

## Pet Resource Guide

The Metro Denver Animal Welfare Alliance (MDAWA) is a coalition of public and private shelters, rescues and other animal service providers committed to promoting humane care for companion animals. For more information visit MDAWAlliance.org.

#### How to find your lost pet

- 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 Craigslist.org, FidoFinder.com, PetHarbor.com, NextDoor.com, 911ParrotAlert.com, and the Colorado Pets Lost and Found Facebook page.
- 6. Post fliers in at least a 3-mile radius of where you lost your pet.
- 7. Leave an item of your clothing, your pet's bedding or toys, or cat's litter box outside to help guide your pet back home.
- 8. If your pet has been missing for more than 5 days, check pets for adoption at local shelters.
- 9. Don't give up! Pets can be found months after they're lost.

#### Tips to prevent a lost pet

- Be sure your pet wears a current rabies tag, license tag and an ID tag with your address and phone numbers. Record your bird's band number.
- 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, including your bird. Keep your contact information current with the microchip registry.
- Spay or neuter your pet! Sterilization eliminates an animal's reproductive instincts and decreases the chances of its straying from home.

# 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 MDAWAlliance.org or contact your veterinarian.

## Why adopt a homeless pet?

 Animal shelters have a wide variety of pets: cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs,

- birds and others; young, middle-aged and mature; large and small; active and mellow.
- Rescue groups have specific breeds of dogs and cats available through a network of foster 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.
- Homeless pets are often housetrained and well behaved; all are eager for love in lifelong homes.
- Some shelters and rescue groups provide socialization and training for pets prior to placement, as well as adoption counseling and free follow-up assistance.
- Adoption fees often include spaying or neutering, a microchip identification implant and vaccinations.
- Free post-adoption health exams are provided by certain members of the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association. Ask the shelter for more information.

Visit our website to learn more:



## MDAWA Members & Partners (not shown on the map)

**Animal Assistance Foundation** aaf-fd.org

Animal Welfare Association of Colorado

awac.net

Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund coloradopetfund.org

Colorado Pet Pantry (pet food banks) coloradopetpantry.org

Colorado Veterinary Medical Association colovma.org/find-a-vet

**Colorado Voters for Animals** covoters for animals.org

Community College of Denver Veterinary Technology Program

ccd.edu/vet

Forgotten Felines Rescue\* forgottenfelinesdenver.org

**Freedom Service Dogs** freedomservicedogs.org

KarmaSue (pet cancer support) karmasue.org

Metro Denver CAT – S/N denvercats.org

National Mill Dog Rescue\* milldogrescue.org PawsCO\*

pawsco.org

Rocky Mountain House Rabbit Rescue\* rmhrr.org

Safe Harbor Lab Rescue\* safeharborlabrescue.org



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A Socially Conscious Animal Community's fundamental goal is to create best outcomes for all animals. Visit scsheltering.org.

\*Adoptions by appointment—see website.

### Contact these MDAWA members for pet adoptions, medical services & more

#### **Pet Adoptions & More**

- Aurora Animal Shelter L/F, B 15750 East 32nd Ave. Aurora, CO 80011 303.326.8280 auroraanimalshelter.org
- B Cat Care Society L/F 5787 West 6th Ave. Lakewood, CO 80214 303.239.9680 catcaresociety.org
- Denver Animal Protection L/F, V
  1241 W. Bayaud Ave.

Denver, CO 80223 720.913.1311 denveranimalshelter.org

Dumb Friends League Leslie A. Malone Center – L/F, B 2080 South Quebec St. Denver, CO 80231 303.751.5772 ddfl.org

- Dumb Friends League Buddy Center – L/F 4556 Castleton Court Castle Rock, CO 80109 303.751.5772 ddfl.org
- Pumb Friends League Harmony Equine Center 5540 E Hwy. 86 Franktown, CO 80116 303.751.5772 ddfl.org
- G Foothills Animal Shelter L/F, B, V
  580 McIntyre St.
  Golden, CO 80401
  303.278.7575
  foothillsanimalshelter.org
- (Birds) L/F, B 39520 County Road 13 Elizabeth, CO 80107 303.629.5900 thegabrielfoundation.org

- Humane Society of Boulder Valley – L/F, S/N, B 2323 55th St. Boulder, CO 80301 303.442.4030 boulderhumane.org
  - Humane Society of the South Platte Valley – L/F, S/N, B 2129 W. Chenango Ave. Littleton, CO 80120 303.703.2938 hsspv.org
  - Intermountain
    Humane Society B, L/F
    67318 Hwy. 285
    Pine, CO 80470
    303.838.2668
    imhs.org
- Riverdale Animal Shelter L/F, V 12155 Park Blvd. Brighton, CO 80601 720.523.7387 animalshelter.adcogov.org
- Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue – L/F 2390 S. Delaware St. Denver, CO 80223 303.744.6076 rmfr-Colorado.org

#### Public Spay/Neuter Surgeries & Other Services

- Dumb Friends League
  Veterinary Hospital at Yuma
  Dumb Friends League
  Solutions Spay/Neuter Clinic
  Dumb Friends League
  Solutions Pet Resource Center
  (Vaccines, grooming classes,
  behavior consults, pet supplies)
  191 Yuma St.
  Denver, CO 80223
  Urgent Care: 303.722.5800
  Spay/Neuter Clinic: 303.751.5772
  ddfl.org
- SpayToday
  Healthy Pet Center S/N, V
  1401 Ammons St.
  Lakewood, CO 80214
  303.984.7729
  spay2day.org
- P The Feline Fix B, S/N, V 6075 Parkway Drive, #185 Commerce City, CO 80022 303.202.3516 thefelinefix.org

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SERVICES KEY:** B = BEHAVIOR INFORMATION/TRAINING L/F = LOST AND FOUND S/N = SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY V = VACCINATIONS

