

WINTER 2026



TAILS OF FOOTHILLS

A note to our partners in lifesaving...

I'm a big believer in making the most out of your birthday. Whether you want a big celebration or a quiet day to yourself, I think it's a time for appreciation and joyful moments, no matter the size.



When my dog of a lifetime, Lily, turned 16, we threw her a Sweet Sixteen party that will forever live in my memory as one of our most adorable days together. Her favorite people and mine came together, and I will never forget how she so happily greeted each guest in her birthday tutu with her swishy tail and a surprised and delighted smile on her sugared face, because, deaf as she was, she hadn't heard a single one of them enter.

This year, Foothills Animal Shelter celebrates 50 years of service to our community, and I look forward to celebrating this milestone birthday with you all no less enthusiastically! We've undergone a few makeovers—updated our name, moved into a much-needed new building—but in one form or another, we've been here for the pets and people of Jefferson County since 1976. When I reflect on how this shelter has grown and evolved,

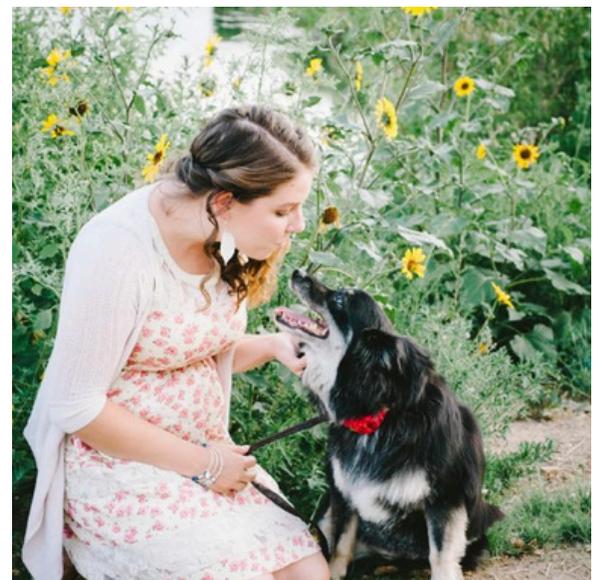
the pets we've cared for, the relationships sparked and sustained over these many years, I am so grateful to be part of a community organization able to positively impact so many.

As we look to the future, I know Foothills will continue to be an organization the pets and people of Jefferson County can count on, not just because of us, but because of this community we have built together. When you share your time as a volunteer, open your home as an adopter, make a gift to the shelter, turn to us when you need support for an animal in your care, or share your feedback or a positive experience, you support us. You help build our community larger and stronger, and we thank you for being a part of it.

So, in the spirit of kicking off what I hope is a yearlong celebration, here's to 50 years of pets and people, better together!

Maggie

Maggie McSchaefer
Executive Director
Foothills Animal Shelter





50th ANNIVERSARY FOOTHILLS ANIMAL SHELTER

50 years of pets and people, better together...

In 2026, Foothills Animal Shelter proudly celebrates 50 years of caring for pets and people. Thanks to the compassion, dedication, and generosity of our community, what began as a small, local effort has grown into a trusted resource for thousands of animals and families each year.

As we mark this milestone, we're not only reflecting on how far we've come, but also looking ahead. The needs of animals and the people who love them continue to grow and change, and Foothills is committed to evolving alongside our community. Throughout our 50th year, we'll be honoring the stories, partnerships, and lives that have shaped our work and inviting you to be part of what comes next.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we're building on 50 years of impact and carrying that legacy forward for the animals and families who will need us in the years ahead.

Save the Date



July 18, 2026
50th Birthday Party

1976

1994

2010

2013

2022

2026



Jefferson Animal Shelter is established

Table Mountain Animal Center becomes Foothills Animal Shelter and expands to a new campus

Jefferson Animal Shelter becomes Table Mountain Animal Center

Friends of Foothills Animal Shelter is incorporated as a 501(c)(3)

Foothills hires Colorado's first full-time animal shelter social worker

Foothills Animal Shelter celebrates 50 years of lifesaving

Learn more about our 50th Anniversary!



Program Highlight: Veterinary Services

When you pass through the doors at Foothills, you're likely to experience the hustle and bustle of our adoption centers. But much of the lifesaving work we do takes place behind the scenes.

Our small but mighty team is on duty 365 days a year to ensure the animals who enter our care receive the attention, expert treatment, and compassion they need to thrive.

"Our Veterinary Services team touches the lives of every animal at Foothills," said Director of Behavior and Sheltering, Martina Spera. "Their hard work keeps animals healthy, helps those who come to us in need of care, and supports community access to veterinary care through our Better Together program and community vaccine clinics."



In 2025, the veterinary team at Foothills performed...

3,108 SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES

366 DENTAL PROCEDURES

102 OTHER LIFESAVING PROCEDURES



Whether performing spay and neuter surgeries or keeping our pets healthy from infectious diseases, this group of skilled heroes makes it possible for our pets to receive the care they need to find loving homes through our adoption centers.

Support our Medical Care Fund!

When Mercutio arrived at Foothills, he was diagnosed with an upper respiratory infection and in need of extensive dental care.

Our Veterinary Services team provided pain-relieving dental surgery, critical follow-up care, and supportive medicine to help him recover and heal in comfort.

Thousands of pets rely on our Veterinary Services team for care each year. With your support, we can improve their treatment experience and help them find loving homes faster.

Right now, **your gift to our Medical Fund will be matched -up to \$7,000-**thanks to a generous friend of the animals.

Give today, have twice the impact!



MERCUTIO

Love letters from adopters...



FURRS

"This is FURRS! She's a real sweetie! She loves playing hide and seek with me, batting and catching bouncy balls, takin' down feisty shoelaces, and shredding paper! When not engaged in these pursuits, she is in my lap, sound asleep and snoring just a little bit. Thank you, Foothills, for taking care of homeless animals, like FURRS, so we can give them the love and family they deserve!"



RADISH

"Our family adopted our hamster Radish in July 2025. He is such a joy and even though we have a hobby farm with 30 animals, he is the kids' favorite because of the simple joy he brings with his adorable and playful nature. Thank you for giving the little guys a chance!"



[Check out our available pets!](#)

Partners in Lifesaving

The annual Credit Union of Denver Pet Calendar was once again a favorite with our community of pet lovers! Year after year, Credit Union of Denver donates 100% of the calendar proceeds to support the pets at Foothills—and over the past decade, this beloved tradition has raised more than \$70,000.

We are incredibly grateful to our partners at Credit Union of Denver for their generosity and long-standing commitment to pets and people in our community. Thank you for making such a meaningful difference, year after year!

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Our 2025 impact...

8,707
ANIMALS
SHELTERED

728
PETS
FOSTERED

1,531
LOST PETS
REUNITED



5,922 PETS ADOPTED



4,949
COMMUNITY PETS
VACCINATED

35,592 VOLUNTEER
HOURS LOGGED



728
FAMILIES
KEPT TOGETHER

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