



Paws *for* Thought



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Spring 2018



from the korner kennel teaching others to fish

I'm excited to share that we are taking our Pet Health Fairs on the road in 2019 in the form of a teaching school. Our initial target communities are the Animal Welfare Coalition of Northeastern New Mexico in Las Vegas & Valencia County Animal Control — two longtime Animal Humane Project Fetch transfer partners.

Our lessons will be imparted through four fully funded Pet Health Fairs offering FREE microchips, vaccinations, pet food, collars, leashes, behavior advice & humane education to hundreds of pets & owners in these high-need communities.

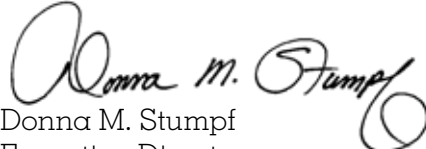
The concept is to teach our partners a successful formula, play lead roles at every station

during each community's first Pet Health Fair, and reverse the roles during the second fair, when we will shadow to build confidence.

We are extremely grateful to the Jeniam Foundation whose funding is allowing us to teach others, as well as host three Pet Health Fairs in Albuquerque this year! Their forward thinking and strong investment will save and transform countless lives.

To them, and each of you, I express my profound gratitude for helping us make a difference.

with gratitude,


Donna M. Stumpf
Executive Director

Because education continues to be a powerful tidal wave ringing change in animal welfare, we are launching fresh avenues to take our impactful programs to other parts of New Mexico.

Since 2014, our team has hosted pop-up Pet Health Fairs (PHF) throughout Albuquerque. From the start, we targeted zip codes with high surrender rates and/or high incidences of controllable diseases, like Parvo Virus.

A key to our success was following nationally renowned models of bringing pet care & resources to pet owners and building trust through one-on-one interactions.

By offering initially free (now \$5/pet) vaccination & microchipping services on Sunday mornings in parks, schools & recreation centers, pet owners began to view our shelter as a partner in keeping their companions healthy and in their homes.



"She's the love of my life," Valencia Pet Health Fair client

2019 Pet Health Fairs

Albuquerque

Sunday, April 7
Sunday, September 15
Sunday July 21 or
Sunday, November 17

Las Vegas

Saturday, August 17
Saturday, October 5

Valencia

Saturday, March 9
Saturday, May 25

To contribute to our success in a volunteer or funding capacity, please contact Leah Remkes at LeahR@AnimalHumaneNM.org or 505.938.7872.

With Animal Humane for just over a year, Adoption Advisor Katy Russell has certainly hit the ground running. Inspired by her own beloved pets over the years, her boyfriend, Brandon, and the generosity of our donors, Katy helped a lucky 285 pets find loving homes in 2018.

This heartwarming feat won Katy the coveted title of Adoption Advisor of the Year for 2018.



adoption advisor of the year: **Katy Russell**

Katy praises her fellow Adoption Team members as excellent resources, but it is clear that her greatest teacher at Animal Humane was a special canine with a similar name.

With your help, our Animal Care, Behavior and Adoption Teams work to provide each pet in our shelter with specialized care.

When a pet needs extra attention and love, they are assigned to a member our Adoption Team. These special relationships, which provide needed one-on-one time for pets & opportunities for our team to explore new ways of helping the pets in our care, are called *Pet Projects*.

Kady, an American Pit Bull Cross, arrived just 4 weeks after Katy, and this energetic dog was Katy's Pet Project from day one.

Smart as a whip, Kady (the canine) needed more mental & physical stimulation than many other dogs who are part of the Animal Humane family.

It was Katy's job to make sure that she received it. Working together for months taught the new Adoption Advisor to think outside the box to ensure Kady's needs were met. It also drove home the importance of open and honest communication with families looking to add a new pet.

According to Katy, "The most impactful lesson that Kady taught me was to take my time talking

with potential adopters. We need to advocate for the dogs and cats in our care, and the best matches are truly found when we understand the needs of our adopters *and* of our pets."

In fact, Kady, was one of our longest term residents in 2018, spending 212 days in our care — a stay much longer than most adult dogs — and one made possible by your generosity.

In the end, the time and energy this dynamic duo put into their relationship was worth it, as Kady's perfect family arrived at Animal Humane. "Her adoption was amazing. The couple was young, athletic with a love for running. I couldn't have created a better fit for one of my favorite pets," Katy recalls.

Thank you, for providing Katy and our team with the necessary resources to give every pet the time & attention they deserve.

Every day I remind myself that each pet & situation deserves my full heart.

It doesn't matter what else is going on in the world, or in my life, the cats and dogs at Animal Humane deserve 100%...because that is what they give!

Nia fights back from the brink

Last December a stray 1-year-old Chihuahua mix came to Animal Humane after a caring person found her lying motionless in the street.



Nia, resting in our Clinic upon arrival

Nia, as she would be named, was severely underweight, listless and unable to stand. So our team took her straight to our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic, where the support of donors like you saves precious lives.

Kim Hamel, DVM, our Chief Veterinary Officer recalls, "I've seen emaciated dogs come here before, but none in as much danger as Nia. She was nearly dead upon arrival."

The bodily systems that sustain life were failing Nia's small body before our eyes.

Suffering from dehydration, anemia, septic shock, hypoglycemia and liver failure, Nia's future looked bleak. But, our Veterinary Team immediately jumped into action.

They started the little dog on IV fluids, antibiotics, nutrients and pain medication. **"I didn't think she would make it through the night," Dr. Hamel remembers.**

To everyone's relief and delight, Nia made it through the next day...then the next and the next.

A little fighter, the Chihuahua was not giving up on life and we were not giving up on her!

Over the coming week, Nia lived in our Clinic receiving the near constant care your support provides. She steadily improved until she was well enough to be adopted.

A month after Nia arrived at Animal Humane, Laura and Robert came looking for a companion for their 13-year-old dog, Lola. They were hoping a new friend would help with her grief, as Lola's long-time canine companion had passed away and she was lonely.

Because we have supporters like you who truly care, our Clinic Team is able to provide life-saving treatment for thousands of pets each & every year.

"Nia was very perky in her little room," Laura says as she beams at Nia. "She was spunky and doing 'kangaroo' jumps like crazy." Without hesitation, Laura & Robert adopted Nia. Once again their family was complete.

Nia received a second chance at a happy life thanks to your generous support.

If you would like to learn more about providing vital veterinary care through our Friends of the Clinic fund, please contact Stephanie Miller at 505.938.7919 or StephanieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org.





2018 at-a-glance:

life-saving moments made possible by YOU!



91%

Live Release Rate

3,962

cats & dogs found loving homes

13 Days

Average Length of Stay at our Main Campus

6 Days

Average Length of Stay at our Westside Adoption Center

94

homeless pets received extra behavior support

686

people received a 88.3 hours of assistance through our Free Behavior Helpline

105,000

pounds of donated pet food helped an average of 223 families every week

12,000

visitors came to our Pet Food Bank or received food through the City Seniors program

969

pets received 1,691 vaccinations and 611 microchips at low cost

301

pets remained in loving homes due to our medical, behavioral and fencing Safety Net Services

829

pets received extra care and attention from 217 Foster Care Families & Foster Caregivers

15

on-site Foster Care volunteers gave 38 hours each week to vulnerable pets

18,592

veterinary exams performed—
an average of **357** exams weekly



4,179

spay/neuter surgeries performed

331

shelter pets received special surgeries, including 174 dentals

518

owned pets received special surgeries, including 246 dentals

30%

of our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic clients are senior citizens



736

canines and their human companions learned together through The Center's Behavior, Training & Agility classes & private Agility Training sessions

260

private sessions helped pet owners address specific behavior issues with their beloved pets

1,278

private Agility sessions worked the minds & bodies of dogs and their people

619

cherished volunteers donated 45,600 hours of their valuable time

377

volunteers have been with us over a year, 123 over five years & 28 over ten years!

5,914

individuals received 8,396 contact hours of Humane Education



leaving a legacy of love

You can ensure that your love of homeless cats and dogs saves precious lives for years to come by including Animal Humane New Mexico in your will or estate plans.

Often called "legacy" or "planned" giving, contributions from an estate may include a monetary donation, financial account and life insurance beneficiary designations, real estate or cars. Any gift will sustain our vital work on behalf of New Mexico's homeless pets — and create a legacy that will save pets for years to come.

planning for your pet's future

A little planning can give you big peace of mind. By deciding now who can take care of your pets if they outlive you, you make a difficult transition much easier for your beloved companion. We will guide you through this process, whether you want your pets to come to Animal Humane or to someone you know and trust.



Your legacy of love can save pets like Captain Americat for years to come.

We have helped many friends with information about leaving Animal Humane New Mexico a charitable gift and planning for pets — and we would be happy to help you as well.

For further details, please contact Stephanie Miller at StephanieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org or 505.938.7919

Foster Care means the world to pets in need

"Teresa & Dave ALWAYS answer the call.

They love making a difference and it shows in the care they gift to our foster cats & dogs.

From bottle babies, to pets with medical needs, they are a go-to home for our pets."



Teresa & Foster Care Manager, Samantha

Teresa and Dave Boyd are our 2018 Foster Parents of the Year. While their influence can be easily quantified — 42 pets nurtured in 2018, 15 years supporting Animal Humane through fostering, over 300 lives positively impacted overall, the key benefit of their relationship with our pets does not be expressed in numbers.

To our team Teresa & Dave's support, like that of all our Foster Care Families, donors, and volunteers, means much more. **It means hope and partnership as we work to achieve our mission and save as many lives as possible.** Our Foster Care Manager, Samantha Montgomery relays:

For the Boyds, fostering is an opportunity to give back in honor of the dogs who have given them unconditional love over the years.

Teresa shares, "I don't have kids, so our foster pets are like my babies. I love nurturing them and giving each one their best chance at happily ever after!"

To learn more about joining our stellar roster of Foster Families or donating supplies to our Foster Care program please contact our Foster Care Team at FosterCare@AnimalHumaneNM.org.



ending as they began: Charlie & Teesa find a home...together

Charlie & Teesa, senior feline friends, arrived at Animal Humane when their human family was no longer able to care for them.

After a full senior veterinary work-up by our Clinic Team, we determined both cats were healthy and, since we knew they had lived successfully with other cats, both joined other adoptable cats in our communal cat housing.

But at 14- and 13-years-old, living with several new cats proved to be overwhelming for both Charlie & Teesa.

Because of your support our team is not only trained to recognize the needs of our pets, but they have the resources necessary to alter each pet's care plan for the best possible outcome.

After noting that this dynamic duo was not comfortable in our communal rooms, we moved

them into individual cat condos, allowing each cat ample time and space to decompress. **But these fast friends weren't separated for long!**

When their new mom, Ardith, arrived at Animal Humane, it was clearly meant to be. While we know each cat would have been just fine going home alone with a loving adopter, our team was thrilled that Charlie & Teesa would have each other's support as they adjusted to a new family.

Ardith shares, "Within two hours of arriving in their new home, Charlie was running around like a kitten and Teesa was lounging in her bed in front of the mirror admiring herself."

Thank you for giving Charlie and Teesa a second chance to spend their golden years in comfort together.

we asked, you answered

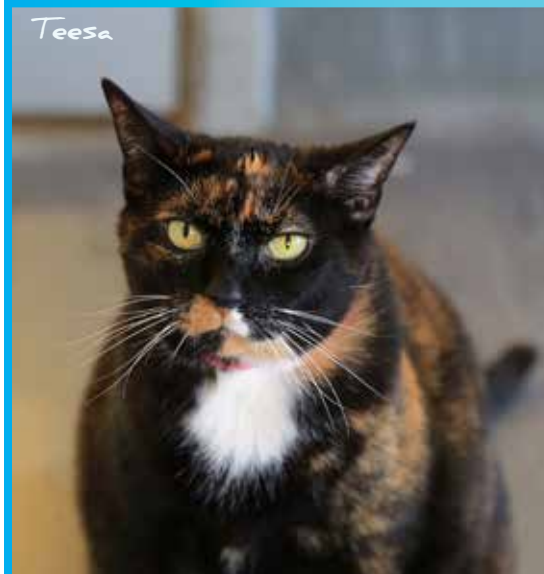
Last fall we sent out our Annual Investor Survey to a select group of our supporters because we wanted to learn about what is important to you...our valued supporters. We asked what you felt the biggest issues facing pets in New Mexico are. Your top three answers were:

1. Abuse & Abandonment
2. Lack of Spay/Neuter
3. Irresponsible Owners

We also wanted to know what Animal Humane programs closest to your hearts? Your top three answers:

1. Adoptions
2. Veterinary & Spay/Neuter Services
3. Humane Education

We are thrilled that the Circle of Care programs that are closest to your hearts directly address what you, our valued community, feel are the biggest issues facing the precious cats & dogs in our state. **Thank you for making each of these life-saving services and many more possible.**



EX-PURR-T ADVICE:

setting your new pet up for success

Bringing home a new pet is an exciting time for the whole family. However, the changes to normal routines can be stressful for you and your new pet. These simple steps can ease the transition and ensure that your family starts off on the right paw!

have a plan in place: A family agreement about key issues — like where your pet will eat, sleep and stay when they are alone — is vitally important. When your new pet receives the same cues from everyone it helps them understand how they should behave.

prepare your home: Baby gates are a great way to break up your house into sections, so your pet can acclimate to their environment slowly and with supervision. Make simple adjustments, like closing doors or keeping counter tops free of goodies to help your pet learn what is off-limits such as bedrooms or the kitchen table.

prepare a special place for your new pet: Providing your pet with their own space is important, especially if you already have pets in your home. A bed or crate separate from other pets can give your new cat or dog a quiet place to decompress.

schedule a visit to your vet: A check-up is an essential way to ensure that your new cat or dog is feeling their best as they transition into your home. Every pet at Animal Humane receives comprehensive veterinary care, but the stress of acclimating and exposure to new stimuli may exacerbate minor health issues. In fact, a complimentary wellness check-up is included in every Animal Humane adoption.



provide ample physical & mental stimulation: Utilizing puzzle toys to stimulate your pet's brain, allows them to problem solve and expend mental energy. For dogs, a daily hike or run are fantastic ways to bond while providing directed physical activity. For cats, wand toys, balls, or training your new cat to wear a harness and walk on a leash all provide great mental & physical enrichment.

take your training one step further: Focus on positive reinforcement training to teach your new companion good manners and strengthen your bond. Check out TheCenter.AnimalHumaneNM.org for diverse training opportunities that you and your pet can participate in for years to come.

--Jessica Harder, CPDT-KA
Shelter Behavior Manager

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- Phone. Call 505.938.7938
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