV accepts every animal that comes through our doors – and sometimes – many animals that arrive are too young, injured or under-socialized to be placed directly into our adoption program. Thankfully, our caring foster volunteers are here to help when these animals need it most – opening their hearts and homes to provide them with hands-on care and the environment enrichment they need to thrive.

Our volunteers are truly the heart of HSBV, and because of their – and your – support, **383 animals were welcomed into foster homes in 2025**.

In 2025, our transfer program provided adoption opportunities for **982 animals** from over-burdened, or under-resourced rescue and shelter facilities.



A Stellar Launch

Comet's Fostering Journey

When Comet and his six celestial siblings docked at our shelter with their mom, Venus, they were far too small to begin their adoption journey. These tiny explorers needed a safe place where they could grow, learn, and discover at their own pace. Thanks to your support, Comet's entire family moved into the home of a dedicated, long-time foster volunteer. In this nurturing environment, the "space pups" spent their most formative weeks orbiting a world of new experiences, from meeting confident cats to learning the ropes from older dogs.

This time in foster care was the key to Comet's success. Instead of spending those early days in a kennel, he was busy discovering the sights and sounds of a bustling home, ensuring he grew into a brave, well-adjusted pup. Your generosity ensures fosters have the resources—from nutritious food to ongoing medical care—needed to give litters like Comet's a strong foundation. Because he had a soft place to land, Comet was perfectly prepared to leave our adoption center and find his own place in the stars with his new, loving family.





Veterinary Hospital Services

Providing lifesaving care to animals who need healing...

Our full-service veterinary hospital provides critical and routine care to support both public patients and shelter animals – ensuring the health and well-being of animals in need.

Additionally, to support our safety net program, our veterinary hospital provides **access to veterinary care** for pets through our Supporting Human Animal Relationships (SHARE) program offering discounted veterinary care to income-limited clients. HSBV has been proud to offer this service to our community for more than 30 years as the SHARE program is the cornerstone of HSBV's family of safety net services, providing donor subsidized access to veterinary care since 1997.

In 2025 our Veterinary Hospital served:

4,022

Shelter animals

6,299

Public patients

2,373

SHARE appointments

A Cent-sational Survival Story

for One Lucky Pup: Two Cents

Late one night in March 2025, a tiny puppy was surrendered to our shelter. Unlike his littermates, he was weak, thin and pale. Tests revealed life-threatening anemia, and he urgently needed a blood transfusion in our veterinary hospital to save his life.

X-rays soon showed the cause - pennies in his stomach, a dangerous source of zinc toxicity. Too fragile for surgery, he was taken to an emergency hospital where veterinarians used an endoscope to safely remove not one, but two pennies. From that moment on, he became "Two Cents."

The very next day, Two Cents was eating, playing and gaining strength. **Thanks to lifesaving care and donor support**, this little pup has a bright future ahead.





Training and Behavior Center

Providing life changing support to help animals thrive...

Using positive reinforcement techniques, our Training and Behavior Center provides behavior care to shelter animals, helping ensure success in their future homes. The critical services are provided by certified, force-free trainers committed to ensuring happy and healthy relationships between pets and people to foster a foundation of trust and enjoyment for all involved. We also operate a public training center with group classes, professional seminars and private consultations.

We are excited to share that after nearly a decade, our Training and Behavior Team, in partnership with our Shelter Medicine Team, developed the *Shelter Behavior Medical Journal*, a tool for supporting shelter animals with complex behaviors. Thanks to a generous grant from the **Animal Assistance Foundation**, shelters across Colorado will benefit from HSBV's innovative work through workshops and direct support. This collaboration between our medical and behavioral teams is intended to increase live outcomes and reduce length of stay for animals while bolstering organizational capacities for our animal welfare partners.



In 2025 our Training and Behavior Center provided support to:

736

Shelter animals

5,198

Public clients

Beyond the Basics

How Behavioral Support Helped Aimee Find Her Match

When Aimee first arrived at HSBV, she was a young mother nursing three tiny kittens. Once her little ones were weaned, our focus shifted to Aimee's own unique needs. Because she was a spirited, "pint-sized" girl who could be sensitive to handling and preferred to be the only cat in a home, our Training and Behavior team stepped in to ensure she had every tool necessary for success. Your support allowed our specialists to work one-on-one with her, using positive reinforcement and target training to help her channel her high energy and communicate her needs.

Aimee proved to be a brilliant student—learning to follow a target stick and even mastering the art of "fetching" her favorite feathers. This dedicated behavioral support was the bridge she needed; after many meetings with potential families, she found the perfect home where she could finally be the star of the show.

Because of your generosity, Aimee didn't just wait for a home – she was actively prepared for one, leaving our shelter as a confident, chatty companion ready for her next adventure.



Safety Net Services

Keeping pets and people where they belong... **together**

As a critical safety net for our community animals and their guardians, HSBV offers resources during times of hardship to support happy and healthy relationships and prevent unnecessary pet relinquishment.

In 2025, we continued to see a significant increase in the need for our safety net services, particularly for subsidized veterinary care.

One of the most expensive, and often unforeseen, situations that causes the separation of a pet from their loving guardian is lack of access to veterinary care. Through our Veterinary SHARE program, income-qualified pet guardians receive discounted veterinary services for year-round care: free or discounted spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchips, preventative care, ongoing treatment, lifesaving surgeries, and more. The relationships our hospital team shares with their clients and patients fosters trust and compassion, ensuring the needs of pets are discovered and met with support and kindness. We believe all healthy relationships between pets and people should be supported, and that one's ability to pay for veterinary services should not prevent them from experiencing the love and joy pet companionship provides.

For more than two decades, our SHARE program has provided affordable veterinary services to pet guardians in need. Demand for these services grew by 20.5% in 2024 and increased by another **5% in 2025. For the first time in the program's history, we provided more than \$200,000 in discounted veterinary care last year.**



In 2025 our Safety Net services provided:

1,434

Days of emergency pet housing and boarding

39,163

Free meals distributed along with pet supplies

153

Families with low-cost animal training & behavior support

Shining a Light on Milo

The Growing Reality For Families Who Need Us

At HSBV, we believe every person and pet deserves to be seen. They aren't statistics; they are our neighbors with real lives, real struggles, and a fierce, unconditional love for their pets.

Our commitment to families like Adamari's, who adopted Milo in 2018, doesn't end when they leave our building.

When Milo suffered a devastating tail injury, he needed urgent amputation to relieve his pain and save his life. Adamari loves and adores Milo, and like many families facing sudden, expensive care, the bill was beyond what her family could manage at the time. With heartbreak in her voice, she called us, asking the question no family should have to consider: ***"Is giving up Milo, our beloved pet, the only way we can get him the lifesaving care he needs?"***

Situations like this reflect broader gaps in critical support for families, not just access to affordable veterinary care. When cost becomes a barrier, families can be forced to weigh difficult options, even when their commitment to their pets is clear.

Because of community support, we were able to step in. A medical grant covered Milo's surgery, and today he's home, healing and happy.

With the family who loves him.

More families than ever are facing these same challenges and impossible choices. With changes and cuts to governmental programs and benefits, many of our neighbors are struggling to meet their basic needs. When putting food on the table becomes more difficult, an unexpected veterinary bill or the rising cost of pet food can force devastating choices – just like Adamari's.

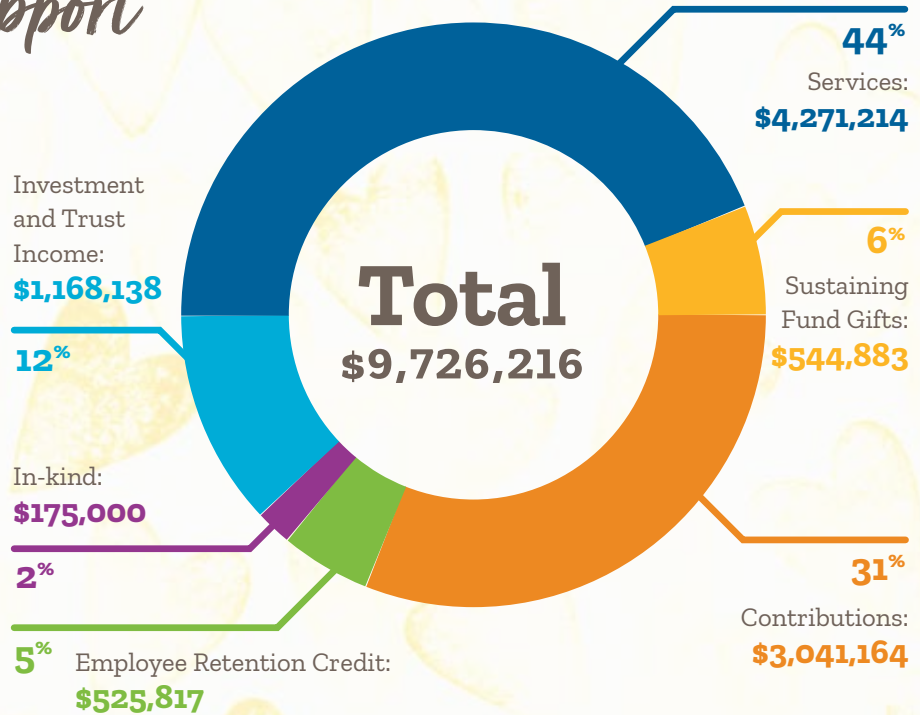
When you support HSBV, you ensure we are here to help families like this one – and countless others when they need it most. You help animals like Milo receive the care they need without losing the people who love them. Thank you.



Financials

Sources of Support

Where does the money come from?



Expenses

Where does the money go?

