OUR BELIEFS

We are committed to making life better for pets and people. Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is empowered to be flexible, innovative, and compassionate, ensuring the best possible experience and outcomes for those we serve.

TRUST
We trust our community to make the best decisions for themselves, their pets, and their families. We work to earn the trust of our community through transparency and honesty.

PETS BELONG IN HOMES
Animals are healthiest with a family in a home, outside of shelter environments.

EMOTIONAL WELLNESS
We are as kind to people as we are to animals. We give our community the benefit of the doubt and are a resource for pet owners in need.

OPENNESS
We strive to approach conversations without judgement to support our community’s diverse needs.

OPTIMISM
We are committed to serving our community with hopefulness and positivity.

KINDNESS
Emotional health is supported through positive, science-based, force-free training and behavior change methods.
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Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the remarkable journey of Foothills Animal Shelter in 2023, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support. Your dedication plays a pivotal role in the work we undertake to make life better for pets and people within our shared community.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, our dedicated team of compassionate animal welfare professionals and volunteers worked tirelessly to provide a haven for animals in need.

The numbers speak volumes—we sheltered more animals and facilitated more adoptions than in previous years, and witnessed countless heartwarming reunions between families and their cherished lost pets. A significant milestone was the remarkable increase in pets that received crucial vaccines and microchips through our weekly low-cost Vaccine Clinic—a testament to our commitment to the health and wellbeing of pets not just in our care, but in our community.

Within the pages ahead, you will witness the heart behind every number. Each statistic represents a life positively impacted—a life changed. Your support, whether through donations, engagement, or advocacy in our community, is the driving force behind our shared success.

Your continued participation in the Foothills community is not only acknowledged, but celebrated. You are an essential part of our collective efforts, and your compassion and dedication resonate through the story of every pet who passes through our Shelter. Here’s to another year of positive change and shared achievements.

With gratitude,

Connie Howard
Executive Director
Friends of Foothills Animal Shelter raised more than $2 million in 2023!

Disclosure: 2023 revenue and expense dollar amounts unaudited.
2023 IMPACT

10,018 ANIMALS SHEeltered
UP 12% FROM 2022

6,661 PETS ADOPTED

1,340 LOST PETS REUNITED

3,524 PETS VACCINATED

33,224 VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED

918 ANIMALS FOSTERED

ADOPTIONS BY SPECIES

2,974 DOGS & PUPPIES

2,879 CATS & KITTENS

333 GUINEA PIGS & HAMSTERS

125 RABBITS

75 REPTILES

66 BIRDS

41 FISH

168 OTHER
LUNA & MALI

“We brought Luna (bottom) home in April 2023 and Mali (top) home in September 2023! They have made themselves right at home with each other and love to spend time curled up together. Luna was very timid at first, so we thought she might benefit from more confident feline friend. Mali was a kitten when we got her and had a carefree attitude, and is the perfect balance for Luna!”

VIOLET

“We adopted Violet in November 2023. I happened to see her shelter information just a few weeks after my sweet soul dog had passed away. She is literally his twin! I was speechless when I saw her photo. She has blessed us beyond measure and has helped my heart heal some from losing my boy. Thank you for giving her another chance and not giving up on a sweet old girl like her. Seniors are the best!”

ASTRO

“We saw Astro’s picture online, and immediately drove to the shelter! He was spunky right out the gate. We played for about 5 seconds, and immediately adopted him! He’s been my boyfriend’s right hand man, and has so much fun playing with our other Foothills cat, Millie!”
“I need my cat. I have tried every medication I can to treat my depression, but nothing helps me quite like he does.” Andrew almost needed to separate from his cat, Loki, due to a crisis—but the Better Together Program at Foothills was here to help, keeping Andrew and Loki together.

WORKING TO ADDRESS HUMAN NEEDS

Our Better Together Program strives to keep families intact during hardship. To meet the spectrum of needs in our community, we provide free pet food and supplies and temporary animal housing for families who are going through emergency crises.

We recognize that to keep animals with their families, we must also work to address human needs. Managed by Kyra Munz, MSW, our Better Together Program has partnered with a number of human welfare organizations in our community to further serve patrons with critical needs.

In 2023, almost 700 pets were reunited with their families after a short-term stay at our Shelter—a crucial alternative to relinquishment due to a crisis event—and over 1,200 additional pets were supported with free food, supplies, spay/neuter services, and other key resources, barrier-free. We are grateful for this Program’s unique ability to give back to our community, keeping families together through difficult times.

2023 COMMUNITY RECAP

- 3,524 Pets Vaccinated
- 2,125 Animals Supported
- 1,104 Patrons Helped
- 655 Families Reunited
THE VALUE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our Animal Care volunteers support the foundation of our commitment to providing a safe, clean, and nurturing environment for our Shelter animals.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The meticulous work of our Kennel Cleaning volunteers goes beyond maintaining cleanliness; it creates a comfortable shelter experience for our animals, fostering a positive emotional state. “You feel so good when you get done with your tasks. It’s so important for them to have clean kennels, and it’s a great way to spend your time,” says Kennel Cleaning volunteer David Molden. “There’s always a way to give, whether it’s your time, or pet food, or money.”

Our Kibble Care volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring that every animal receives the nutrition they need. This commitment is particularly vital for animals with specific dietary requirements or those recovering from health obstacles.

Additionally, our Laundry volunteers contribute to the comfort of our sheltered animals by maintaining a constant supply of clean and cozy bedding. Laundry volunteer Julie Porter says something as simple as clean bedding goes a long way in making the Shelter experience better for our animals. “You can’t change the world, but you can make it better, a day at a time,” says Porter. “Volunteering puts everything in this world in perspective.”

A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL STATE

“Coming here is my favorite day of the week. Giving the cats a clean space is good for them, and making sure the space is nice and clean is good for our patrons,” says Kennel Cleaning volunteer Liz Mount. “It feels good to do something that helps the animals and the shelter.”

Pictured, from top to bottom: David Molden, Julie Porter, Liz Mount
PARTNER HIGHLIGHT
MILE HIGH WINE AND SPIRITS

POURING SUPPORT FOR FOOTHILLS
In the heart of Belmar, there's a liquor store that's not just about spirits and libations; it's about community, compassion, and making a difference. Since 2018, Mile High Wine and Spirits has been a stalwart supporter of Foothills, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to philanthropy and community engagement. Through various fundraising initiatives and events, they've showcased their dedication to both exceptional service and giving back.

CHEERS TO MILE HIGH WINE AND SPIRITS
One of their standout events, Uncorked Winefest held in August 2023, not only tantalized taste buds but also warmed hearts by raising $5,000 for Foothills. This event wasn’t just about swirling glasses and savoring flavors; it was a celebration of compassion and generosity, where every sip contributed to the welfare of our Shelter animals.

Chris Giellis, the owner of Mile High Wine and Spirits, embodies the spirit of community stewardship. When asked about their partnership with Foothills, Giellis expressed profound gratitude for the opportunity to make a difference. "The Mile High team has been fortunate to partner with the amazing volunteers and staff of Foothills over the many years. Many of these volunteers are customers of Mile High and we are so grateful for their support and patronage."

We raise our glasses in celebration of Mile High Wine and Spirits' remarkable efforts. Together, we can make a difference—one pour at a time.

Thank you,
Mile High Wine and Spirits!
GRATITUDE FOR OUR PARTNERSHIPS

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- MetLife
- GoodVets
- AAA Service
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- Animal Assistance Foundation
- ASPCA
- Beverly A. & Gary T. Sanders Charitable Fund
- Bill and Lissa Staples Family Fund
- Bow Wow Buddies Foundation
- Cindy Beeks Charitable Fund
- Colorado Gives Foundation
- Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund
- God’s Light in the Darkness Foundation
- Golden Civic Foundation
- J.K. Mullen Foundation
- Petco Love
- The Mary Elizabeth Bates Foundation
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