

LOVE *unleashed*



DUMB FRIENDS LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT | 2007



“Zorro inspired me
to volunteer at the Dumb Friends League as part of the Kitty Komfort team. ”

—Sarah Wolfgramr

Dear fellow supporters,

It has been my privilege to chair the board of directors this past year. In this role, I follow a distinguished group of leaders—including one very special man to whom this report is dedicated: Robert B. Yegge.

Bob chaired the board from 2000 to 2002, having served several years prior as head of the Development Committee. He died last December at age 72. A former dean of the University of Denver law school and director of the Master of Science in Law Administration at the university, Bob was known as the consummate animal lover and is sorely missed by a host of colleagues and friends—including, I am sure, his precious dachshunds, Olive and Bruno.

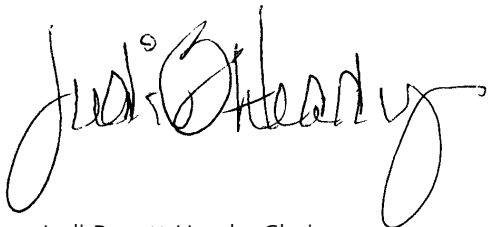
Bob would be proud of the League's performance in FY 2007. Based on that performance and ambitious future plans, the board voted to approve a 25 percent budget increase for FY 2008. That speaks to our confidence in this organization and the way it serves animals and people.

It also speaks to the ongoing need to raise more funds. Because this is a private, nonprofit organization relying on donations, the need for more funds never ends.

The board has an obligation to lead the way in this area, and I am proud to say it stepped up to the challenge last year by giving or raising more than \$70,000. A big portion of that came from members who really got behind the Furry Scurry and brought in \$33,530 in pledges. I thank them for their leadership.

It is wonderful that so many of you in the community value the good work the League does for animals and make generous donations. Altogether, gifts of more than \$7,200,000 came in last year from individuals, businesses, foundations and estates. All of us associated with this outstanding organization are grateful and truly appreciative of the support.

Thank you.



Judi Boyett Heady, Chairwoman
Board of Directors



chairwoman

Dear friends,

I was looking through some old records the other day, taking a stroll down memory lane. It helped me realize how far we've come.

During FY87, 20 years ago, roughly 28,000 homeless pets entered our doors—not that many more than this past year. But only about 10,000 were saved; the rest had to be euthanized.

This past year, 26,567 came to us, and we were able to save 18,449.

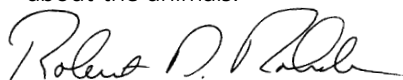
What has made the difference? It comes down to the support of loyal donors who believe in the work we do. Because of your support, we have been able to implement programs over the years that have helped us save more and more animals with special needs—those are the animals we couldn't help in 1987.

In 1989, we started a foster care program for infant, ill and injured animals, and in 1991 started one of the first shelter-based behavior programs for dogs with socialization issues. We have steadily improved and expanded these programs to the point that last year, we helped 3,535 animals through foster care and 844 through behavior modification prior to adoption. In addition, we have been able to increase our capacity to treat medical problems and now routinely perform procedures that resource limitations prohibited 20 years ago.

This past year, we put even more emphasis on cats and kittens than in the past. I can't imagine how we could have devoted two full-time employees to this back in 1987. They are helping us look outward at our community's responsibility for feline overpopulation and how we can formulate solutions, and they are looking inward at the overall experience of cats in shelters—how to keep them healthy, comfortable, and place more of them in homes.

What progress will there be in the next 20 years? I hope we are all here to see a time when the numbers of unplanned litters are under control and when pets brought to shelters are better socialized, so that all will be assured of new homes. And, as long as I'm dreaming, I hope for a time when all creatures will be treated humanely in a compassionate society.

Thank you for your generous support this past year, and bless you for caring about the animals.



Robert D. Rohde
President



president

ANIMALS served

ANIMALS RECEIVED

Dogs and puppies	12,654
Cats and kittens	11,975
Other animals	1,938
Total	26,567

ANIMALS ADOPTED

Dogs and puppies	6,839
Cats and kittens	7,184
Other animals	1,158
Total	15,181

ANIMALS REUNITED

Dogs and puppies	2,425
Cats and kittens	357
Other animals	35
Total	2,817

ANIMALS TRANSFERRED to placement partners and other sheltering organizations

Dogs and puppies	247
Cats and kittens	58
Other animals	146
Total	451

ANIMALS EUTHANIZED*

Dogs and puppies	3,023
Cats and kittens	4,113
Other animals	590
Total	7,726

**Of the animals euthanized, 66 percent had behavior issues, such as aggression or extreme fear; 27 percent had serious medical issues. The remaining 7 percent included animals (primarily cats, rabbits and other small mammals) for which no homes could be found and animals, such as wolf hybrids and wildlife, that were not taken by sanctuaries or rehabilitators.*

Total number of animals saved	18,449
Placement rate for healthy animals	99%
Placement rate for treatable/rehabilitatable animals	85%
Live release rate**	71%

***This is the percentage of all dogs and cats received that were adopted, returned to owners or released to other rescue organizations. The percentage is determined under standardized criteria established by the Asilomar Accords (asilomaraccords.org). For a detailed table of statistics, see page 4.*



OUR MISSION

The Dumb Friends League is committed to the welfare of animals.

- We shall provide shelter and care for animals.*
- We shall provide programs and services that enhance the bond between animals and people.*
- We shall be advocates for animals—speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves.*

ASILOMAR dog & cat statistics

This information is reported in accordance with the Asilomar Accords. The Accords were adopted in 2004 by animal welfare leaders from across the country. They are based on a model developed by the Metro Denver Shelter Alliance.

The Accords call for all organizations that shelter animals to use the same statistical recordkeeping. Having standardized criteria helps all of us “speak the same language” in comparing the work that we do toward achieving the common goal of substantially reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable dogs and cats in the U.S.

The statistics ultimately come down to a “live release rate,” which is the percentage of dogs and cats that leave shelters alive. This percentage can be lower in open-admission shelters like ours, which take in every animal regardless of health, age or behavior, than in limited-admission shelters, which accept fewer animals and limit their intake to those that are likely to be rehomed.

The terminology used in this table is in accordance with the Accords’ prescribed definitions, which are available at asilomaraccords.org. To see a compilation of statistics for all Metro Denver Shelter Alliance member organizations, visit ddf.org.

ANIMAL STATISTICS TABLE: TRADITIONAL SHELTER				DOG	CAT	TOTAL
A	BEGINNING SHELTER COUNT: JULY 1, 2006			229	847	1076
INTAKE (Live Dogs & Cats Only)						
<i>From the Public</i>						
	Healthy			4967	3447	8414
	Treatable—Rehabilitatable			583	3708	4291
	Treatable—Manageable			2253	2926	5179
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			2274	1797	4071
B	SUBTOTAL INTAKE from the Public			10077	11828	21955
<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition</i>						
	Healthy			46	23	69
	Treatable—Rehabilitatable			38	9	47
	Treatable—Manageable			19	4	23
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			17	0	17
C	SUBTOTAL INTAKE from Incoming Transfers from Orgs within Community/Coalition			120	36	156
<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition</i>						
	Healthy			1541	33	1574
	Treatable—Rehabilitatable			256	21	277
	Treatable—Manageable			482	7	489
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			178	0	178
D	SUBTOTAL INTAKE from Incoming Transfers from Orgs outside Community/Coalition			2457	61	2518
<i>From Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia</i>						
	Healthy			0	0	0
	Treatable—Rehabilitatable			0	0	0
	Treatable—Manageable			0	0	0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			1055	557	1612
E	SUBTOTAL INTAKE from Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia			1055	557	1612
F	Total Intake [B+C+D+E]			13709	12532	26241
G	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			1055	557	1612
H	ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE [F minus G]			12654	11975	24629
ADOPTIONS (only dogs and cats adopted by the public)						
	Healthy			3968	2729	6697
	Treatable—Rehabilitatable			716	2900	3616
	Treatable—Manageable			2053	1526	3579
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			102	29	131
I	TOTAL ADOPTIONS			6839	7184	14023
OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition						
	Healthy			22	14	36
	Treatable—Rehabilitatable			2	3	5
	Treatable—Manageable			94	22	116
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			48	5	53
J	TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Orgs within Community/Coalition			166	44	210
OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations outside Community/Coalition						
	Healthy			18	3	21
	Treatable—Rehabilitatable			11	5	16
	Treatable—Manageable			29	4	33
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			23	2	25
K	TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Orgs outside Community/Coalition			81	14	95
L	RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN			2425	357	2782
DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED						
M	Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)			7	32	39
N	Treatable—Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)			36	411	447
O	Treatable—Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)			455	1342	1797
P	Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)			3580	2885	6465
Q	Total Euthanasia [M+N+O+P]			4078	4670	8748
R	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			1055	557	1612
S	ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA [Q minus R]			3023	4113	7136
T	SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES [I+J+K+L+S] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			12534	11712	24246
U	DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER/CARE			34	125	159
V	TOTAL OUTCOMES [T+U] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			12568	11837	24405
W	ENDING SHELTER COUNT: June 30, 2007			323	984	1307

PROGRAMS & services

Uniting people & pets

LOST & FOUND

We received an average of 31 lost pets a day. We gave them a safe haven, a good meal and a tender touch, while working diligently to return them home.

ADOPTIONS

Matching pets with people for lifelong companionship is one of the most important parts of our mission. An average of 42 pets a day were welcomed into the homes of our adopters.

Thirty-two small dogs from a Nebraska puppy mill received medical treatment and socialization at our shelter. They had been rescued in May, along with 141 others, and taken to the Nebraska Humane Society in Omaha, which asked for our help. The dogs were extremely fearful; some had physical problems; none were housetrained. Extensive resources were devoted to their rehabilitation. Our gratitude goes to the kind people who ultimately adopted these special-needs dogs and committed to working with them on a permanent basis.

Special events at our shelters showcased our pets and gave them an opportunity to put their best paws forward. The Wags & Purrs Adopt-a-thon in August helped 198 animals find new homes. The Cat Crawl, a June event held simultaneously at 10 area shelters, resulted in an overall 22-percent increase in adoptions over average days. Hundreds of animals (mostly cats and kittens) benefited from the increased visibility and are now in happy homes.

Significant physical and psychological benefits are derived from pet ownership, especially for the elderly. To facilitate placing more pets with senior citizens, we offered free adoptions under our Pets for People program. Last year, 590 pets and people benefited from the program. Going forward, it has a new name—Senior Connection Program—and it is available to anyone 65 or older.

Our Adoptions Outreach program grew substantially. This program helps special-needs pets and/or special-needs people get together. The puppy-mill dogs described above were placed through this program. Older cats and dogs that are often overlooked also benefit from it—as do the applicants, who register in

advance and are called when we have just the right pet for them.

THE BUDDY CENTER

Our Castle Rock shelter received 4,927 animals, roughly the same number as last year.

More than 22,000 pets have been helped since the shelter opened in 2002. Of that number, 29 percent were lost pets brought to us by area residents. About 15 percent were animals found as strays by Douglas County Animal Services. Fifty-one percent were pets that owners relinquished to us, and 5 percent came to us from shelter partners around the region.

Pets adopted last year totaled 2,685. Pets reunited added up to 1,113, which is 53 percent (79 percent of adult dogs and 18 percent of adult cats). Nationally, about 30 percent of dogs and 2 to 5 percent of cats are reclaimed by owners.

Nurturing our four-legged friends

HOMES WITH HEARTS

Our foster care program accepted 3,535 animals for temporary care, an increase of 10 percent. With 47-percent growth over the past three years, this is the program that has had the most impact on saving more animals' lives. Thanks in large part to 113 active volunteers, the program provides care for animals recovering from illness or injury, for orphaned kittens and puppies, and for mother cats and dogs with their offspring.

TLC EXTENDED CARE

Hundreds of dogs and more than a thousand cats were treated for illnesses in our TLC Centers at the Quebec Street shelter. Because the TLC Centers are accessible to visitors, these animals were available for adoption while they were recovering. Being in real homes helped them get better sooner.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Before entering our adoption program, animals were examined, evaluated and vaccinated. Upon adoption, dogs, cats and rabbits were spayed or neutered.

For a two-week, post-adoption period, animals were treated free-of-charge for minor ailments.

In the course of the year, our veterinarians, assisted by capable technicians, performed 8,040 spay/neuter surgeries plus countless other procedures to repair injuries, treat medical conditions and make pets ready for adoption.

Under a partnership with Hill's Pet Nutrition Inc.[®], and Colorado State University, we received assistance on a rotating basis from two veterinary interns and 40 CSU veterinary students. We were helped also by veterinary technician interns from the Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology in Denver.

On our regular staff, we have six veterinarians working full-time or part-time schedules seven days a week.

Keeping pets & people together

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

The purpose of our animal behavior program is to evaluate the behavioral needs of pets entering our adoption program, ensure that pets waiting for adoption are well maintained and enriched, and provide information and support to pet owners regarding their pets' needs. The result is that more pets stay in good, lifelong homes, thereby reducing the numbers that are relinquished to shelters.

Since its inception in 1991, the program has grown to 13 specialists and 130 volunteers. Highlights from the year include:

- 2,459 pet owners were counseled through our toll-free telephone and e-mail help lines.
- 104 dog training classes were conducted, with 719 participants. Classes included Family Dog I and II, Agility for Fun, Petite Pooches and Dancing with your Dog.
- 294 Puppy Preschool classes were held to socialize 1,936 wiggly puppies.
- Kitten Kindergarten classes helped new owners socialize their kittens.
- Kitty Komfort and Bunny Buddies programs helped to make shelter life more pleasant for our cats and rabbits, thanks to several devoted volunteers.
- Head Start accommodated our more challenging young adult dogs, offering them an opportunity to learn acceptable behaviors. Canine Courage for timid

or under-socialized dogs was expanded to include even more dogs with marginal potential for adoption. The behavioral guidance, training and confidence-boosting attention the dogs in these programs received helped prepare them for new homes. Altogether, 1,042 dogs were enrolled, and 844 were adopted.

Our program is the model for Pets for Life, a course of study for shelter professionals that is offered online by The Humane Society University, a division of The Humane Society of the United States.

PET CONNECTION

We received from 74 partnering shelters a total of 2,714 animals. Shelters from as far away as New Mexico and Kansas, as well as rural Colorado and the metro Denver area, brought these pets to us because we could offer additional opportunities for adoption. At year's end, 87 percent had been placed, while some remained in foster care and others received medical treatment.

PLACEMENT PARTNERS

Because we expanded our Canine Courage program for dogs that needed social adjustment, we relied less often on our friends at the All Breed Rescue Network. Nevertheless, ABRN, a coalition of specific breed groups, took 177 of our hard-to-place dogs and matched them with people who will give them quality, lifelong homes.

PETS ARE WELCOME

We helped people with pets find housing that suited their needs. Our database now includes 820 rental communities. We also provided information to property managers to help them select responsible pet owners as tenants.

WEB SITE AND PUBLICATIONS

Our Web site included photos of lost pets, pets for adoption, as well as animal behavior advice on 80 topics. It was accessed 2.6 million times by people all over the world.

Our quarterly *Pet Tales* newsmagazine was mailed to 30,000 animal lovers. *CloserView* newsletter, also published quarterly, was mailed to 2,500 generous donors, and *Founders Legacy* provided information to 4,000 people interested in supporting the Dumb Friends League through their estate plans. In addition, *League Mews*, our monthly update was e-mailed to 12,000 subscribers.



“What a couple of **bundles of love**
and excitement.”

—Tom Spalik

Reaching out

ADVOCACY FOR ANIMALS

We played an active role as a member of the Legislative Alliance of the Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies, helping to promote an anti-cruelty bill, which was signed into law by Gov. Bill Ritter at the Furry Scurry. We extend our gratitude to Edie Busam of Aponté & Busam for providing pro bono support to this accomplishment.

We stepped up our efforts to build relationships with public officials and concerned citizens to further the welfare of all companion animals, with an immediate focus on the problem of unidentified, unlicensed free-roaming cats. The goal is to help create comprehensive solutions through state and local legislation.

In-house advocacy for cats involved analyzing all of our procedures, with an eye toward reducing stress levels and keeping cats healthy in the shelter environment. We also worked with area veterinarians on client referrals for cat adoptions and began addressing the need for more positive public information about cats as pets.

COLLABORATIONS

Under our partnership with Hill's Pet Nutrition Inc., we were supplied with Science Diet® pet food for our dogs and cats. This premium food helps keep our animals healthy. We serve on the company's advisory board. Hill's also sponsored the Furry Scurry, Pledges for Pets Telethon, Pet Care-avan, and underwrote internships for two visiting veterinarians. We are grateful for all of this valuable support.

Our ongoing relationships with Banfield, The Pet Hospital™ and Bayer Animal Health also were mutually beneficial. Banfield owns 650 veterinary practices. Bayer manufactures animal health products and sells microchip identification implants and scanners. We are members of their advisory boards. They supported us by sponsoring events, as well as donating goods and services.

We worked actively with the Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society and the Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation. And, we continued our involvement with the Metro Denver Shelter Alliance—a coalition of 20

local groups working toward the common goal of reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals in area shelters.

Others with whom we collaborated to benefit pets and people included the Animal Assistance Foundation, Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs, Coalition for Uniting Pets and Families, Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund, Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies, Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, Society of Animal Welfare Administrators, Denver Domestic Violence Task Force, the LINK task force (Aurora) and the Colorado Alliance for Cruelty Prevention through the Colorado Bar Association.

PET CARE-AVAN

The Pet Care-avan traveled to 75 sites, among them Denver's Cinco de Mayo, the People's Fair, Pridefest and the Arapahoe County Fair. Enthusiastic volunteers helped 52 animals find new homes and provided information to thousands of people. Many were motivated to contribute; more than \$4,300 in donations came to us through the Care-avan.

MEOW MOBILE SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC

The Meow Mobile is a clinic-on-wheels that offers subsidized spay/neuter surgeries for cats belonging to people in underserved metro Denver areas. The clinic is a partnership with the Animal Assistance Foundation and the Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society. The Meow Mobile went last year to 127 sites where 2,021 surgeries were performed. Since its inception in September 2005, 3,257 cats and kittens have been spayed/neutered.

We appreciate the 50 generous veterinarians who volunteered their services last year. They were:

Dr. Kris Abbey	Dr. Donna Harris
Dr. Jean Arnold	Dr. Alison Hazel
Dr. Meghann Berglund	Dr. LaDawn Hillis
Dr. Kristin Bleakley	Dr. Karrie Holston
Dr. Shelley Brown	Dr. Kim Horsley
Dr. Gene Butterfield	Dr. Robert Howland Jr.
Dr. Jason Cordeiro	Dr. Cynthia Johnson
Dr. Sharon Eckert	Dr. Cristie Kamiya
Dr. Ann Eliopoulos	Dr. Patrick Keith
Dr. Hannah Flynn	Dr. Yvonne Knapp
Dr. Holly Foster	Dr. Kim Krueger
Dr. Mac Griffin	Dr. Aubrey Lavizzo
Dr. Heather Hadley	Dr. Leslie Lobojo
Dr. Jennifer Hall	Dr. Kathleen Macdonald

Dr. Elaine Martinez	Dr. Michael Royals
Dr. Lisa McCarthy	Dr. Beth Spencer
Dr. Bruce McGinnis	Dr. Apryl Steele
Dr. Barbara McLucas	Dr. Jeffrey Steen
Dr. Manda Molliconi	Dr. Corinne Thomas
Dr. Kimberley Parkes	Dr. Amy Weeden
Dr. Lorraine Parris	Dr. Tom Welsh
Dr. Angelina Piccoli	Dr. Tamara White
Dr. Erica Rambus	Dr. Marilyn Lee Wilson
Dr. Heather Reeder	Dr. James Wingert
Dr. Jed Rogers	Dr. Wendy Wyman

ANIMAL WELFARE INVESTIGATIONS

Our four-person team of state-commissioned peace officers investigated 1,476 situations involving cruelty, neglect or abandonment of companion animals and horses. Included were field-generated cases, which increased by 26 percent.

Educating the people involved and helping them bring the care of their animals into compliance with the law were the usual outcomes, yet one in seven investigations resulted in either a correction notice or summons being issued.

The Colorado Bureau of Animal Protection calls on us for help with egregious cases statewide. We provided support to the bureau and shelter to the many pets taken into protective custody.

HUMANE EDUCATION

Working with seven volunteers, our humane education team reached 21,429 children and adults and gave 643 presentations and shelter tours.

We reached 25 educators at three teacher re-certification workshops offered through the Colorado School of Mines.

We again collaborated with the Mental Health Center of Denver to offer BARK (Behavior Aggression Reduction in Kids), an eight-week program that helps emotionally disturbed youth learn empathy and kindness. Four weeks of the program involved working with our shelter animals. The Animal Assistance Foundation funds this program.

We expanded Critter Camp, our summer day camp for third through fifth graders, from five to six weeklong sessions, with a total of 96 participants. We added Critter Careers Camp for young teens. All sessions were filled to capacity.

Raising awareness, raising funds

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Wag 'n Trail doggy hike to benefit the Buddy Center yielded \$66,000. The Castle Rock pledge event attracted 330 people. Their pooches led them around the 1.6 mile trail on a bright September day.

The Pledges for Pets telethon in January, held onsite at our Quebec Street shelter, raised \$212,000 and provided priceless information to viewers about homeless pets and our services.

With 5,100 participants and a host of sponsors, our 14th Furry Scurry was our most successful event ever. The May fund raiser brought in \$826,000 to help us meet our commitments to the animals in our care.

Many thanks to our sponsors and to each individual who contributed or raised pledges for these events.

Pledges for Pets Telethon

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MEDIA EXPOSURE

We featured animals in print and on television and radio 2,155 times. We placed more than 500 feature stories on special events, pet care and animal welfare issues.

Several newspapers ran our ads, and we appeared regularly on the following:

- CW2 News/KWGN-TV
- News 4/KCNC-TV
- 7 News/KMGH-TV
- 9News/KUSA-TV
- FOX31/KDVR-TV
- 50 Univision/KCEC-TV
- Colorado & Co./KUSA-TV
- Comcast Cable Select on Demand
- KYGO 98.5 FM
- KOSI 101.1 FM
- KEZW 1430 AM

DEVELOPMENT

We worked to retain existing donor support and identify new sources to meet new demands. We received monetary gifts from 44,355 individuals, businesses and foundations, totaling \$7,245,706. Of special note:

- Colorado employees donated \$147,020 through workplace giving programs.
- We received \$369,322 in unrestricted support from local and national private, family and corporate foundations.

We received \$1,633,166 from the estates of 42 people who made certain that homeless animals would be cared for beyond their lifetimes.

Several individuals hosted fund-raising events that yielded thousands of dollars. Board member Jana Bartlit and her husband, Fred, hosted Lulu's Rock 'n Roll BBQ in August, with country singer Dwight Yoakam as the featured entertainer. The sold-out event yielded \$144,285 to help support the Buddy Center in Castle Rock.

In October, Jeanne O'Shaughnessy and former board member Shelley Magness hosted Barks 'n Bow Ties, a unique canine gala. Guests and their dogs enjoyed gourmet dining and dancing under the stars at the O'Shaughnessy home and donated a total of \$78,050.

Pat Miller, TV and radio's popular Gabby Gourmet, hosted Give Paws at Strings, an upscale Denver restaurant. The

150 guests enjoyed dinner prepared by some of the area's top chefs. Proceeds helped us provide care for animals like Dudley, Gabby's adopted Yorkshire terrier.

Enriching lives

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Given the needs of the animals and the scopes of our programs, we could not function without a large, reliable corps of volunteers. Last year, they gave us 152,303 hours of service, equal to 73 full time employees. Their monetary value to us was \$2.7 million. Their support, as always, was priceless. They walked dogs, cuddled cats, attended rabbits, cleaned kennels and assisted with surgeries. They taught lessons in humanity to children, helped with special events, opened their homes to foster animals, facilitated countless adoptions and much, much more.

Volunteers are our ambassadors in the community and they are our leaders on the board of directors. We are humbled by the dedication of these 597 remarkable people.





“Thank you for the good work you do and
for helping us to find this tremendous boy.”

—Jeanene and Patrick Smith

FINANCIAL REPORT*

Sources of support: \$11,244,000

Of every dollar donated, 77 cents went to animal care services, education and outreach. Administrative support functions and fund-raising expenses were well within the guidelines for nonprofit organizations.

CONTRIBUTIONS: 78%

Individuals, businesses, estates and foundations

INCOME FROM SHELTER SERVICES: 16%

Adoptions
Pet intake
Humane education
Animal behavior program
Retail shops
Mobile spay/neuter services

DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST: 6%

**Unrealized investment gains are not included. Unaudited numbers are used in this document. An audited financial report is available upon request.*

Expenses: \$10,288,000

ANIMAL WELFARE AND SHELTERING: 54%

Adoption counseling	Foster and extended care
Basic animal care	Grooming
Pet intake	Facilities maintenance
Animal behavior services	

PUBLIC OUTREACH: 9%

Humane education	Volunteer program
Pet Care-avan	Public information
Public affairs (advocacy)	Animal welfare investigations

HEALTH CARE: 14%

Spay/neuter surgeries	Meow Mobile
Veterinary care	Return-for-treatment services

SUPPORT SERVICES: 9%

Accounting	Planning
Administration	Program development

FUND RAISING: 14%

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