



After a tragic
incident, your love
gave Marigold hope.
Read how inside!

Paws *for* Thought

Summer 2020

from the korner kennel resiliency and persistence

On March 12 Animal Humane's world changed along with yours. From day one of our national emergency, our Team has responded swiftly & strategically to the ever-changing situation — all with the safety of our pets, staff, volunteers and clients at the forefront of our minds.

As every crisis offers opportunities for growth & learning, we have embraced the circumstances that have arisen and remain thankful for the timing of a new program that aided our response to the pandemic.

Fetch Some Fun (FSF) was developed as a short-term (2-3 days) outlet for long-time shelter dogs to benefit from a home setting and to partake in activities such as backyard fetch, hikes in the foothills & quiet naps in an effort to lower stress levels and learn more about each

dog's personality. The program's low-key launch early last fall gave our shelter dogs quality time with devoted Volunteers, and gave our Team the opportunity to test drive its coordination. Positive reviews from humans + canines made us confident we could rely on FSF during COVID-19, as a list of our long-term residents was quickly prepared on March 12.

Our first wave of FSF pets was swiftly followed by an inaugural **Purr-Cation**, where dozens of adult felines were also placed in Foster Homes. This COVID-prompted tactic has resulted in reports of very content felines; and both outlets have led to many adoptions, as our pets folded so beautifully into the lives of our bighearted Foster Caregivers and provided added comfort and laughter during their extended stays, they became permanent family members!



Sassafra, Alumni & My Quaranteam Companion

We thank you for the precious gifts of your time, love and support during COVID-19! Your much-needed generosity has helped us remain resilient and persistent and ensures our responsiveness and innovation in the days to come.

With gratitude,

Donna M. Stumpf
Executive Director



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Marigold: turning tragedy into hope

Transferred to Animal Humane through our Project Fetch program, Marigold was suffering. She'd been attacked by another animal, resulting in serious injuries to her abdomen & mouth. This sweet brown tabby cat was in shock and her wounds were infected. You made it possible for our Clinic Team to treat the 7-year-old feline. **You gave her hope.**

For three weeks, the brave girl fought to regain her strength. **You were with her every step of the way.** With



Healed, happy & hopeful Marigold expresses her gratitude to a volunteer.

medication to ease her pain, surgery to remove a broken tooth, consistent veterinary checks to ensure she

healed & extra love to keep her spirits high, Marigold quickly recovered. Before long, the happy feline went home with her new forever family.

Even through the COVID-19 pandemic, our Clinic Team continues to treat sick & hurting pets, but we can't do that without you. **Your unending generosity is more important than ever** to maintaining the health & safety of New Mexico's cats & dogs. Thank you!

COVID-19 RESPONSE 2020

We appreciated your support of our cats & dogs during the the new coronavirus pandemic. In the face of constant change, our Team worked diligently to ensure every pet possible received food, shelter and love. Though many of our public shelter operations were temporarily closed and programs put on hold, **because of you, we were able to continue essential services for pets & people in our community.**

Emergency Foster Care

We asked, and as a community, you heeded the call! Following recommended best practices for animal shelters, we worked to place both dogs & cats in temporary Foster Homes. Over 205 pets found comfort, support and safety in the homes of our incredible Foster Caregivers. Because of the amazing community response, we were able to accept emergency intakes — supporting sick or injured pets and newborn puppies & kittens who would have otherwise had no place to go during the pandemic.

Pet Food Bank

We believed no pet should go hungry because of the pandemic. With your generous support, our Pet Food Bank remained fully operational. Twice

a week, families struggling to feed their pets picked up food for their beloved companions. Additionally, our partnership with Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs continued, distributing pet food to homebound senior citizens in our city.

Clinic Tele- Medicine

Our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic began offering tele-medicine appointments to existing clients during the pandemic. We also partnered with local emergency clinics to refer clients whose pets require in-person care for reduced fees on an as-needed basis. You made it possible for our Team to coordinate medication refills by mail, so pets stayed healthy despite suspended appointments.



Team members, Vince & Debbie, keep our Pet Food Bank running to help families in our community.

“ *My 1-year-old Yorkshire Terrier mix, Bambi, had hip surgery recently. Over the phone Dr. Lager gave me instructions on Bambi’s physical therapy. I’m very pleased the Clinic found a way to provide Bambi with care.* ”
— Roberta P.

Additional Ways You Supported Pets in Homes

You also provided vital resources for pets in homes. Because of you, we continued offering behavioral assistance through our free Behavior Helpline, and intake prevention services through our Safety Net program. We also accepted emergency intakes for stray cats & dogs and worked with owners who sought to surrender their pet by providing re-homing resources.

Thank you for all you’ve done to care for our cats & dogs during these uncertain times.



For pets like Beau, Foster Care turned out to be more than temporary. This fun-loving puppy was surrendered to our shelter in late January. By mid-March, when our Team began placing pets in emergency Foster Care due to COVID-19, Beau was still awaiting his forever family. But his wait was almost over.

When the 1-year-old Hound first entered their care, Beau’s Foster Parents reported that he immediately bonded with their resident dogs & cat. The clever, energetic boy was having a blast exploring & relaxing in his new surroundings. Two weeks into his stay, the family **admitted they had “fallen hopelessly in love with Beau”** & he was adopted at the beginning of April. Beau was the first of 45 pets who found their perfect people during the pandemic.

Beau living his best life with his furr-ever family thanks to you.



Lulu when she arrived at Animal Humane.



After she recovered, Lulu couldn't stop smiling.

giving Lulu her SMILE BACK

When Lulu arrived at Animal Humane her face was swollen, and her deep brown eyes held only sadness...no hope. With a mouth full of porcupine quills, the 3-year-old was at risk of a life-threatening infection & desperate for relief.

The Hound Shepherd cross had been found distressed & alone in the Bosque. We had no idea where she had come from or how she had gotten there. But the sweet girl needed help & **you came to her rescue.**

Because of your generosity, Lulu went straight into surgery at our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic, where we removed the painful quills one-by-one. She received pain medication & antibiotics and soon she was curled up on a warm, comfortable bed to rest & recover.

In a week's time as her body had healed, **we finally began to see Lulu's happy smile and we watched as hope returned to her eyes.** She craved attention & everyone who met her found the sweet girl to be irresistible. Lulu's perfect family thought so too & adopted the beautiful lady. Thanks to you, her smile is big enough to warm their hearts for a lifetime.

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939

Total Adoptions

229

Pets in Foster Care

1,029

Total Surgeries including spay/neuter

15

Pets Receiving Behavior Support

Numbers reflect 2020 year-to-date statistics.

SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT, WHY?

You may have noticed this quarter's *Paws for Thought* is shorter than usual. Each day our services are closed to the public due to the pandemic, Animal Humane is losing valuable revenue needed to care for our dogs & cats. During this uncertain time, our Team has made the decision to shorten our newsletter to four pages allowing us to direct more funding to the pets & people who need it most.