

# **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.

### **OPENNESS**

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

### **EMOTIONAL WELLNESS**

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

### **OPTIMISM**

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

### **KINDNESS**

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.



## A LETTER FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dear Friends,

In 2023, Foothills sheltered an unprecedented number of animals—over 10,000. Though challenging, that was made possible by your support. But we worried knowing so many in our community were struggling to care for themselves, their families, and their pets.

In 2024, we sheltered 8,895 animals. This rightsizing brings me hope that our community is finding a path toward health and stability, and that community resource programs like Better Together are making a positive impact to those in need. We're here for Jefferson County, and your generosity makes that possible.

Foothills Animal Shelter is the largest single-campus agency and is the third largest animal shelter organization in Colorado. Your support, whether through donations, adoption, time volunteered, or advocacy, is the core of our shared success.

The following pages celebrate our collective impact in 2024. Each statistic holds the story of many faces: cherished pets, hopeful families, and a dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and community members. Our partnership's impact is immeasurable.

As we look ahead, I'm inspired by the enthusiasm of our vibrant community of supporters and the dedication of our team working every day to change lives.

Together, we can continue to make a profound difference in the lives of animals and the people who love them.

With gratitude,

Maggie

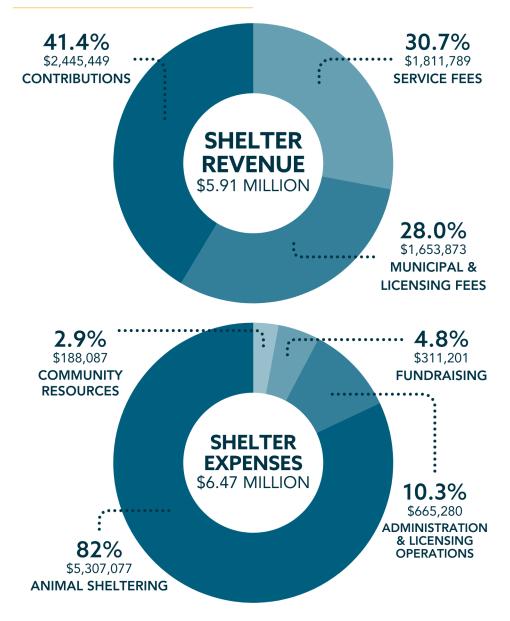
### Maggie McSchaefer

Excutive Director Foothills Animal Shelter

### A Note from Maggie on Connie Howard's Legacy

I reflect on 2024 with appreciation for the legacy of compassion our previous leader, Connie Howard, created at Foothills. Animal sheltering has evolved significantly over the past decade. At a time when Foothills needed revolution, Connie shook the trees and paved a path forward. In September of last year, Connie embarked on her well-deserved retirement. It's an honor for me to continue nurturing the creativity and kindness that make Foothills a special place.

## **2024 FINANCIALS**



Disclosure: 2024 revenue and expense dollar amounts unaudited.

Friends of Foothills Animal Shelter raised more than \$2.1 million in 2024!

# **2024 IMPACT**

8,895
ANIMALS SHELTERED

**5,642** PETS ADOPTED

**1,261**LOST PETS REUNITED

**791**PETS FOSTERED

**33,544**VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED

### PET ADOPTIONS BY SPECIES



**2,879**CATS & KITTENS



**2,755** DOGS & PUPPIES



**333** SMALL MAMMALS



182 BIRDS & FOWL



**90** RABBITS



**78** REPTILES



**49** FISH



**9** EXOTIC SMALL ANIMALS

### BETTER TOGETHER PROGRAM IMPACT



**4,731 COMMUNITY PETS VACCINATED** 



693 PETS AND PEOPLE KEPT TOGETHER



1,015 ANIMALS TEMPORARILY SHELTERED



2,607 PETS GIVEN FOOD AND SUPPLIES

## **HAPPY TAILS**



### **MARTHA MAE**

"She remains the best dog ever. She loves tagging along with me to see my horse. She loves the farm! She has made great friends with her kitty companion. She's very smart and now knows how to do a lot of tricks! Sit, stay, down, roll over, shake, touch, and sit pretty!"

### **TAIRN**

"We adopted Tairn last January and he has been the perfect addition to our family! He has the biggest personality and is such a good snuggler. We took one look at him and just knew he belonged with us. I can't recommend Foothills Animal Shelter enough!"

### **LINUS**

"We wanted to thank Foothills for taking care of our sweet boy, Linus, before he joined our family. It took him a few weeks to come out of his shell and feel comfortable in his new home. But once he realized he was here to stay he became cuddly, playful, curious and sincerely content. We've done a lot of training with him which has made a world of difference in his confidence.

He is the BEST hiker - ready for any outdoor adventure and just as happy to cuddle with his people. We love him so much and can't imagine our

family without him."



# THE VALUE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Every Thursday, rain or shine, a dedicated group of volunteers reports to the Foothills Community Room for our weekly low-cost Vaccine Clinic. These compassionate individuals make an immense difference in the health of pets across Jefferson County.

Our clinics ensure pet owners have access to essential preventative care for their companions and these volunteers guide patrons through every step of the process while creating a welcoming and supportive environment for all who attend.

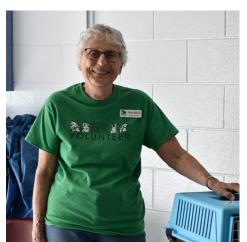
#### A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE

From the moment pet owners arrive, they are greeted with warm smiles and friendly faces. Our volunteers play a crucial role in our clinics from start to finish: checking in patrons and their pets, assisting with necessary paperwork, and guiding them through the vaccination process.

"The community is always so appreciative of this service, and their pets get wonderful care. Their animals are like treasure to them, and I feel like I'm making a difference, too," shares clinic volunteer Mary Ellen (pictured below).

### PREVENTATIVE CARE FOR ALL

Access to timely, affordable pet vaccinations is an essential need for people and pets in our community. By improving access to low-cost vaccinations and



microchipping, we can help prevent the spread of disease, increase opportunities for lost pets to be reunited with their loving families, and ensure the long-term health and wellbeing of these animals.

### **DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY**

The unwavering dedication of our Vaccine Clinic volunteers makes all of this possible for the community, and we are incredibly grateful for their time, dedication, and compassion. Their selfless contributions provide invaluable support to countless animals and their families.







I am so proud to serve our community by helping their pets stay healthy. By providing dependable access to low-cost, walk-in clinic services on a weekly basis, Foothills can be a partner in providing necessary preventative care to pets in our community.



- Kyra Munz, MSW, Better Together Program Manager



Pictured left to right, top to bottom: Vaccine Clinic volunteers Carol H., Janet M., and Darlene T.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Foothills Animal Shelter is proud to play a vital role in the broader animal welfare community of Colorado through our robust transfer program. In 2024, we collaborated with 45 partner organizations across the state, transferring in 880 animals from throughout Colorado in need of specialized behavior or medical care or a fresh start.

### SUPPORTING PARTNER SHELTERS

We are grateful our community's support allows us to assist our transfer partners by providing temporary relief when they are facing overcrowding or programmatic challenges. Transferred animals ensure Foothills can provide our community with options when they consider adoption, and create elbow room for source partners to prepare for the needs of future arrivals. We share a collective mission to do more for pets in Colorado, and only together can we all thrive.



### PROVIDING SPECIALIZED CARE

Our skilled veterinary team expertly delivers medical care for transferred pets, helping set them on their road home. Our experienced behavior team provides individualized plans and enrichment programs, helping pets feel safe and flourish during these difficult transitionary periods. Equipped with helpful tools and resources, adopters are set up for success when they welcome home their new companions.

### EXPANDING ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES

We all need a change of scenery sometimes. The same can be true of pets seeking a new home. Our community welcomes these pets with open arms, providing critical support of their care making these transfer efforts possible.

For pets like Jupiter, a fresh start was just the thing she needed. Jupiter had been patiently waiting to meet her new people at another Colorado shelter for some time. After she was transferred to Foothills, Jupiter found a loving family of her own the very next day!

This collaborative approach benefits both animals and people across Colorado. We are able to build a stronger animal welfare network through our transfer partnerships.

# PARTNER HIGHLIGHT WESTERN ROOFING, INC.

Located in Wheat Ridge, Western Roofing, Inc. has been a cornerstone of the Front Range roofing industry since 1995, built on a foundation of service, quality and above all, community.



Curtis, owner of Western Roofing, embodies this commitment to service. When Foothills Animal Shelter faced a critical need for roof repairs in early 2024, Western Roofing generously provided essential repairs at no cost to the shelter. This act of kindness ensured the safety and security of the animals in our care as well as the staff who work tirelessly to provide them with love and support.



Foothills Animal Shelter is near and dear to us. One of the owners here at Western Roofing rescued his first dog from Foothills the year they opened their current building in 2010. We have continued to believe in their mission and selfless work. We will continue to do our part to support them financially and by taking care of their roof to keep everybody dry.



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- Western Roofing, Inc.

Western Roofing's ongoing support ensures that Foothills remains a safe and secure shelter for the animals in our care. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for their partnership and commitment to making life better—and safer! — for pets and people.

## GIVING HIGHLIGHT PAW PROGRAM

At Foothills, there's a special group of friends who make a profound difference in the lives of animals every month. They're our PAW Members—donors who support our pets and people through monthly giving.

These generous individuals play a vital role in ensuring our shelter can provide ongoing care for the animals in our care.

Their monthly gifts are a lifeline for our shelter, providing ongoing support to the animals who need us most—and the recurring funds help us respond to

their emerging and sometimes unexpected

needs.

From critical medical care to behavioral support, enrichment and beyond, these donations ensure that every animal receives the love, care and attention they deserve.

The generosity of our PAW Members allows us to plan for the future, knowing that we have the resources to provide ongoing care for our shelter pets. This monthly funding not only allows us to sustain our programs with a consistent and predictable source of income, but also expands the necessary resources to continue providing safe shelter to the animals who rely on us.

We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated PAW donors who are passionate about giving back on a regular basis. Their generosity makes each day a chance for a new beginning and provides much-needed stability for our shelter pets.

Thank you to our PAW Members!















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### **LEGACY SOCIETY & ESTATE BEQUESTS**

These generous friends of the animals have notified us of their intention to include Foothills Animal Shelter in their estate plans. Thank you!

To learn about joining the Legacy Society, please contact Amanda Boerman, Director of Philanthropy, at <a href="mailto:aboerman@fas4pets.org">aboerman@fas4pets.org</a>.

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