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OF BOULDER VALLEY

120

YEARS OF

Helping Animals



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FALL 2022

INSIDE: Celebrating
120 years of helping
animals in our
community and beyond!

Dear Friends,

Over a century ago, a small group of steadfast volunteers started the first humane society in Boulder County. Today, HSBV is proud to celebrate 120 years of helping animals in our community and is the longest serving, continuously operating humane society in the state of Colorado! Since 1902, we've been changing the lives of pets and people in and around Boulder and Broomfield Counties - and thanks to supporters like you, we're building A Bold Future for Animals to ensure we're here to help our community for the next 120 years!

As I reflect on my time here at HSBV, I am in awe of all we have accomplished, together. Having spent the majority of my 38 years in animal welfare here at HSBV, it's been an honor to watch us evolve. We have led the way in developing an animal transfer program, offering dog training to the public, and advocating for force-free, positive reinforcement methods. We were trailblazers in implementing open adoption processes and started a behavior team for shelter animals. In 1996, HSBV had the first year of placing every adoptable animal into a loving home - a major milestone that is now common in our wonderful state. I remember our spay/neuter clinic in 1990 on Pearl Street, when every day, shelter staff had to drive a van full of animals over to be spayed/neutered and pick them up at the end of the day! We were so happy to build our current campus in 2001 and have everyone under one roof.

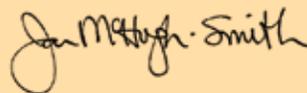
Now, as we continue to forge ahead and navigate the ever-changing animal welfare landscape, we are not immune to the challenges of a tough economy with rising costs. Over the past year, these rising costs and inflation have impacted families in our community and increased the need for our services. Our resources are stretched thin, and the cost to save lives is increasing. Our work cannot stop for the more than 16,000 animals that rely on us each year, and we cannot continue this work without you.

A generous donor and our sponsors are helping us celebrate our 120-year anniversary with a tremendous gift – they will match donations, up to \$120,000, through the end of the year! I hope you'll consider a gift to our 120 Years of Helping Animals Campaign and join us as we commemorate this milestone.

Through 120 years of joyous reunions, everlasting bonds, new faces and old friends, you continue to be the difference for the animals who come to us for second chances. Your support of HSBV's critical programs ensures every animal who comes through HSBV's doors is met with kindness and compassion, and will receive high-quality care during their stay with us. YOU are the reason animals get to know love when they have nowhere else to turn. YOU are the reason families who need a helping hand can keep their pets with them, changing their lives. YOU are the reason we've been here, supporting our community for so many years, and YOU will be the reason we'll continue to be here – for the next 120 years.

Thank you, as always, for your support of HSBV, the animals and each other.

I'm grateful for each and every one of you,



**Jan McHugh-Smith, CAWA
CEO**



Photo: Adventure Pup
Photography

Year in Review: Thank You



26,163

MEALS DONATED
to community pets in need

Providing support to community members in need to keep their pets fed and healthy despite hardship.

A 150% increase from 2021!

1,878
NIGHTS

EMERGENCY BOARDING
for pets of families facing crisis

For hospitalized guardians, and for families seeking refuge in times of crisis or hardship, HSBV is here to offer shelter and care to pets in need.



VETERINARY MEDICINE



Michelle,
Veterinary Technician

TOTAL ANIMALS SERVED

8,968

1,348
ANIMALS
TRANSFERRED

to HSBV from overburdened communities to find loving homes.



BEHAVIOR
MODIFICATION

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

643
ANIMALS
SUPPORTED



120 YEARS OF Helping Animals SINCE 1902

Celebrating 120 years of kindness, compassion, helping animals and saving lives

This year, the Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV) is celebrating 120 years of service in the Boulder and Broomfield communities and beyond!

Founded in 1902, our original charter included protecting children and women, and our mission eventually turned to protect working livestock and companion animals. Now, HSBV's mission to protect and enhance the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people is accomplished by the delivery of critical services beyond animal adoptions.



1902

HSBV (formerly known as Boulder County Humane Society) founded by volunteer citizens

1972

Shelter opens at 2323 55th Street in Boulder, the site of HSBV today

1996

HSBV reaches goal of zero euthanasia of adoptable animals

2007

Expansion completed for the Training and Behavior Center and pioneering Behavior Modification program

TODAY:

A Bold Future for Animals
Veterinary Hospital expansion ongoing. We've reached the limits of the veterinary care we are able to provide in our current facility, and the animals need us to do more.

1935

First shelter opens on Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder after bequest from the Harbeck family

1992

Name changes to Humane Society of Boulder Valley to represent expanded service area serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties

2001

Current HSBV campus - including animal shelter and veterinary clinic - opens to the public

2014

Cat Adoption Center renovation completed, reducing the length of stay for felines



Today, HSBV is Colorado's oldest continuously operating humane society, and HSBV is the only animal welfare organization in our service area offering an array of Safety Net services to help pets and people. From access to pet food and supplies, temporary boarding during times of hardship or crisis, to discounted veterinary and behavior services - Safety Net services keep pets and people together.

Our open-admission, socially conscious shelter provides care to any animal who comes to our facility, and we're actively working to build the next century for pets and people! As our mission has expanded, we are making changes to address the increased demand for animal health, behavior and Safety Net services.

To celebrate our 120-year anniversary, our generous sponsors have stepped forward to match donations up to \$120,000 through the end of this milestone year! Visit give.boulderhumane.org/120Years to learn how you can give to help us meet our goal — as we continue to help animals — saving and changing lives through our mission.

Together, we look forward to the next 120 years, and serving the pets and people who need us for generations to come!

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A Bold Future for Animals

EXCITING UPDATE

Construction is nearing completion, and our expanded Veterinary Hospital is coming to life! This Spring, we began construction on a much-needed expansion and remodel to our Veterinary Clinic and various campus enhancements. We set out with a goal to raise \$5.3 million – and after several generous lead gifts allowed us to break ground, our fundraising goal is within reach! Now, we need you to make this vision a reality. An anonymous donor has stepped forward to match up to \$250,000 in donations – **which means if we can meet this match, we meet our goal** to open our new hospital's doors to more animals and families in need.

We are 98% of the way there - will you help us cross the finish line?

A Bold Future for Animals Campaign will add 1,800 square feet, expanding the hospital footprint and purpose-rebuild existing spaces to resolve challenges and improve access to veterinary care for those who need help. The expansion includes:

- **Creation of Critical Care Ward**, where shelter and Safety Net patients requiring intensive care or with contagious illness can be safely treated and rehabilitated.
- **Double the number of large dog kennels and exam rooms**, reducing length of stay for shelter animals and wait time for Safety Net patients because we can comfortably house and treat more animals.
- **Two new Surgery Suites, including a dedicated Dentistry Suite**, reducing wait time for one of our highest-demand services for shelter and Safety Net patients.
- **Upgraded and centralized laundry, dish sanitation systems and food preparation areas.**
- **Remodeled volunteer office and workspace** to create a comfortable space for our amazing volunteer team.

Give now to have your DONATION DOUBLED and learn more at boulderhumane.org/boldfuture.

Naming opportunities are available to commemorate a pet or loved one in your life!

The expanded Veterinary Hospital will transform the lives of animals and our Boulder Valley community for decades to come. Visit our campaign website for more information: BoulderHumane.org/BoldFuture. If you are interested in naming opportunities, please contact Lindsay Scott, Director of Philanthropy and Community Relations at Lindsay.Scott@boulderhumane.org or 303-442-4030 x655.



After suffering a traumatic injury, Charlie's guardian thought her only option was to say goodbye as she didn't have enough money for his costly treatment.

Through HSBV's Safety Net services, Charlie received the emergency surgery he needed and was reunited with his guardian on a payment plan she could afford. It was all smiles, tears and purrs as Charlie and his guardian walked out of HSBV, together.



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Lives saved because of your support

Wylie was adopted – because of YOU!

This summer, we shared Wylie's story with you because this special boy needed a hero. Having spent an entire year — nearly half his life — at another shelter, Wylie arrived at HSBV looking for his new beginning. Our compassionate shelter staff, expert training team and amazing volunteers all ensured he received the care and love he needed while he awaited his new family. As our shelter filled up and he spent more time with us, we reached out to you all — our loyal animal lovers — for help finding his new family. Soon, a supporter saw Wylie's story and decided they couldn't live without him! Now, he's home — where he belongs — and we're celebrating yet another perfect match and love story. THANK YOU for being there when we, and Wylie, needed you.



Remembering Chico

"Back in November of 2006, I came across a black Chihuahua named Chico on your website. I instantly knew that this was my dog and made contact with you so I could adopt him. Devastatingly I had to put him to rest 2 weeks ago. I promised you when I adopted him that he would be loved, and I would give him a great life. He spent 16 years with me, and I fulfilled my promise. I wanted to thank you for Chico coming into and changing my life, and share this with you. Thank you so much, I miss him every day."
— Chico's Guardian



From Finder to Keeper: Collaboration and love bring Buster home

Emaciated and with a severely broken leg, this 6-year-old Plott Hound was thankfully found stray in Broomfield by our partners at Broomfield Police Animal Services.

"I've always loved animals, and knew I wanted to find a career that allowed me to help them," Officer Miller said. The day she met Buster seemed like just another day helping animals in our community for Officer Miller, but it turned out to be a life-changing day for the pair.

Even with his injuries, there was one obvious thing they all noticed about Buster: he was FAST! It took days to catch Buster and bring him safely to HSBV. Our expert veterinary team discussed Buster's injuries, which would require a specialized surgery, so we enlisted the help of our partners at the Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital (CSU VTH).

We were able to coordinate a life-changing surgery for Buster, and soon he and his finder were reunited as Officer Miller offered to foster him during his recovery. "There was just something about him," Officer Miller said. "I was drawn to him and wanted to continue to help him." As he healed with TLC from our veterinary team and in his new foster home, it didn't take long for Buster to fit right in.

Last month, Officer Miller made it official, by adopting Buster. "I'm so happy I met Buster that day. He's changed our lives and I'm grateful for all HSBV and CSU have done to help him heal. His injury never slowed him down, and we couldn't be happier to have him home, where he belongs."

Without your support — these partnerships — and Buster's story would not be possible. When you support HSBV, you support animals like Buster and help ensure our collaboration with our critical partners continues. THANK YOU for bringing Buster and his family together.





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Subaru Loves Pets, and HSBV Loves Subaru. HSBV and our amazing partner Flatirons Subaru celebrated Adopt a Shelter Dog Month by hosting another successful Subaru Loves Pets adoption event this year! They generously discounted adoption fees for adult animals with the goal of finding them homes more quickly. Over the course of a special weekend, our community came together to welcome new pet companions to their families, and we are celebrating their love of pets throughout the month. Thank you, Subaru, for helping animals find their new, loving homes!



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