

## POCKET FACTS

2018–2019



### About us

When our organization was founded in 1910, it was named after an animal welfare group in London, England, called "Our Dumb Friends League." In those days, the term "dumb" was widely used to refer to animals because they lacked the power of human speech.

Headquartered in Denver, the Dumb Friends League is the largest community-based animal welfare organization in the Rocky Mountain region—providing a strong and steadfast voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

We rely on donations and grants for our lifesaving work, not government contracts or funds from national groups.

Our facilities include two pet shelters—where no animals are turned away—and a private rehabilitation and adoption center for equine victims of abuse and neglect, privately owned horses that are in need of rehoming, as well as horses that come from partner humane societies and rescue groups to receive professional training and opportunities for new lives. Our Solutions – Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic® offers free spay/neuter surgeries and FVRCP and (age appropriate) rabies vaccinations for Colorado cats, including owned cats, trap-neuter-return (TNR) cats and community cats.

Anyone can bring a cat to the clinic for spay/neuter surgery, regardless of income.

### In fiscal year 2018, we:

- Received 20,919 lost and surrendered pets—6,283 cats, 2,832 kittens, 8,662 dogs, 1,160 puppies and 1,982 other pets—and 336 equines at the Harmony Equine Center.
- Transferred in 4,503 cats and dogs from other shelters.
- Adopted out 14,544 pets—4,907 cats, 2,414 kittens, 5,230 dogs, 953 puppies and 1,040 other pets—and 145 horses and other equines.
- Reunited 1,786 lost pets with their people.
- Transferred out 1,941 pets for alternative placement and 159 equines to placement partners or impounding agencies.
- Nurtured 2,533 pets in foster care
- Spayed/neutered 8,086 shelter animals prior to adoption.
- Provided spay/neuter services at reduced fees, subsidized by donors, to 6,075 cats and dogs in underserved areas through mobile clinics.
- Spayed/neutered 10,932 owned, feral and community cats free of charge at our Solutions – Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic.
- Investigated 675 cases of animal neglect and mistreatment involving 1,706 animals.

**Total number of pets saved: 18,271**

**Placement rate for healthy and safe cats, dogs and horses: 100%**

### Accomplishments

- Expanded our adoption outreach programs, resulting in new homes for 605 working cats and 420 special-needs pets.
- Provided in-house behavior training to 6,559 pets.
- Reached 18,235 children and adults through 739 humane education programs.
- Found homes through nine Petco and PetSmart stores for 1,108 Dumb Friends League cats and dogs.
- Raised more than \$900,000 for homeless pets at our annual Furry Scurry® dog walk.
- In conjunction with our affiliate agency, The Colorado Humane

Society & SPCA, we increased the number of Colorado counties served by our animal welfare investigators to 45 of the state's 64 counties.

### Our facilities

#### Quebec Street Shelter

**2080 S. Quebec St.  
Denver, CO 80231**

- 10 acres
- 223 staff
- 1,045 volunteers
- 127 average dogs onsite
- 260 average cats onsite

#### Adoptions

Monday–Friday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Weekends: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

#### Pet Intake

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Weekends: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

*Appointments available*

#### Buddy Center™

**4556 Castleton Court  
Castle Rock, CO 80109**

- 19,448 square feet
- 1.5 acres
- 18 staff
- 261 volunteers
- 68 average dogs onsite
- 58 average cats onsite

#### Adoptions

Monday–Friday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Weekends: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

#### Pet Admissions

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Weekends: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

#### Dumb Friends League Harmony Equine Center™

**5540 E. Hwy. 86  
Franktown, CO 80116**

- 70,000 square feet (buildings)
- 168 acres
- 9 staff
- 90 volunteers
- 66 average equines onsite

**Hours:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
11 a.m.–3 p.m., and by appointment all other days

#### Adoption partners

Select Petco and PetSmart stores feature our adoptable cats.  
See [ddfl.org](http://ddfl.org) for details.

#### Dumb Friends League Solutions – Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic

**191 Yuma St., Denver, CO 80223**

Information and appointments at  
[ddfl.org/catclinic](http://ddfl.org/catclinic).



## Our mission

Working with our compassionate community, we will end pet homelessness and animal suffering.

## Core values

- We hold central the **compassionate care and treatment** of all animals.
- We are committed to a high standard of **people care**, both internally and externally, because people are the key to fulfilling our mission.
- We value **collaboration** and strategic partnerships as they provide a means to further our mission.
- We provide **leadership** within our industry and our community to remain forward-focused and **adaptable** in order to meet the ever-changing needs of the people and animals we serve.
- We believe in being **good stewards** of our organization's human resources, financial assets and our reputation in the communities we serve.
- We have pride in our **integrity** and hold ourselves to high standards regarding fiscal responsibility and accountability to our community.
- We believe that **education and advocacy** are among our greatest tools for promoting the humane treatment of animals and enhancing the human/animal bond.
- We actively pursue **excellence** in everything we do.

## Strategic goals

- Influence attitudes, actions and behaviors regarding companion-animal and equine welfare through a proactive, ongoing, targeted communication, education and engagement strategy.
- Build a network of organizations and resources throughout the state to provide access to companion-animal

welfare programs and services delivered to a consistent, high standard of quality.

- Address abuse and neglect in companion animals and equines and become a model for sheltering, training and rehoming equines.
- Enhance the human-animal bond by providing comprehensive services and support that increase retention of pets and develop innovative solutions for the management of cats.

## Budget basics

- Private, nonprofit organization, relying on donations and grants to meet a fiscal year 2019 budget of \$18.7 million.
- Spending \$28,000 a day on pet services, including \$9,500 daily on veterinary care in our shelters and on two mobile clinics.
- Spending \$3,500 a day on equine services, including veterinary care, feed, rehabilitation and training.
- 80 cents of every dollar donated goes to animal care, education and outreach.
- Our adoption fees represent a small portion of the amount we invest in each pet in our care; we are able to provide this care through the generosity of our donors.
- Employees: 250 full time, part time and seasonal.
- Volunteers: 1,396 giving 211,741 hours of service.
- Donor base: 41,921 individuals, foundations and businesses.

## Ways to help

In calendar year 2017, more than 160,000 cats and dogs entered shelters and rescues in Colorado. Hundreds of horses and other equines

suffered from abuse and neglect. Here are some ways you can take action to help the animals that depend on us:

- Report animal cruelty, neglect and abandonment through [ddfl.org/](http://ddfl.org/) investigations.
- Volunteer at a shelter or provide foster care in your home.
- Make gifts of cash, stock, securities or property; consider naming opportunities at the Harmony Equine Center and our shelters.
- Support our Building a Better Way Home capital campaign to fund the Quebec Street Shelter renovation and expansion.
- Purchase Adopt-a-Shelter-Pet license plates.
- Collect donations or give to special events like our Furry Scurry dog walk or Wag 'n Trail™ dog hike or attend a Yappy hour.
- Include the Dumb Friends League in your estate plans.



## Contact us

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### Web

[ddfl.org](http://ddfl.org)  
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