

SUMMER 2026

TAILS OF FOOTHILLS



A note to our partners in lifesaving...



This summer I fostered an adorable little tortoise named Franklin. When he arrived at the shelter, he looked a little sad. Puffy, with an overgrown beak, and his shell a little flared... While he wasn't in dire shape by any means, he just didn't seem like he had been thriving. The little fella immediately tugged at my heartstrings and I brought him to our veterinarians hoping they could trim his beak and give him a few vitamins to perk him up.

Our doctors are very good at what they do, and I love how eager they are to tackle unusual things, treat less common species, and learn whatever they need to ensure the animals at the shelter get the best possible care. Franklin was no exception. They researched the best vitamin combination for his species, sedated him for his comfort, and perfected their beak trimming techniques until Franklin had the best-looking nose in town. He woke up safe and warm under their watchful eyes and enjoyed his first comfortable, easy meal in a long time.

Franklin is just one tiny, shelled example of the hundreds of animals who received personalized, creative, and quality care at Foothills this summer. During the busiest season of the year, when woodpile kittens arrive daily in boxes, lost dogs are bustling in and then sheepishly out with a relieved parent after their ill-advised afternoon on the lam, and there is always a kennel that needs to be cleaned, this team continues to see each animal as an individual. They soothe their worries, cheerlead their breakthroughs, and do everything possible to ease their pain and encourage their joy.

I often use these newsletters to recognize the many people who make this work possible, because our impact is so much greater when we work together for the pets and people we live alongside. Today, as we continue to celebrate our 50th year of making life better for pets and people in Jefferson County, I want to thank our team, past and present, for being a hugely important and incredibly dedicated part of this community. So many animals have known, some for the first time, not just comfort and safety, but happiness and relief because of your intersection in their lives.

To all of you who support this organization and this team of incredible people doing incredible things, thank you.

Maggie McSchaefer
Executive Director
Foothills Animal Shelter



**FOOTHILLS
ANIMAL SHELTER**



Fall Market

PRESENTED BY AAA SERVICE PLUMBING, HEATING & ELECTRIC

Sunday, Sept. 20 • 10am - 1pm | Jeffco Fairgrounds

FOOD TRUCKS 🍁 LOCAL ARTISANS 🍁 LIVE MUSIC

**REGISTER
TODAY**

**VENDOR
APPLICATION**

Interested in sponsoring Fall Market? Let us know! donorsupport@fas4pets.org

Mid-Year Impact: Foothills Animal Shelter's 50th year so far...

4,242

animals found shelter
at our campus in
Golden, CO

271

pets supported
through our Foothills
foster program

2,529

community pets
vaccinated at our
low-cost clinics

2,221

pets found loving
homes through our
adoption centers

570

families preserved
thanks to our Better
Together program

As of June 30, 2026.

August is National Make-a-Will month!



August is National Make-a-Will month, a great reminder to create and update your estate plans to make important and lasting decisions about the people, pets, and causes you care about most for years to come. Foothills partners with an online program called Free Will to provide resources to help you get started and consider the legacy you want to leave for animals in need. We'd be honored to have you consider including Foothills Animal Shelter in your estate plans.

Learn more about legacy giving

Adopt a Shelter Dog this October!

In celebration of Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, we're reducing adoption fees for adult dogs for all of October! Throughout the entire month, take advantage of 50% off adoption fees for all dogs ages one year and older.

View available dogs



50 years of pets and people, better together.

In July, we welcomed our community to the shelter for a celebratory 50th Birthday Bash, honoring where we've been and where we're going. **Over 200 guests** joined the celebration and took a behind-the-scenes look at how we've supported the pets and people of Jefferson County for the past five decades.

The icing on the cake? **Over 140 animals found their loving homes** during our 50th Anniversary Adoption Special, made possible by Adopt a Pet Shelter Plus!

Learn more at FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/50for50



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Love letters from adopters...

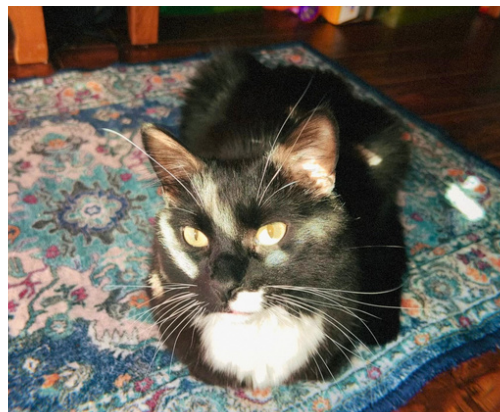


CALUM

"Calum has completely stolen our hearts. He's a newly amputated tripod and is still learning his way around, but he tries so hard and somehow does better every day. He loves cuddling, laying in the sunshine, and chasing his toys around his big backyard like nothing can stop him. Watching him heal and figure things out has been incredibly moving, and we're in constant awe of his strength and sweetness. He's already taught us more than we ever expected, and we feel so unbelievably lucky to have him. We truly can't imagine life without this three-legged love. "

FRANKIE

"I adopted Frankie from Foothills on July 20th, 2023! He is 100% my soul cat and is perfect for me! He is very social, loves to be around people, he brings me toys when I'm sleeping, loves to stare at himself in anything reflective, and he loves to play! He loves to chase and be chased and play hide and seek! His favorite spots are directly behind my back when I'm in bed and on my side or under the bed on top of a suitcase. I visited your shelter a number of times to see who was there but never fell in love with anyone until meeting Frankie. I truly believe I was meant for him and he was meant for me."



View available pets

Save Twice the Lives this Summer

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Donna Toeroek, every donation you make will be matched, **up to \$10,000!**

The cost of care for animals continues to rise, and your support provides vital resources for pets like Princess. When this tiny kitten arrived at Foothills, it was clear she had a rough start in life, resulting in the need for a life-changing eye removal surgery.

By providing lifesaving care and placing her with a dedicated a foster family where she could learn to thrive as a blind kitten, we were here to help Princess turn her rough start into a resilient and happy new beginning.

Thanks to generous supporters like you, Foothills can continue to provide the lifesaving resources that pets like Princess need to join families where they can thrive and enjoy life.

Save twice the lives



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