



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.

The Dumb Friends League is Colorado's animal champion with unmatched expertise who provides compassionate care through the most comprehensive, direct services for any pet who is vulnerable to homelessness, suffering and abuse because every pet in our community deserves to be nurtured, safe and cherished. We will work together in a united coalition to promote Socially Conscious Sheltering to create the best outcomes for all animals, promote safe communities and nurture the human-animal bond.

The Dumb Friends League has five facilities.

- Two shelters for homeless pets that offer adoptions, pet admissions, lost-and-found services and humane education classes for the public:
The Leslie A. Malone Center in Denver
The Buddy Center in Castle Rock
- The Harmony Equine Center, a private rehabilitation and adoption center for equine victims of mistreatment, as well as horses that come from partner humane societies and rescue groups to receive professional training and opportunities for new lives.

- Solutions–Veterinary Hospital, a full-service animal hospital for owned pets to prevent and alleviate suffering in pets whose caretakers would otherwise be unable to provide this medical care.
- Solutions–Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic,[®] which offers free spay/neuter surgeries and age appropriate vaccines for Colorado cats, including owned cats and community cats.

In fiscal year 2019, we:

- Received 21,080 lost, surrendered or transferred in pets—8,329 cats and kittens, 10,136 dogs and puppies and 2,615 other pets—and 364 equines at the Harmony Equine Center.
- Adopted out 14,350 pets—6,605 cats and kittens, 6,618 dogs and puppies and 1,127 other pets—and 200 horses and other equines.
- Reunited 1,827 lost pets with their people.
- Transferred out 2,474 pets for alternative placement and 35 equines to placement partners or impounding agencies.
- Nurtured 2,807 pets in foster care.
- Spayed/neutered 8,198 shelter animals prior to adoption.
- Provided spay/neuter services at reduced fees, subsidized by donors, to 16,873 cats and dogs in underserved areas through mobile clinics and community cats free of charge at our Solutions – Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic.
- Provided 4,209 exams, 283 dental surgeries and 802 orthopedic, soft tissue and specialized procedures at Solutions – Veterinary Hospital.
- Helped 1,278 pets with vaccines, supplies, grooming and provided spay/neuter and other resources through our Pet Resource Center.
- Investigated 577 cases of animal neglect and mistreatment involving 1,928 animals.

Total number of pets and horses saved: 18,886

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

Accomplishments

- Expanded our adoption outreach programs, resulting in new homes for 454 working cats and 248 special needs pets.
- Provided in-house behavior training to 6,148 pets.
- Reached 16,008 children and adults through 813 humane education programs.

- Increased the number of Colorado counties served by our animal welfare investigators to 48 of the state's 64 counties.

Our facilities

Leslie A. Malone Center

2080 S. Quebec St., Denver, CO 80231

- 110,000 square feet
- 127 average dogs onsite
- 10 acres
- 260 average cats onsite
- 205 staff
- 1032 volunteers

Adoptions

Monday–Friday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Weekends: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Pet Admissions

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Weekends: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Appointments available

Buddy Center™

4556 Castleton Court

Castle Rock, CO 80109

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

Adoptions

Monday–Friday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Weekends: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Pet Admissions

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Weekends: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Harmony Equine Center™

5540 E. Hwy. 86, Franktown, CO 80116

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

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

Solutions – Veterinary Hospital*

191 Yuma St., Denver, CO 80223

ddfl.org/solutionsvh

*Underserved community only.

Solutions – Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic

191 Yuma St., Denver, CO 80223

Information and appointments at ddfl.org/catclinic.



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 to meet a fiscal year 2020 budget of \$23.4 million.
- Spending \$28,000 a day on pet services, including \$8,700 daily on veterinary care in our shelters.
- Spending \$9,400 per day on veterinary services to support the underserved community in Denver through our Solutions – Veterinary Hospital, two mobile spay/neuter clinics and outreach services.
- Spending \$3,700 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.
- 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: 287 full time, part time and seasonal.
- Volunteers: 1,379 giving 217,398 hours of service.
- We rely on donations and grants for our lifesaving work, not government contracts or funds from national groups.

Ways to help

In calendar year 2018, 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/ 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.
- Purchase Adopt-a-Shelter-Pet license plates.
- Collect donations or attend special events like our Furry Scurry dog walk, Catwalk or Lulu's BBQ.
- Include the Dumb Friends League in your estate plans.
- Support Socially Conscious Sheltering (scsheltering.org).



A Socially Conscious
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Organization™



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Phone

303.751.5772 (all facilities)

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ddfl.org

harmonyequinecenter.org

