

## Why spay or neuter your pet?

- By spaying/neutering, owners can help decrease the number of companion animals, especially cats, that are homeless and abandoned each year. Altered pets are also healthier and have fewer behavioral problems. For more information about spaying and neutering, including service providers, visit [www.MDSAAlliance.org](http://www.MDSAAlliance.org).
- **Free post-adoption health examinations** are provided by members of the Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society.

- Adoption **fees often include spaying or neutering**, a microchip identification implant, and vaccinations.

- Some shelters and rescue groups provide **socialization and training** for pets prior to placement, as well as adoption counseling and free follow-up assistance.

- Homeless pets are often **housetrained and well behaved**, all are eager for love in lifelong homes.

- Many shelters and rescue groups screen animals for sound health and temperament and keep histories on the strays and relinquished pets in their care—a big help in making **appropriate placements**.

- Rescue groups have **specific breeds** of dogs and cats available through a network of foster homes.

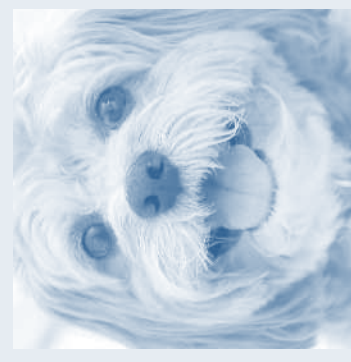
- Animal shelters have a **wide variety of pets**: cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs and others; young, middle-aged and mature; large and small; active and mellow.

- Pet overpopulation in Colorado is a huge problem. Adopting a homeless pet will help **save a life**.

## Why adopt a homeless pet?

**MetroDenverShelter**  
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*saving pets together*



## How to find your lost pet



### MDSA Supporting Members

Animal Assistance Foundation (AAF)  
[www.aafhd.org](http://www.aafhd.org)

Animal Haus  
[www.animalhaus.org](http://www.animalhaus.org)

Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians (CACVT)  
[www.cacvt.com](http://www.cacvt.com)

Colorado Federation of Animal Welfares Agencies (CFAWA)  
[www.cfawa.org](http://www.cfawa.org)

Colorado Helping Hands Foundation  
[www.helpingcritters.org](http://www.helpingcritters.org)

Community College of Denver Veterinary Medical Technology Program  
[www.ccd.edu/vet](http://www.ccd.edu/vet)

Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society (DAVMS)  
[www.davms.org](http://www.davms.org)

Downtown Animal Care Foundation  
[www.downtownanimalcare.info](http://www.downtownanimalcare.info)

The Feline Fix/Divine Feline – S/N  
[www.thefelinefix.org](http://www.thefelinefix.org)

PetAid Colorado – S/N  
[www.petaidcolorado.org](http://www.petaidcolorado.org)

1. Visit EVERY shelter. Act fast and check each shelter daily.
  - Many pets are found farther than 10 miles from where they were lost.
  - Personally look for your pet -- the description you give over the phone may not match someone else's description of your pet.
  - Leave a lost pet report and current photo at all shelters you visit.
2. Notify friends and neighbors that your pet is lost.
3. Contact veterinary practices in your area. Use their "Lost and Found" bulletin boards.
4. Check "found" ads and take out a "lost" ad in newspapers.
5. Check websites such as [www.Craigslslist.org](http://www.Craigslslist.org), [www.DogDetective.com](http://www.DogDetective.com), and [www.PetHarbor.com](http://www.PetHarbor.com).
6. Post fliers in a minimum of a 3-mile radius of where you lost your pet.
7. Don't give up! Pets can be found months after they're lost.

## What you can do to safeguard your pet

- Be sure your pet wears a current rabies tag, license tag and an ID tag with your address and phone numbers.
- Make certain your address and phone numbers are on file with the veterinarian who provided your pet's most recent vaccinations.
- Contact your veterinarian to get a microchip ID for your pet. Keep your contact information current with the microchip registry.
- Spay or neuter you pet! Sterilization eliminates an animal's reproductive instincts and decreases the chances of its straying from home.

For more information, visit: [www.MDSAAlliance.org](http://www.MDSAAlliance.org).

## Pet Resource Guide

The Metro Denver Shelter Alliance is a coalition of more than 25 public and private shelters, rescues and other animal service providers committed to saving pets and fostering responsible pet ownership in our community.

[www.MDSAAlliance.org](http://www.MDSAAlliance.org)



Adams County Animal Shelter - L/F, B  
10705 Fulton St., Brighton, CO 80601  
303.288.3294 • www.adcogov.org

All Breed Rescue Network (dogs)  
303.989.7808 • www.allbreedrescuenetwork.org



Angels With Paws  
2540 Youngfield St., Lakewood, CO 80215  
303.274.2264 • www.angelswithpaws.net



Aurora Animal Shelter - L/F, B  
15750 East 32nd Ave., Aurora, CO 80011  
303.326.8280 • www.auroragov.org



Cat Care Society - L/F, S/N, B  
5787 West 6th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80214  
303.239.9680 • www.catcaresociety.org



Denver Animal Shelter - L/F, S/N, B  
1241 W. Bayaud Avenue, Denver, CO 80223  
720.337.1800 • www.denvergov.org/animalcontrol



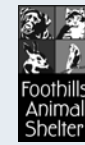
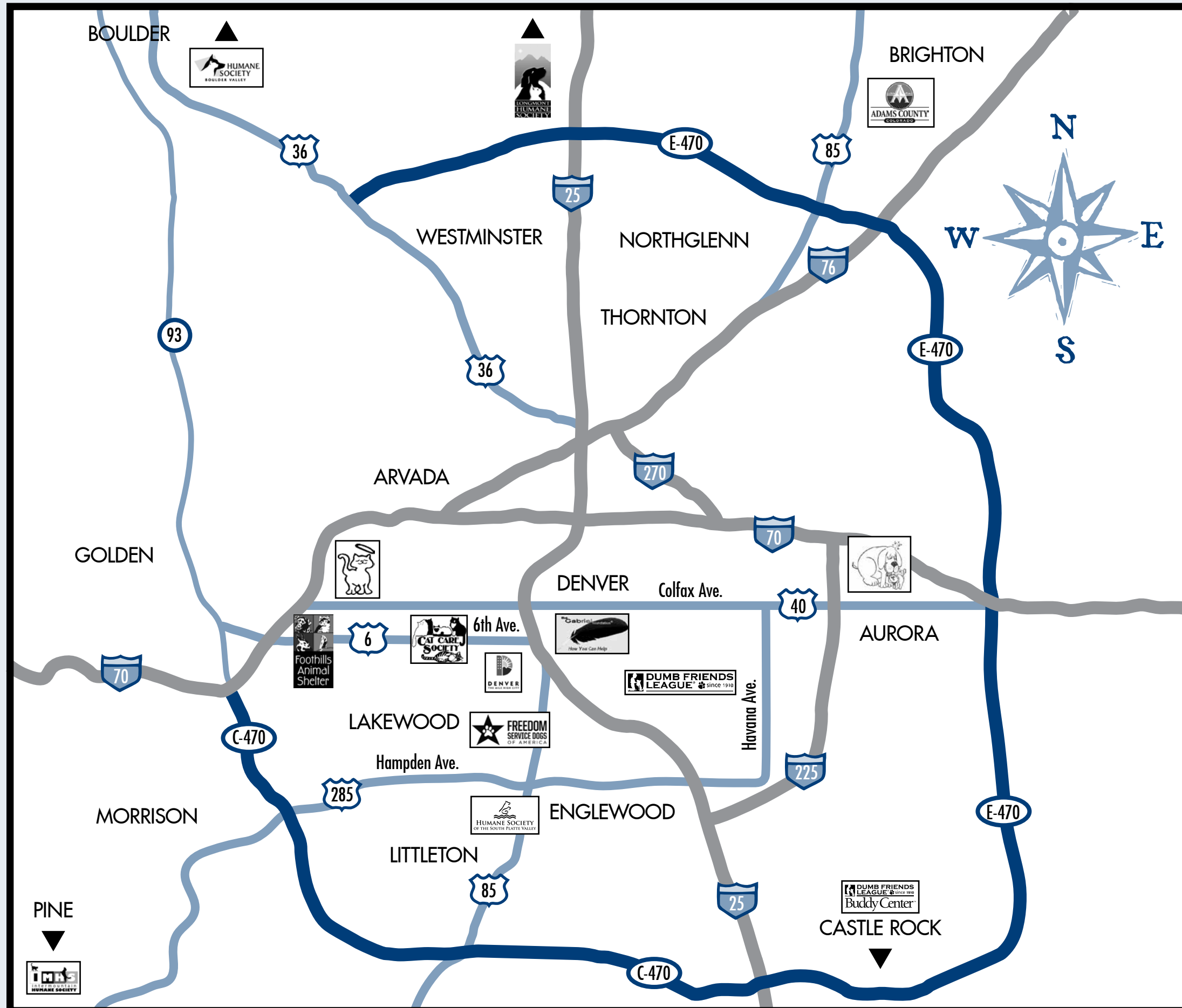
Dumb Friends League - L/F, S/N, B  
Quebec Street Shelter  
2080 South Quebec St., Denver, CO 80231  
303.751.5772 • www.ddfl.org



Dumb Friends League Buddy Center  
4556 Castleton Court, Castle Rock, CO 80109  
303.751.5772 • www.ddfl.org

# Please contact these Metro Denver Shelter Alliance members to adopt a pet.

Some members also provide the following services, as indicated: lost and found (L/F), spay/neuter (S/N), and behavior information/training (B).



Foothills Animal Shelter - L/F, S/N, B  
580 McIntyre Street, Golden, CO 80401  
303.278.7575 • www.foothillsanimalshelter.org



Freedom Service Dogs - B  
2000 W. Union Ave., Englewood, CO 80110  
303.922.6231 • www.freedom servicedogs.org



The Gabriel Foundation (Birds)  
1025 Acoma St., Denver, CO 80204  
303.639.5900 • www.thegabrielfoundation.org



Humane Society of Boulder Valley - L/F, S/N, B  
2323 55th Street, Boulder, CO 80301  
303.442.4030 • www.boulderhumane.org



Humane Society of the South Platte Valley - L/F, S/N, B  
2129 W. Chenango Ave., Unit A, Littleton, CO 80120  
303.703.2938 • www.hsspv.org



Intermountain Humane Society - L/F, S/N  
67318 Hwy 285  
Pine, CO 80470  
303.838.2668 • www.imhs.org



Longmont Humane Society - L/F, S/N, B  
9595 Nelson Rd., Longmont CO 80501  
303.772.1232 • www.longmonthumane.org

Nikeno's Second Chances (dogs) - B  
303.989.7775 • www.nscrescue.org

If you find a lost pet,  
please take it to  
the nearest shelter.

If you need to surrender  
an animal, please contact  
your local shelter.