

SPRING 2026



TAILS OF FOOTHILLS

A note to our partners in lifesaving...

I can tell when spring is here and summer is around the corner because suddenly my cats are no longer in their winter kitten modes and have adopted their warm weather habits. Winter Moose sleeps under the comforter but Springtime Moose migrates to sleep on my pillow. You'll find Winter SpaghettiO whiling away afternoons curled up on the heat register, while Springtime SpaghettiO prefers to sprawl belly up in the sunny spot on the runner in the front hall, to the delight of our mail person, who loves to coo at her through the window.



Spring appears just as suddenly and sweetly at the shelter. One warm day you hear the unmistakable chorus of squeaky, tiny kitten meows echoing through the lobby as the first box of wee bottle babies is carried through the door, and then the season is off to the races. Our team is mixing up dozens up bottles of formula to fill hungry bellies, dedicated foster families transform their guest rooms into kitten playgrounds, and as we move outside to enjoy the season, our pets join us in our warm weather adventures.

No matter how you need us this spring, we're here for you. Are your kiddos about to be off for the summer and you're planning your activities? Maybe fostering kittens is the infusion of cuteness you've been seeking. Looking to be more active this season and think a new dog friend may be the motivation you need? We'd love to introduce you to your new bestie. Moving and faced with a difficult decision about your pet? We're here for you without judgement.

This season is one of movement, growth, and new beginnings — for people and pets alike. Whether you foster, adopt, volunteer, donate, or simply cheer us on from afar, thank you for helping make this lifesaving work possible. We're looking forward to a spring full of sunshine, fresh starts, and happy tails shared together.

Maggie

Maggie McSchaefer
Executive Director
Foothills Animal Shelter



UPCOMING EVENTS



Baby Animal

SHOWER

By donating items, becoming a foster volunteer, or making a donation, your generosity helps us prepare for the thousands of puppies and kittens we will care for this summer season.

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50th Birthday BASH

Join us for a special 50th birthday edition of our Shelter Showcase! Help us celebrate this milestone with a family-friendly open house where you'll learn about our programs, enjoy a complimentary lunch on our patio, and maybe even adopt a new family member!

Saturday, July 18
11 am - 2 pm



Fall Market

Discover all our vibrant community has to offer while giving back to animals in need! Kick off autumn by wandering aisles of remarkable craft vendors, enjoying tasty bites from food trucks, and exploring booths from local businesses.

Sunday, Sept. 20
10 am - 1 pm

Program Highlight: Better Together

We believe that animals are an integral part of the family, and research shows that both families and pets benefit when they can stay together or be reunited after a traumatic experience.

Crises often lead families to pet relinquishment—not out of choice, but necessity. Recognizing a need for options, Foothills Animal Shelter created Colorado’s first animal shelter staff social worker-led program, Better Together, to provide supportive, trauma-informed services to patrons and pets experiencing hardship.



“We’re incredibly proud of the thousands of lives we’ve supported,” said Better Together Program Manager Kyra Munz. “By making services more accessible to our community, we achieved a 71% reunification rate for Better Together program enrollees in 2025.”

The Better Together program has already gained recognition as a vital community resource. In 2022, the program was awarded Jefferson County’s Public Health Champion of the Year Award, and in both 2023 and 2025, it received the Domestic Abuse Survivor Heroes Award from OT4DA.

2025 Stats & Services

- **4,949** pets vaccinated at our low-cost clinics
- **4,301** nights of safe shelter provided through our temporary emergency boarding program
- **Over 2,930** pets supported with community food and supplies
- **728** families kept together thanks to our social services support network

Support from PetcoLove

Thanks to support from Petco Love, Foothills Animal Shelter continues to provide discounted services to thousands of pets and people each year through our Better Together community initiatives including our low-cost clinics and temporary housing.

By supporting these programs, Petco Love helps Foothills keep more pets in their loving homes by increasing accessibility to care and services.

About Petco Love

Petco Love is a life-changing nonprofit organization whose mission is to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier through support of animal welfare partners.



Love letters from adopters...

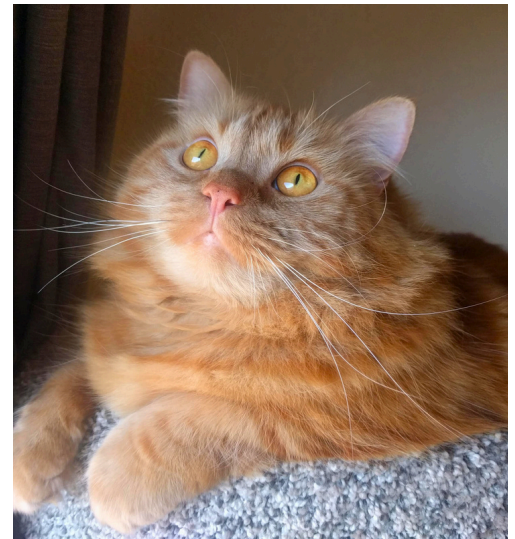


CHARLIE

"I adopted Charlie in January and she has become the absolute love of my life! She is the sweetest girl and sooo goofy! She is definitely surrounded by so many people who adore her as much as I do! She is a light and I'm so thankful Foothills brought us together!"

LINKX

"I adopted Linkx in 2017 or more like he adopted me. I was a volunteer at the time and he was the biggest, fluffiest, orange, persian tabby I've ever seen with golden eyes to match. Linkx now has a dog and bird sibling, but he still runs the house from high up in his cat tree. He's the master of purrs and bird watching. He'll be best man in our wedding this year."



[Check out our available pets!](#)

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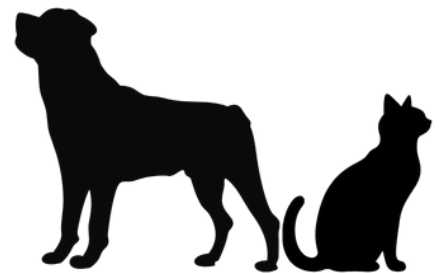
This summer, they are deepening their impact by providing reduced adoption fees for adult cats and dogs on Sunday, June 28! Swing by the shelter between 10am-5pm to find your purr-fect companion.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous support of partners like Olson Personal Injury Lawyers. Together, we can continue to strengthen the human-pet bond and create new beginnings for thousands of animals year after year!

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ADOPTION SPECIAL

JUNE 28 | \$50 ADOPTION FEES FOR CATS & DOGS*



*One (1) year of age or older

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