

SUMMER 2024



TAILS OF FOOTHILLS



A note to our partners in lifesaving...

Already, the story of 2024 is well underway—a story full of growth and compassion. This year, over 450 found pets have been reunited with their loving families, and nearly 2,000 pets have found new loving homes through our adoption program.

But our commitment doesn't stop there. We've cared for nearly 400 animals in need through our Better Together program; this is a staggering 20% increase from 2023. We have vaccinated over 1,225 community animals this year through our weekly low-cost vaccine clinic—another testament of our commitment to our community.

All across Jefferson County, lives have changed for the better.

2024 is also a story of new beginnings. After six years serving as the Executive Director at Foothills, I will be retiring at the end of October. It has been an honor to serve this community, including the pets and the people who love them, my shelter colleagues and partners, our inspiring volunteer team, and you.

Your dedication to making life better for pets and people has inspired me daily. Thank you for sharing your hearts, homes, and compassion with me. As we prepare for the next era at Foothills, I know this organization will continue to be a leader in saving and changing lives.

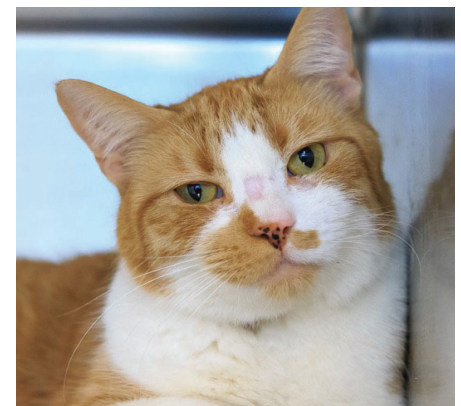
I am excited to announce Maggie McSchaefer, our Director of Animal Sheltering & Behavior, has accepted the role of Executive Director following my retirement.

Maggie's tenure in animal sheltering along with her abilities to creatively implement solutions and evolve programs, understanding emerging and shifting demands on resources, and foster an environment of learning, compassion, and flexibility will help ensure Foothills is always ready to serve our community and their pets.

With your unwavering support, we will continue to innovate, evolve, and uplift our community, one wagging tail and grateful heart at a time.

Gratefully,

Connie Howard
Executive Director
Foothills Animal Shelter



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Our Services

- Adoption
- Lost & Found
- Better Together
- Pet Relinquishment
- End-of-Life Care
- Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics
- Microchipping
- Pet Licensing

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A new era for Foothills

Introducing Maggie McSchaefer, our next Executive Director

Tell us a little about your sheltering philosophy.

People and animals are both at their best together. The shelter is sometimes a brief, necessary period in an animal's life, and while we work hard to be a soft place for them to land, getting them out of the shelter and into a loving home is how we set them up for their best future. Everything we do at Foothills should be about helping our community have trust and confidence in us as a resource to them and their pets.



What has been your favorite part about working at Foothills?

You might think it would be the animals, but it's the people! I love our staff and I'm impressed daily by our volunteer program. This is such a welcoming community to be a part of, too. It takes so many of us to do this wonderful work, and I'm proud and appreciative of the team of people making it happen.

As you enter this new chapter of Foothills leadership, is there anything you'd like to share with our community?

I'd like to share my heartfelt thanks with our community: thank you for your trust in our organization and for continuing to support us and be a part of our work. We want to support you in good times and hard ones, be it through a tough goodbye or embarking upon an exciting hello. We're proud to be here for you.

Save twice the lives with our Matching Gift challenge!

Thanks to the generous support of Donna Toeroek, **every donation made by August 31 will be doubled—up to \$10,000!** Your donation will save twice as many lives, helping pets like Lucia get a fresh start.

10-year-old Lucia arrived at the shelter after a kind neighbor noticed her wandering near their house. Thanks to your generous support, we were able to provide her with warm shelter and veterinary care to ensure her health. Our team performed dental surgery to relieve pain and improve her health in her senior years. After a few days of recovery, she was relaxing in a cozy bed—purring and kneading biscuits to her heart's content. Today, Lucia is thriving, living out her golden years in the comfort of a loving home.

Your donation is critical to helping animals like Lucia - those who are lost, those who need a second chance. **They need you now more than ever!**



August is Pet Immunization Awareness Month!

Foothills is here to help your pet stay up-to-date on their vaccines!

Join us at one of our weekly low-cost Vaccine Clinics, held every Thursday from 3 - 4:30pm at our Shelter, or at our new Summer Series Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, August 17 from 10am - 12pm!

Learn more about our available services and pricing here by [visiting our website](#).

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

LUCIA

Love letters from adopters



EMRY

"Since we adopted Emry, she's enjoyed traveling to Arizona, Mexico & Wisconsin. She also has enjoyed many mountain views in the Rocky Mountains! She spends her days with her two brothers (cats) and her two humans who love her very much! She's now 10 years old. Rescuing Emry was the best day of my life, she was truly made for me."

MARLOWE

"Marlowe had a rough start to life, experiencing multiple different homes and shelter stays before finding her way to us. She's very smart and curious, and more than once we have found her stuck inside a drawer or in a closet because of how determined she is to investigate! She purrs louder than she meows and if you're lucky, she'll cuddle with you for a nap!"



We're a Grey Muzzle grant recipient!

Our senior dogs had something to wag about this summer as The Grey Muzzle Organization announced the recipients of its annual grants. Dogs at Foothills are among the winners!

Foothills is one of the 100 animal welfare groups chosen from nearly 400 applicants to receive a grant to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old

dogs in their communities! **This grant will help us give senior dogs the veterinary and dental care they need before they are ready to find loving homes!**

Thank you, Grey Muzzle!



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Fostering happiness and health

A look inside the Foothills foster program

Fostering at Foothills Animal Shelter is more than just providing a temporary home; **it's about giving animals the chance to thrive.**

The role of our foster volunteers isn't limited to playtime and affection. Foster volunteers may also administer medications, provide frequent bottle-feedings, perform physical therapy, or provide other individualized care. **Our foster volunteers play a crucial role in an animal's journey through the shelter system.**

After Mouse arrived at Foothills, he struggled with the stress of all the changes in his life. He wasn't feeling like himself, which made it difficult for potential adopters to see his snuggly, sweet personality. After about a month in foster care, Mouse had come out of his shell thanks to patient companionship in a home environment. Now, Mouse is in a loving home of his own!

Join us in making a difference by applying to become a foster volunteer at Foothills!

BECOME A FOSTER VOLUNTEER

MOUSE



Foster Volunteer Kelly Rohm

Community partner spotlight

Earlier this year, Foothills Animal Shelter's roof was in urgent need of significant repairs. As the demands for shelter and animal care resources have grown, this critical, but unanticipated and expensive need was daunting. **That's when Curtis Nicholson, owner of Western Roofing, Inc., offered a helping hand.**

Based in Wheat Ridge, Western Roofing has long been known for its commitment to service, quality, and above all, community. Western Roofing generously offered to repair our roof and help with its future maintenance for free! With their ongoing support, they help ensure Foothills continues to be a safe and secure shelter for the animals and community who rely on us.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our friends at Western Roofing for their invaluable partnership and unwavering commitment to making life better (and safer!) for pets and people. **Thank you, Western Roofing!**



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