

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

## CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

When I think back on 2014, I am filled with gratitude. I'm thankful for the remarkable Boulder Valley community in which we live, work and play. From our generous donors and dedicated volunteers, to our committed staff, it warms my heart to see such encouragement and enduring enthusiasm for our organization. With the support of this incredibly robust community, we continue to spread our mission to protect and enhance the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people.

With the generosity of donors, we opened our renovated Cat Adoption Center last April. The new center has spacious rooms with several perching structures and interactive elements to engage our feline friends during their short time with us. With the enhanced environment of the new center, feline personalities are shining brighter and more families are embracing these wonderful companion animals each month.

On a daily basis I am reminded what dedicated staff and volunteers we have working for our organization. Their empathy and care for animals is the guiding force that fuels our successful behavioral modification and training classes, our comprehensive veterinary clinic services, and our valuable transfer and adoption programs. These efforts, combined with our supportive community members, allow us to sustain our impressively short lengths of stay for both cats and dogs that come through our doors. This speaks volumes to me as a reflection of the healthy and compassionate community in which we live.

As I look forward to 2015, I am excited to have our new transfer vehicle ready for action. This allows us to extend our compassion to communities throughout Colorado and surrounding states. Our ability to bring more dogs and cats to Boulder benefits both the animals and our community, as we're able to provide additional family members to residents of the Boulder Valley.

I'm incredibly grateful for all of you! I hope you enjoy seeing in this annual report how your contributions and assistance ensure we are meeting the needs of animals, and people, every day. Thank you for your continued support in our work and mission.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Pedersen

CEO







The Humane Society of Boulder Valley is a community-supported, open-door facility that provides shelter, medical care and behavioral rehabilitation for more than 7,000 animals a year. Since its inception in 1902, the shelter has become one of the most recognized nonprofit organizations in Boulder Valley and a national leader in animal welfare. 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.



## **Board Chair**

Dear Supporters,

As the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley for the last three years, it has been eye opening to witness the magnitude of impact this organization has in our community and throughout Colorado. Not only does it serve as a leader in the animal welfare community but also a vital voice in our community reminding us, guiding us, and educating us on how to further enhance our relationships as guardians with our pets.

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley's ability to rehabilitate and revitalize the lives of nearly 7,000 animals each year is a true team effort. From repairing the physically wounded through



comprehensive veterinary services to healing the emotionally wounded with behavioral modification and training, each animal is cared for as an individual story the moment they enter the organization's care. Shelter animals benefit from these services, but the community utilizes them as well. Nearly 5,000 guardians and their pets took a training class in 2014 and over 8,000 guardians utilized the veterinary services (not to mention hundreds of free or low-cost vaccinations that were administered). The transfer program brought in over 2,300 animals, allowing the organization to meet and fulfill the diverse needs of our community looking for their next family member.

It has been a true honor working alongside the staff, volunteers, donors, partners and Boulder Valley community who are dedicated to this incredible organization. As you read this report, I hope you also reflect on the ways the Humane Society of Boulder Valley has impacted you, your pet, our community and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Ned McClain Chair, Board of Directors

## Thank You

Because of your support of our innovative Shelter Medicine Program, we are able to provide lifesaving care to the animals coming through our doors and allow them to have a healthy new start. This program is the key to our ability to save more lives each year and vital to those animals like Oscar and Sochi, shown here.

We are dedicated to the mental health of our animals as well. Our Behavior Modification Program focuses on helping animals who face various challenges. We use a myriad of practices, including positive reinforcement and kennel enrichment techniques to shape positive animal behaviors. Positive reinforcement is the foundation for all our behavior programs. Techniques and protocols developed at our facility are now being used by other shelters to save more lives. These critical and innovative programs ensure we can safely and successfully place dogs and cats in new homes.

## Shelter Medicine at Work

A matted and dehydrated puppy was found abandoned. His Good Samaritan named him "Oscar" and knew he needed medical care. It was discovered that he had a heart murmur and Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA). Oscar was brought to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley in the hopes we could repair his heart condition and find him a new home. We immediately transferred Oscar to Colorado State University (CSU) and its Saving Animals in Shelters through Teaching (SAST) program, where his heart was successfully repaired! This affectionate and sweet boy recovered in one of our foster homes

before being adopted. Oscar is now living

happily with his new family and two other dogs. His family reports that he and his siblings love sharing toys and playing in the sun!





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## A Positive Training Tail

Sochi was surrendered twice to HSBV. Our Training and Behavior Center knew they needed to give Sochi the tools to be successful in his next home, and soon realized this little cat had an outgoing personality and was a fast learner. With the use of our behavior modification program and positive reinforcement techniques, Sochi began to learn agility courses and how to use a cat exercise wheel. His adoption page featured videos of his new found skills, and he was highlighted in the announcement of our newly renovated Cat Adoption Center. One day his videos caught someone's eye! She hadn't planned on adopting, but had to meet this wonderful cat. It only took a few moments of playing before Sochi crawled into her lap and gave her a soft kitty kiss on the nose. It was a kiss that sealed the deal.

Now Sochi is happily living with two other cats and a dog, giving kisses and kitty hugs regularly to the other siblings. His new guardian loves working with Sochi on his agility courses and keeping his mind busy and his life happy. Sochi has a special bond with the guardian's three-year-old grandson, being the first to greet him when he arrives to visit Grandma.

## Healthy Relationships of Pets & People

The 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, relationships are the reason for everything we do. Each year more than 5,000 animals find a loving family of their very own through our adoption program. More than 800 lost and stray animals are safely returned to their families through our lost and found services. Fostering richer and stronger bonds with their pets, 5,400 guardians use the services of our Training and Behavior Center. Our Veterinary Clinic ensures the health of 9,900 pets and provides families with the resources and expertise they need to address any medical concerns so pets can live long, happy lives.



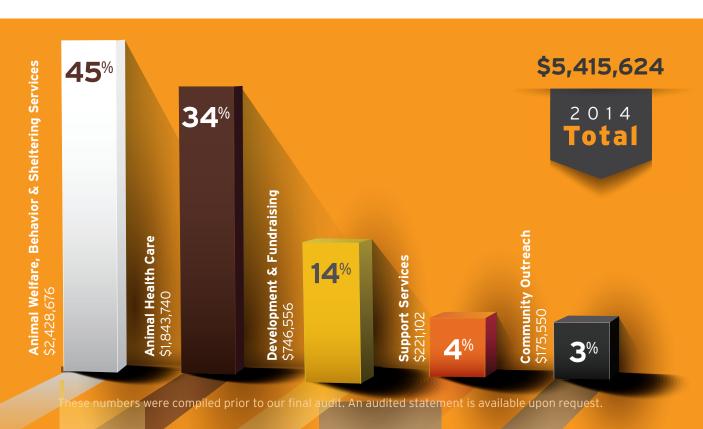
## **FINANCIALS**

## **SOURCES OF SUPPORT**





## **EXPENSES**



# PETS SERVED IN 2014

	DOGS		CATS		BIRDS	SMALL MAMMALS	REPTILES	OTHER: FISH, ETC.	TOTAL
	ADULT	PUPPY	ADULT	KITTEN					
Beginning count 1.1.14	34	1	32	О	0	4	0	0	71
Foster count 1.1.14	1	1	6	12	0	0	0	0	20
Stray	921	35	464	187	22	42	10	3	1684
Owner Relinquished	862	85	870	334	24	228	3	0	2406
Owner Requested Euthanasia	78	0	59	2	0	10			149
Transfer in from Colorado	400	55	51	119	0	73	0	0	698
Transfer in from Out of State	671	905	46	36	0	0	0	0	1658
Other: (i.e., returns, disaster relief)	303	73	101	22	0	12	0	1	512
Total Live Intake	3235	1153	1591	700	46	365	13	4	7107
Adoption	2036	1082	1066	593	28	284	5	4	5098
Returned to Owner (RTO)	832	19	254	13	9	10	1	0	1138
Transfer or Rescue Out to Colorado	78	0	6	0	8	25	4	0	121
Transfer or Rescue Out to Out of State	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other Live Outcomes	39	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5</b> 5
<b>Subtotal:</b> Live Outcomes	2987	1102	1341	606	45	319	10	4	6414
Died	1	1	9	22	0	3	0	0	36
Missing/Stolen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Shelter Euthanasia	194	4	227	20	1	16	0	0	462
Owner Requested Euthanasia	78	0	59	2	0	10	0	0	149
Subtotal: Other Outcomes	273	5	295	44	1	29	1	0	648
Total Outcomes	3260	1107	1636	650	46	348	11	4	7062
Ending count 12.31.14	46	4	31	8	0	26	0	0	115
Foster count 12.31.14	3	2	2	15	0	2	0	0	24

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

## **VET CLINIC**



3,523
SPAY & NEUTER
SURGERIES IN 2014

Our partnership with the City of Boulder's Animal Control Unit allowed us to provide 62 free vaccines at their Vaccine Clinic in 2014.



FREE WELLNESS CHECKS IN ONE DAY

9PetCheck, a partnership with 9News and the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, provided 17 free wellness checks in one day at our clinic.

## "WEIGH TO GO" WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

This program encourages guardians to improve their pet's overall health and well-being by helping their obese and pudgy pets shed a few pounds.



## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**



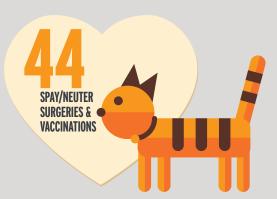
## **OUR FOOD SHARE PROGRAM**

provides free pet food to individuals. In 2014, more than 328 bags of food were distributed to families who took advantage of this simple resource.



## **OUR VETERINARY SHARE PROGRAM**

gave discounts to 603 qualified households (over 850 pets!) in 2014.



## **LOVE YOUR KITTY? FIX YOUR KITTY!**

Our Valentine's Day "Love Your Kitty? Fix Your Kitty!" event provided low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations to 44 cats of public clients.

## TRAINING & BEHAVIOR

## **VOLUNTEERS**





# TRANSFER ANIMALS PARTICIPATED IN BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION

In 2014, 1,150 individual volunteers gave their time and energy volunteering at Humane Society of Boulder Valley.

## **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROGRAM**

In 2014, 288 dogs and 222 cats were rehabilitated through our shelter's behavior modification program, and 115 transfer animals from other shelters participated in this program.



5,405 clients worked with our Training and Behavior Center to better understand how their animals learn and how to set those relationships up for success.

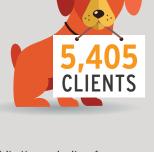






47,205 **VOLUNTEER HOURS** 

Volunteers dedicated 47,205 hours to caring for our animals, helping with adoptions and behavior training, doing laundry, grooming, taking photographs, assisting with animal care, maintaining surgical supplies in our veterinary clinic, raising funds, supporting special events, caring for foster animals, and assisting in our retail store and thrift shop. Their donations of time and talent are equivalent to almost 23 full-time employees!



While the majority of our training center pet clients are dogs, we also offered nearly 85 private consultations for cat guardians to help with their pet's behavior concerns, a 16% increase from 2013.





13,000 miles (over 18.500 hours) walked with our shelter dogs.



1,000 hours of work performed by 20 corporate or community groups on various projects around HSBV.

## SHELTER SUCCESS

## **AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY**





Our live release rate for 2014 was 93%.



**ENGAGED THE NEXT GENERATION** OF ANIMAL LOVERS



200 "Pets and Pals" teams, youth between the ages of 7 and 14, volunteered in 2014.

## PLANNING YOUR LEGACY

## Where There's A Will There's A Way

Our Legacy Partners Program supports the long-term stability of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV) by providing an extra stream of income to meet the increasing demand to save the lives of companion animals. By becoming an HSBV Legacy Partner, you will be 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 becoming an HSBV Legacy Partner. Simply notify us that you are including HSBV in your will or estate plans. For more information and to request our Planning Your Legacy brochure, please contact Karla Rikansrud, Director of Development and Community Relations at (303) 442-4030 ext. 669.

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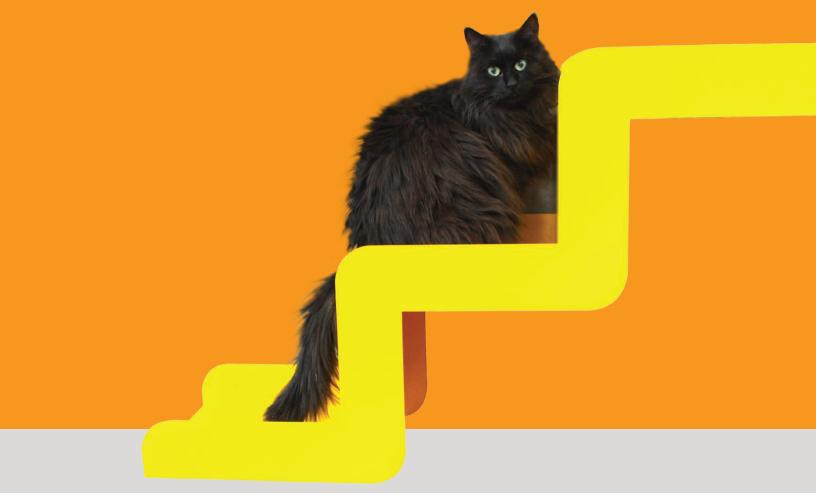
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