

Dozens of cats and kittens are getting a second chance.

**BECAUSE
OF YOU!**

Read more inside!



The Dish



**HUMANE
SOCIETY**
OF BOULDER VALLEY

SUMMER 2026

FROM OUR CEO!

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you with immense gratitude for all that you help make possible, **every single day**, at the Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV).

Recently, we were reminded once again of the true power of this community. When 95 kittens and cats in need were transferred into our care at once, we put out a call for help, and you didn't hesitate. You stepped up immediately to provide the support and resources necessary to give these little ones the care they deserved. Watching those vulnerable kittens transform from frightened newcomers into playful, healthy companions is a touching reminder of why I began this work 20 years ago.

Your generosity does more than just keep our doors open; it creates the miracles you'll read about in this edition of The Dish. Whether it is a life-saving surgery, a complex behavior case, or a match made in our adoption center, please know that every story and second chance shared here is a direct result of your kindness. We hope you take immense pride in reading these stories, knowing that you are the reason behind every happy tail wag, every confident purr and every heart-tugging reunion.

As we look ahead, I am already excited for the autumn season. I hope you will mark your calendars to join us for our **Fall Fest** on October 4! This family-friendly event will be a wonderful and fun-filled opportunity to celebrate our shared love for animals, in person, and enjoy the community we have built **together**.

Thank you for being the lifeline for the thousands of animals who look to us for safety, care and comfort.

Because of you, we are continuing to change the lives of pets and people in our community, and **because of you**, we will continue to be here for them for years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Kat Burns
CVPM, CAWA,
CEO



MEET FRANCES FRIEDLAND

We are happy to introduce Frances Friedland, our new Director of Philanthropy at HSBV. Frances brings years of leadership and philanthropy experience, including time at Vail Resorts and Luvn Arms Animal Sanctuary.

Frances can't wait to get to know YOU, our generous supporters, and help you make an even greater impact for the animals you love at HSBV.

She wants to hear from you!

Please don't hesitate to reach out directly and say hi:
Frances.Friedland@boulderhumane.org | 303-442-4030 x655.



Frances with her dogs
Penny, Mae and Finn

Your Impact in Action

**YOU HELP US PROVIDE MORE CRITICAL CARE,
LOVE AND RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY,
WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST, THANK YOU!**

Between January and June, we've been able to help in the following ways:



18,783

**MEALS
DONATED**
to community
pets in need

**197
NIGHTS**

EMERGENCY BOARDING
for pets of families facing crisis



6,316

**Animals
served
through
veterinary
medicine**



**559 TRANSFERRED
ANIMALS**

to HSBV from overburdened
communities to find
loving forever homes.



354

**ANIMALS
SUPPORTED**

**Behavior
Modification**

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



LIVES SAVED BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

Overcrowded Shelters to Hopeful Futures for Dozens of Cats!

In just three weeks, HSBV welcomed three large transfers of cats and kittens from overwhelmed partner shelters in urgent need of care.

Thanks to the support of our community, every cat and kitten received the food, medical care and behavioral support they needed to heal, thrive and begin their journey toward a loving home.

In June:

- ✔ 95 cats and kittens were transferred to HSBV.
- ✔ 174 cats and kittens received care and comfort in our shelter.
- ✔ 129 cats and kittens were adopted in new, loving homes!

Behind each statistic is an animal who is now safe, healthy, and loved because people like you stepped up when it mattered most.



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.

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 spending the long, sunny days of summer with our furry companions, but these warm temperatures can be harmful to our pet's health. Hot cars are especially dangerous!

At 75°F outside, the inside of your car can reach 120°F in as little as 30 minutes – even with your windows open!

Please don't leave your pets in the car – even for short errands. If you see an unattended pet in a hot car and need help, please call Boulder Animal Protection at 303.441.3333.

For more and info and tips to stay cool, visit:
boulderhumane.org/hot-weather-tips

Rabies – Protecting You and Your Pets

Rabies is becoming more common in local wildlife, particularly among skunks and bats in Colorado. Rabies is almost always fatal once clinical signs appear. Prevention is the best defense.

Prevention is the Most Important Rule

- **Vaccination is key:** In Boulder County, all dogs and cats three months or older must be vaccinated – including indoor cats!
- **Keep it current:** Unlike humans, pets cannot be treated with vaccines once they are exposed. Keeping their vaccines up-to-date is the best way to protect them. Set an alert in your phone or calendar to keep track of when vaccines are due!
- **Consult your veterinarian:** If your pet is bitten or exposed to a wild animal, contact your veterinarian immediately – even if your pet is vaccinated.

What to Do If...

- **Your pet is bitten:** Report the incident to Animal Control immediately. If your pet is unvaccinated, they could be placed on a six-month quarantine or potential euthanasia.
- **You are bitten:** Don't panic. Contact your physician and your local health department immediately. If it is safe to

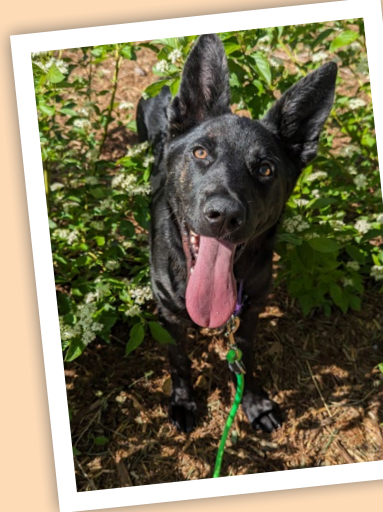
do so, confine the animal that bit you without releasing it.

- **Your pet bites someone:** You must report the bite to your local Animal Control office. Your pet could be placed under a mandatory observation period.

More Helpful Tips

- **Avoid wildlife:** Never attempt to touch, feed, or handle wild animals, especially bats.
- **Secure your home:** Animals like skunks are attracted to food and low-level shelters (like gaps under porches). Block these access points to keep wildlife away from your home.

For more information, visit:
boulderhumane.org/rabies



Make a Will, Make a Difference

August is National Make-A-Will Month. It's the perfect time to give yourself peace of mind, and to make a lasting impact that will help animals thrive for years to come.

Your will is a powerful way to:

- Care for your loved ones.
- Create a plan for your pets so you know they'll be taken care of.
- Fuel the lifesaving work of HSBV with an optional gift.

Our friends at FreeWill, are making your will simple, secure and completely free. If you choose to include HSBV in your plans, you will keep animals safe well into the future. Estate gifts have helped fund large projects, including our 2022 hospital expansion, and

expenses to provide care and safety for the animals awaiting a new home in our shelter.

To learn more, visit boulderhumane.org. If you have questions about estate planning, contact francie.wojcik@boulderhumane.org or 303.442.4030 ext. 651.

To get started, visit: freewill.com/humanesocietyofbouldervalley

FREEWILL

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 preparedness tips, visit:
boulderhumane.org
or ready.gov/pets

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

Build an evacuation "Go Bag" with essentials like:

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



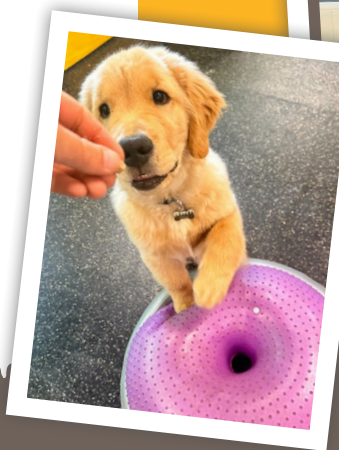
TRAINING CENTER SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

SINGLE SESSION DOG TRAINING CLASSES

Want to train your dog but don't have time for a weekly dog training class? Interested in our classes but want to test one before deciding to enroll? 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.

Learn more and sign up at:
boulderhumane.org/training



Turn Your Wheels into Lifesaving Care!

HSBV partners with Advanced Remarketing Services to make donating your vehicle simple and impactful. When you donate a car, truck, boat, RV, trailer, motorcycle, construction equipment, or other vehicle, whether it's running or not, you're helping provide lifesaving care for animals in need.

As an added benefit, your vehicle donation may qualify for a charitable tax deduction.

Learn more or start your vehicle donation:
boulderhumane.org/car



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A family-friendly fall festival celebrating the
pets and people in our community.

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