Dear Supporters,

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley is a cherished and vital resource to our community. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank and congratulate our staff, volunteers, and the strong Boulder community for their dedication and commitment to this organization and its mission.

Looking back at 2012, we have much to celebrate. Our shelter operations continue to maintain an exceptionally high Live Release Rate, while decreasing the average time before animals are adopted. Over the past year, the training and behavior program and veterinary medicine practices have helped rehabilitate many animals so they can stay with or find their permanent homes.

As an open admissions facility, the shelter acts as a critical safety net for each and every companion animal in Boulder. We have helped unite thousands of homeless dogs and cats with loving guardians — including more than 3,492 animals transferred from overpopulated shelters elsewhere in Colorado and nearby states. In shelter operations, veterinary medicine, training and behavior modification, the Humane Society of Boulder Valley acts as a model of excellence with a national influence.

As donors, volunteers, staff, and community supporters of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley, we can take pride in knowing we have had a tremendous impact on animal welfare locally, regionally and nationally. As you read this report, I encourage you to reflect on the many diverse ways this organization strengthens relationships between pets and people in Boulder, our region and nationally.

Sincerely,

Ned McClain
Chair, Board of Directors

CEO and Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends,

One of the most gratifying parts of working for this organization is seeing the incredible difference we are able to make in the lives of animals each and every day. By working together with our donors, board of directors, corporate sponsors, volunteers and staff we are providing a second chance for homeless animals to build a lifelong relationship with their new families.

2012 provided us with the opportunity to focus on the foundation of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley’s mission — to build and enhance the relationships between pets and people. Because of generous supporters like you, 6,800 new lifelong relationships were created last year. Guided by such an important vision, we have been able to ensure every animal has the shelter and care they need to mend their bodies and spirits and find a loving family of their own.

These relationships are made possible by our behavior modification and training efforts, the innovation and expertise of our veterinary health care team and our growing transfer and adoption programs. In addition, we are proud of our strong network of partners throughout Colorado, which ensures every animal in this state has the opportunity to succeed. Working together in all of these areas allows us broaden our impact, reaching animals from other communities who are healthy and happy and just need to find a new, loving home.

As you flip through these pages, you will get a glimpse into the lifesaving work we do and how these vital programs are helping to create new healthy and happy relationships, all thanks to your continued support. Thank you for working with us to meet today’s challenges and develop tomorrow’s solutions for the animals of Boulder Valley.

Sincerely,

Lisa Pedersen
CEO
A cornerstone of our mission is building and enhancing the relationships between pets and people. From adoptions to our lost and found services to resources dedicated to keeping pets with their guardians, this is the central theme of everything we do. Each year 6,000 animals find a loving family of their very own through our adoption program. More than 1,300 lost and stray animals are safely returned to their families through our lost and found services. Fostering richer and stronger bonds with their pets, 1,600 guardians utilize the services of our Training and Behavior Center. Our Veterinary Clinic ensures the health of 8,000 pets and provides families the resources and expertise to address any medical concerns so pets can live long happy lives.
Our innovative shelter medicine program is the key to our ability to save more lives each year. Medical rehabilitation mends the bodies and spirits of more than 40% of the animals we shelter. This program is vital to those animals who do not have guardians to care for them.

In 2012 we provided 4,551 spay and neuter surgeries for shelter animals, a 12.3 percent increase from the previous year. Our veterinarians also provide a range of services to shelter animals rarely available to animals in other shelters including repairing broken limbs, treating skin issues and providing radiology, dentistry, ophthalmology and laboratory work.

These services and surgeries not only improve the lives and behavior of shelter animals but also play a critical role in managing pet overpopulation and in some cases, their ability to survive and get the second chances they need and deserve to find new homes.
SETTING SHELTER ANIMALS UP FOR SUCCESS WITH BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION

In concert with our medical care, we are dedicated to the mental health of our animals as well. From kennel enrichment to protocols aimed at modifying an animal’s behavior, these critical and innovative programs ensure we can safely and successfully place dogs and cats into new homes. Positive reinforcement is the foundation for all of our behavior programs. Techniques and protocols developed at our facility are now being used by shelters to save more lives all across the country.

In 2012, 330 dogs and 186 cats – more than ever before – were rehabilitated through our shelter’s behavior modification program, and we accepted 83 animals from other shelters for behavior issues that may have ended in euthanasia without our help. Our behavior modification focuses on helping animals who are challenged by body handling, dog-dog aggression, fear, food care/object guarding, separation anxiety and litter box issues.

CARING FOR OUR COMPANIONS

Providing a lifetime of wellness for pets is essential to their ability to have long, healthy lives with their guardians. Our dedicated team of veterinary professionals provides quality and compassionate medical services to shelter animals and pets with guardians. From spay and neuter surgeries, preventative care, orthopedics and dermatology to radiology, dentistry, ophthalmology, internal medicine and laboratory work, we offer the expertise and scope of services any pet may need. The clinic’s revenue from serving public clients subsidizes all of the vital shelter medicine provided to our homeless animals.

In 2012 our veterinary clinic also continued participation in two community programs to assist low-income guardians who need financial assistance for medical care for their pets. Spay Day 2012 is a national program of the Humane Society of the United States for which we offered our Valentine’s Day “Love Your Kitty? Fix Your Kitty!” event providing low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations for 52 cats of public clients. We also participated in 9PetCheck, a partnership with 9News and the Colorado Veterinary Medicine Association, to provide 25 free wellness checks in one day for pets of qualifying guardians. We also had more than 40 dogs and cats enrolled in our highly successful “Weigh To Go” weight management program which encourages guardians to help their obese and pudgy pets shed a few pounds to improve their overall health and well-being.
We know the solution for any animal in need is a person who cares. Saying “yes” and doing all we can to ensure animals can stay with their families is an important part of our mission and culture. To this end, we offer several programs to assist people in need so giving up their pets is not the decision they are forced to make. These services have grown from the needs and financial support of our community so we can continue to be the safety net for both animals and the people who love them.

Our Food SHARE program provides free pet food to qualified clients. In 2012, more than 149 individuals took advantage of this simple resource. Ensuring their pets have nutritious food enables people to keep their pets healthy and often allows them to also take better care of themselves with their limited resources.

Our Veterinary SHARE program gives discounts for qualified individuals for pet services in our public clinic. Through this program we can provide expert care for their pets, keeping them healthy and happy and in their homes without having their guardians experience financial hardship to care for their pets.

Safe Haven is a partnership with Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Non-Violence and the Emergency Family Assistance Association. For individuals in crisis or transition, we provide housing arrangements for family pets until a safe and stable residence can be found. This program gives victims of abuse and violence a safe alternative for their pets so they can leave a dangerous or unstable environment knowing their pets won’t become victims as well.
VOLUNTEERS - THE HEART OF OUR ORGANIZATION

We are so fortunate to have a strong volunteer team who relentlessly gives their time and talents and answer our call to do whatever it takes to help our animals in need. Whether the mercury dips below zero or above 100 degrees, our volunteers are here to give our dogs their walks and much-appreciate energy releases and enrichment. They also provide cat and ferret enrichment and play, giving our furry friends a better and less stressful experience while they wait to find their new homes.

In 2012, more than 1,569 volunteers contributed 59,749 hours to caring for our animals, helping with adoptions and behavior training, doing laundry, assisting with animal care and maintaining surgical supplies in our veterinary clinic, raising funds and assisting in our retail store, thrift shop and new Westminster PetSmart adoption center. Their donations of time and talent are equivalent to almost 30 full-time employees! Our volunteers make a difference in the lives of homeless animals every day. They assist our staff to do whatever is needed. Their dedication and hard work make it possible for us to meet the needs of every animal who comes through our doors. We simply could not do what we do without them - thank you, volunteers!

AWARDS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Best of Boulder, Boulder County Gold, Best Readers’s Choice Awards

2012 BOULDER WEEKLY
BEST OF BOULDER
Best Non-Profit Organization
Best Veterinary Clinic
Best Pet Store
Runner-Up: Best Fundraising Event - Puttin’ On The Leash
Runner-Up: Best Used Treasures - Thrift & Gift Shop

2012 DAILY CAMERA’S
BOULDER COUNTY GOLD
Best Non-Profit Organization

2012 COLORADO DAILY
CU & BOULDER’S BEST
READER’S CHOICE AWARDS
Best Veterinary Clinic
Best Second Hand Store
The live release rate represents the percentage of lives saved.

Through the Alliance we look for trends and emerging needs so collaboratively we can identify ways to save more animals lives.

The following chart outlines our 2012 financial results:

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By the Numbers

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Our Bequest Society and Legacy Giving Program enhances the long-term stability of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley by providing an extra stream of income to meet the increasing demand to save the lives of companion animals. By joining our Legacy Giving program, you will be part of making history with us and creating a cornerstone for our future. The animals are counting on us to be there for them, now and always.

We invite you to invest in our future by joining our Bequest Society and Legacy Giving Program. You are eligible to join by simply submitting a Bequest Society card to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley notifying us that you are making a gift to the organization. For more information and to request our Legacy Giving brochure, please contact Don Shires, Vice President of Operations at (303)442-4030 ext. 658.
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**Mission**

What We’re All About

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