

2017 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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MISSION

Foothills Animal Shelter is dedicated to providing support to our surrounding community through education, services that strengthen the human-pet bond, and humane care for the animals we serve.

On the cover: "Kitten Season 2017" is in good (foster) hands.

2017 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



PETS IN OUR CARE

Foothills Animal Shelter is an open admissions shelter, meaning we never turn away an animal. The pets in our care come to us in many different ways—from Animal Control Officers who find lost pets in the community, to owners who can no longer care for their pets.

3.662 Stray (Animal Control & Good Samaritans)

1,973 Relinquished by Owners

1,116 Other (offspring, end of life services, etc.)

1,556 Partner Shelters & Rescues

8.307 Total Number of Animals Cared For



Foothills Animal Shelter is a member of the Metro Denver Animal Welfare Alliance (MDAWA), a coalition of 25 public and private shelters, rescue groups and other animal service providers. Their mission is to foster the collaborative efforts of its members to promote humane care for companion animals in our community.

Animal Control Partners

We work closely with Animal Control Officers to keep our neighborhoods safe, protect animals and educate the community. The communities served include Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Sheridan, Westminster, Wheat Ridge and unincorporated Jefferson County.





Suspected Victim of Cruelty Finds His Happy Ending

In December of 2016, two pit bull mixes were left in the Denver Animal Shelter's night drop kennels by an unidentified man. Extremely underweight, with mange and bacterial infections, the two dogs were in very poor shape and suspected victims of animal cruelty. After two months in Denver Animal Shelter's foster program, one of the dogs, Wifi, was transferred to Foothills Animal Shelter to find his forever home. In March of 2017, Wifi was adopted in a wonderful new home! Renamed Cena, which his owner Cole W. says is, "after Jon Cena, because he's so big and beefy," this success story is one full of heart and collaboration. "He's been the easiest dog I've ever had. He loves everyone—we got very lucky finding him," said Cole W.



The Patient with Patience

When TJ, a 9-year-old Chihuahua mix, was brought to Foothills Animal Shelter by a Good Samaritan in August, he looked very fragile and in need of immediate care. The Shelter's Veterinary Services Team noticed that the tiny 5-pound dog was extremely dehydrated, thin and had a bad case of dental disease. Dr. Emily Hays, Director of Veterinary Services and Chief Veterinarian, and the Veterinary Services Team kept TJ in their surgery suite for several weeks while they cared for him. They performed a dental procedure and blood work to help get him healthy and ready to be adopted. Over time his blood work began to improve, and TJ himself began to adopt a new role within the team.

"TJ became a super, loveable character—just so social and quiet, and would walk around and help us," says Dr. Hays. "He would often snuggle up with the dogs after surgery and comfort them while they were coming out of anesthesia. It was very sweet."

Thankfully, after spending several weeks with the Team, TJ became healthy and ready to go up for adoption. Not long after, he was spotted by Lori W. who was looking for a friend for her older Chihuahua. She came to the Shelter to meet TJ and was immediately charmed. Now, TJ lives in his new home with his mom, Lori, his dad and a brother named Poco. We couldn't be happier that TJ, the sweet Chihuahua that comforted other shelter dogs, has found his forever home with the comfort of his forever family!

ADOPTIONS

In 2017, Foothills Animal Shelter adopted **5,140** pets to their forever homes.





Jennifer S was recognized in September as Volunteer of the Month for being a reliable and hard-working volunteer since 2007 and caring for the Shelter's cats as she piloted our new Offsite Adoption role.

HEALTH CARE

To help the pets in our community stay healthy and safe, Foothills Animal Shelter offers several affordable services to the public, including spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, licenses and microchips. Our Vaccine, License & Microchip Clinics take place weekly at the Shelter.

574 Other (specialized cases, mass removal and dental work) Spay/Neuter Public Animals Spay/Neuter

Pets Vaccinated Vaccine, License & Microchip Clinics



A Big Heart Beneath a Big Bark

Danny, a one-and-a-halfyear-old black Labrador mix, first arrived in June 2016 from another shelter. He was in

good health, but struggled with barking excessively at other animals while on a leash. He had tons of energy and at 65 pounds, he was difficult to control. Unfortunately, Danny was adopted but returned to the Shelter because of his energy and reactivity. At some point Danny had eaten a towel which blocked his intestines. The Shelter performed emergency surgery to remove the blockage and a large section of his small intestine, after which Danny needed time to recover.

The Shelter's Animal Enrichment Manager, Stephanie Baigent knew that Danny was a special dog, and decided to foster him to see how severe his issues were, and to begin positive reinforcement training. She took him home and realized that he was just a big love bug that needed guidance and a proper outlet for his energy. For the next several



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FOSTER CARE

months, she worked tirelessly, training him, exercising him and giving Danny the structure he needed. Several organizations also stepped up to support Danny. The Barking Lot in Arvada provided doggie daycare for him twice per week, and Grace Dog Training & Behavior, as well as trainer Eric Gillaspy at Lone Tree Veterinary Medical Center, donated their services to make sure he received the top notch training he deserved. After eight months of extensive training and medical care, Danny was finally ready to find a forever home.

When the Kurtz family spotted Danny on the Shelter's website, they felt an instant connection to him. After thinking it over for a few days they decided to adopt him. Stephanie took Danny to visit them at their home. He acted like he was part of the pack and responded to the family giving training commands to him. The large family also has two Pugs, three horses and an acre for Danny to run on. Danny has found the perfect home and we couldn't be happier for him!

Volunteer of the Month!

We recognized Trudy F in July as Volunteer of the Month for being a reliable and hard-working foster volunteer for over five years. Wonderful, dedicated volunteers like her care for our foster animals.

Our Foster volunteers provide care and loving temporary homes to animals in need until they are ready for adoption.

network of 189 foster homes helped pets heal, grow and thrive.

Our Foster Care Program serves:

- · Animals too young to be adopted
- · Mothers and nursing offspring
- Animals who need socialization
- Adoptable animals who need extra TLC in a home environment while they recover from temporary illness or a specialized surgery

Types of Animals Fostered

Animals Fostered

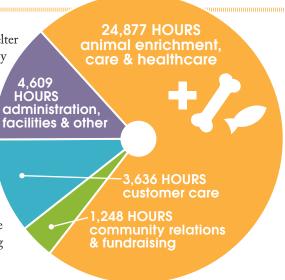


VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteers are an integral component of Foothills Animal Shelter and serve in more than 70 different roles throughout every department of the organization. Volunteers can be found helping in a wide variety of ways, from walking dogs and petting cats, to assisting our administrative teams with data entry, to helping patrons find the perfect new companion.

In 2017, 579 volunteers contributed an amazing 34,370 hours of their time—the equivalent of 16.5 full-time staff positions.

This impressive amount of time does not include the countless hours our volunteer foster families spent caring for infant and medically-fragile pets in their homes.





Busting Boredom for our Shelter Dogs

Most patrons are surprised to hear our adoptable dogs go out on at least three walks a day with volunteers. While those pooches were getting walks, visits, and forever homes, our dogs being held for behavioral or medical reasons were combating some serious boredom. Enter our Boredom Buster Volunteers! These volunteers have been active for at least 2 months and go through additional training to be able to work with our more fragile canines. This role is vital to enriching the lives of our dogs awaiting adoption and plays a key part in getting them ready for their forever home. Boredom Buster Volunteers continue to provide relief and help thousands of Foothills Animal Shelter dogs become more adoptable.



Clicker Training Helps More Cats Find a Forever Home

The shelter environment can be tough on dogs and people, but it is especially stressful for cats. Our committed volunteers took notice of this and created a new role to enrich the time our felines spend here—it also happened to increase their chance of adoption! Through providing mental stimulation and positive reinforcement, our adoptable cats became less fearful, more approachable, and easier to envision in your own home. The Clicker Training program is also being utilized with new arrivals, behavior cases, and medically fragile cats awaiting adoption status. Our Click N' Cat volunteers have been outstanding in providing the best environment possible for thousands of shelter cats that come through our doors!



PET LICENSING



A Jefferson County pet license not only helps get lost pets home, it also helps support the life-saving care we give to thousands of homeless animals each year.

- ❖ In FY 2017, 44,025 licenses were issued in unincorporated Jefferson County, Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Westminster and Wheat Ridge.
- ★ When pets are licensed, Animal Control Officers are often able to take lost pets directly home, skipping the need to bring them to the Shelter altogether.
- We continue to spread awareness of the benefits of pet licensing so we can reunite more lost pets with their owners and decrease the number of stray animals coming through our doors.

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Many thanks to **Barnhart Communications** for their creative contribution to the licensing campaign.

FOOTHILLS ANIMAL SHELTER FINANCIALS



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** (Contributions	21%
** (City & County Assessments	17%







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 Pet Programs & Services	38%
Contributions	5%
• Pet Licensing\$852,009	24%
• Friends of Foothills - Contributions \$560,000	16%
Interest & Miscellaneous\$2,076	<1%
• City & County Assessments\$600,000	17%
Expenses: \$3,215,541	
 Animal Care & Health Services \$326,983 Adoption Counseling, Animal Behavior, Animal Care, Facility Maintenance, Foster Program, Medications, Pet Intake, Spay/Neuter Surgeries, Specialized Surgeries, Utilities, Veterinary Care 	10%
• Pet Licensing	7 %
 Support Services & Personnel\$2,277,284 Accounting, Administration, Insurance, Program Development 	78%
 Fundraising & Community Outreach \$2,596 Fundraising, Marketing, Public Information 	<1%
• Volunteer Program\$11,489	<1%
Professional Services & Other \$345,462	4%

Audit, Capital Improvements, IT, Website

Friends of FOOTHILLS ANIMAL SHELTER FINANCIALS

Founded in 2014 as a loyal companion of Foothills Animal Shelter, the Friends of Foothills Animal Shelter's sole purpose is to raise direct support for the Shelter and its important mission of saving lives. Friends of Foothills Animal Shelter is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (FEIN 46-2809962).

Sources of Support: \$626,652

• Appeals and Events \$342,732	55 %
• Contributions	29 %
• Grants and Corporate Gifts \$65,197	10%
• Workplace Giving	6%
Expenses: \$680,137	
• Fundraising\$71,571	11%
Support Services	5%
• Programs	84%

Friends of FOOTHILLS ANIMAL SHELTER





Funds Given to Foothills Animal Shelter \$560,000

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2017 HIGHLIGHTS



In March, we received \$7,732.00 from Credit Union of Denver, from the calendar that they produced and sold to raise funds for us. Automotive Avenues underwrote the production costs.



Louie sharing the love at the 80s themed volunteer appreciation party in May.



Volunteers proudly wear their special green shirts to work and play.



Colfax Marathon teams won big for the Shelter:

- · Perficient 1, placed 2nd in Professional Services and Products, winning \$1,000.
- Molson Coors Team 3, placed 3rd in Manufacturing, winning \$750.
- EKS&H Runnerds, place 2nd in Women's Corp Cup, winning \$2,000.



Mutual Rescue and PetSmart Charities held a pre-screening event in May, featuring our very own Marketing and Communications Manager, Jessi!



The Jefferson County Public Library Summer Reading Program exceeded the 30 million minutes goal, so the Shelter was awarded \$600.



In September, Shelter staff and Jeffco Sheriff Animal Control helped evacuate 45 dogs and 1 cat out of the Genesee fire area.



In November, we received our first ASPCA transfer of 21 dogs. It was a seamless and easy process for both the staff and animals.











Toby's Pet Parade & Fair was attended by nearly 1,500 people and 165 dogs, raising nearly \$50,000, including \$5,000 in matched funds from Tito's Handmade Vodka.



We met our \$60,000 Colorado Gives Day goal. Volunteers called donors to say "thank you!"

Thanks to every staff member, volunteer, community supporter and donor who made 2017 a special year!

THANK YOU 2017 DONORS!

This donor list includes gifts made to both Foothills Animal Shelter and Friends of Foothills Animal Shelter, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and loval companion of Foothills Animal Shelter, whose sole purpose is to support the Shelter's life-savina work.

We also extend our warmest appreciation to everyone who made smaller donations, volunteered time or professional services and donated wish list items directly to the Shelter.

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