



San Luis Valley Animal Center



Animal welfare resources in rural Colorado are often very limited. Despite this, pet owners in these areas want to do all they can to take care of their pets—they simply don't have access to appropriate services. The Dumb Friends League will bridge that gap in the San Luis Valley where the need for animal care is great.

In August 2018, the Dumb Friends League was approached by the Alamosa county commissioner for guidance on building a regional animal shelter. While there are three licensed animal shelters and six licensed rescues in the San Luis Valley, the need for animal care is great, and the League is excited to help support efforts around homeless pets and bring additional awareness to the animal welfare community in rural Colorado.

The Center will serve as a hub in the region to provide care for the displaced/unwanted community animals and transfer them to other shelters with more adoption opportunities. It will also serve as the center for community animal welfare support such as low-cost spay/neuter services, behavior assistance, subsidized veterinary care and vaccine clinics.

“Our mission is to end pet homelessness and animal suffering,” said Dumb Friends League President and CEO Dr. Apryl Steele. “San Luis Valley Animal Center is an opportunity for us to use our knowledge and resources to successfully operate a rural facility and work toward our mission by improving animals' lives across the state.”

The San Luis Valley Animal Center is anticipated to care for 2,400 pets per year and positively impact the lives of many more through community programs.

Construction is anticipated to be complete by spring 2021!