



Foothills Animal Foundation



Critter Columns

April 2011

Monthly Giving Makes a Difference!

Foothills Animal Foundation is happy to announce our PAW (Philanthropy for Animal Welfare) Program which invites donors to make monthly gifts in order to provide steady support to FAS throughout the year.

The PAW Program is a wonderful way to make a recurring gift and provide the reliable support that is so vital to the programs and services we provide to the public and the animals in our care. Monthly giving provides a steady and cost-effective source of income to FAS. And because your monthly donation is processed automatically, you help us reduce our costs—which allows us to provide much needed programs, vaccines, training and supplies to the animals who need our support. And best of all, it is easy for you, as you don't need to worry about writing a check, and buying a stamp!



Click the link below to pledge your monthly support!

https://www.blacktie-colorado.com/online_sales/nonprofit_donation_enhanced.cfm?id=1313&campaignid=209

How It Works

As a monthly donor, you will be registering to make a credit card donation every month. After you make your initial donation, future donations will be automatically charged to your credit card. For example, if you choose to make a monthly donation of \$50 on May 5, your next donation of \$50 will be automatically charged to your account on June 5, and each subsequent month thereafter until you request these donations be stopped.

Foothills Animal Foundation will provide you with an annual statement of your gifts that will serve as your tax receipt. However, if you would like an acknowledgement letter for each month, we are happy to send that out to you at your request. Becoming a PAW Program donor saves you:

- ❖ **Time** - no more checks to write, stamps to lick, or envelopes to send.
- ❖ **Money** - you save money on postage and FAF saves money on administrative costs.
- ❖ **Paper** - FAF will keep to its *green policy* and only send you one annual receipt, unless otherwise requested, so your money will go exactly where you want it to go; to the animals.
- ❖ **Peace of mind** - you won't worry about your check getting lost in the mail, and FAF can count on your steady support throughout the year.

❖ **\$14 a month (45¢ a day)** - Is the average amount required to care for one animal during their temporary stay at FAS.

❖ **\$28 a month (90¢ a day)** - Provides milk and food for a litter of kittens or puppies.

❖ **\$42 a month (\$1.35 a day)** - Will provide funding to fix a fractured bone in an injured dog or cat.

❖ **\$56 a month (\$1.80 a day)** - Will provide a spay or neuter for 20 animals in our care.

If at any point you wish to discontinue your monthly contribution, simply contact Caitlyn Ray at (720) 407-5226 or cray@fas4pets.org.



You'll receive this FAS car magnet if you join the Circle of PAWSibilities Giving Club!

By giving regularly, you will also make a bigger impact by giving more over time than you would with one donation. A gift of \$21 a month or more (equivalent to \$250 or more, annually) provides entry into our Circle of PAWSibilities Giving Club. Membership in the Circle of PAWSibilities includes a commemorative FAS car magnet, listing in the annual report, and exclusive VIP event invitations!

Dog Visitation Room named after Wags & Menace Foundation



On Tuesday, April 12, Cindy Lee with the Wags and Menace Foundation presented the Foothills Animal Foundation with a \$5,000 check—part of a \$35,000 Capital Campaign Pledge made to help build the new Foothills Animal Shelter. To honor her endless generosity, Foothills Animal Shelter is naming Dog Visitation Room One after Cindy Lee and the Wags and Menace Foundation.

Although the new shelter, located on the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, appears to be complete, the Foothills Animal Foundation still needs to raise \$700,000 to fund the facility! Many giving opportunities are still available, including the ability to put the name of your family, a pet, or a loved one on a room, kennel, or special area of the shelter. Additionally, you can leave a lasting message and legacy by purchasing a brick to be hung in our lobby. Please contact Megan Peters, Foundation CEO, at 720-407-5227 or mpeters@fas4pets.org, for more information!



MARK Your Calendars!

Save the Date to Help Save Lives!

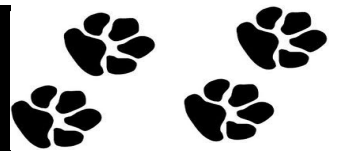
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- ❖ **May 21, 2011:** Zavella Eco Clothing will host a fashion show to benefit Foothills Animal Shelter at NOW Artspace (3977 Tennyson St., Denver, CO 80212). More deTAILS coming soon!
- ❖ **May 26, 2011:** Falling Rock, Evergreen's own Classic Rock Band, will be playing at In the Zone Sports Bar (15600 W. 44th Ave., Golden, CO 80403) from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. to benefit Foothills Animal Shelter. \$10 minimum recommended donation at the door.
- ❖ **June 13, 2011:** 6th Annual Mulligans For Mutts Golf Tournament, Lakewood Country Club, www.MulligansForMutts.org
- ❖ **July 21, 2011:** Denver West Percentage Days, Barnes & Noble and other Denver West retailers
- ❖ **July 23, 2011:** 2nd Annual Raise the WOOF! Gala, The Mathews Collection (5889 Lamar St., Arvada, CO 80003), www.RaiseTheWoof.org



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Kitten Season



As temperatures begin to warm up and the days get longer, we all start to enjoy the new sights and smells of spring. For FAS staff and volunteers though, it's known as "kitten season." Kitten season is upon us, and the Shelter is gearing up to help the little ones grow up to be healthy, adoptable cats. Kitten season usually starts mid-spring but it's already in full effect at FAS. We currently have seven litters of kittens and more on the way. In order to provide the best care possible for these kittens, we rely on the help of volunteers, foster parents, and donors. Without the support from the community, the Shelter would not be able to care



for the thousands of kittens that come to us during kitten season, as on average, it costs FAS \$642 to raise one litter of kittens to an adoptable age. Please consider donating to FAS during this time of need.



The 4th Annual Soup Cook-Off



The 4th Annual Soup Cook-Off, a fundraising event supporting Foothills Animal Foundation, was held on April 7th at Fidelity National Title Company. The event was a huge success thanks to Lynnnda Gies and her team. There were 13 volunteer cooks, a fantastic array of baked goods, and many generous guests that came to taste and donate. Congratulations to our winners! Our First Place Chef was Lisa Normann of Universal Lending; Second Place went to Jan Kailey of Fidelity National Title Admin and Third Place went to Toni Rice of Remax Alliance. The real winners (of course!) of the Soup Cook-Off are the animals at Foothills Animal Shelter. Thanks to all of the amazing volunteers and donors for coming out to support such a great fundraising event! We are already looking forward to next years Soup Cook-Off!



Caitlyn Ray, FAF Development Manager, receiving the check from Lynnnda Gies.

Spring Pet Safety Tips

With spring right around the corner it's time for pet parents to shift gears from winter care for their pets and start thinking of what it takes to keep pets healthy and safe in the springtime.

Here are some pet tips to keep in mind as we spring forward:

- ❖ Keep fertilizers and pesticides away from your pets, and keep your pets off the lawn after these chemicals have been applied.
- ❖ When hiking or walking with your dog, make sure to bring water with you so that you can keep your dog hydrated during exercise.
- ❖ It's always a great idea to microchip your animals, especially dogs and cats that might make their way outside during the nice weather. Microchips help you and your pet to be reunited if they were to get out of your backyard.
- ❖ If you leave your dog outdoors for any amount of time, be sure to leave water and a sheltered area for your pet to retreat to if they get hot.
- ❖ Remember: never leave your dogs in a vehicle for any extended amount of time. The temperature in your car can double in a matter of minutes! One scientific finding reports: "On a day when the outside temperature was 73° Fahrenheit, it took only 10 minutes for the temperature sensor inside the car to reach a lethal level of 107° Fahrenheit".
- ❖ Avoid using cocoa bean mulch – this can be toxic to dogs.
- ❖ Keep cats away from lilies, as this plant is very toxic to cats.
- ❖ Keep all cleaning products, including paint and paint thinners, in a place where your pet can't reach them.
- ❖ It is a good idea to use a flea preventative as fleas reproduce at a very high rate, especially in warm weather.
- ❖ Keep a look out for ticks on your pet's coats! Ticks are very small and can hide easily on furry pets. Carefully inspect your pet from nose to tail after spending time outdoors.

Thank you to our 2011 event sponsors!



If you would like information regarding our sponsorship opportunities, contact Megan Peters at mpeters@fas4pets.org or 720.407.5227

Canvas and Cocktails Event

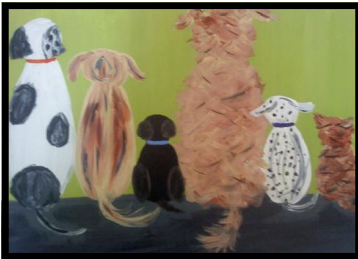


The amazingly talented and generous group of women from Bank of America and Merrill Lynch's Women's Exchange.

The Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Women's Exchange, a group of associates dedicated to Connect, Collaborate, and Inspire, hosted an evening full of creativity and giving in support of Foothills Animal Foundation. The group, which has been collecting monetary and wish-list donations for Foothills Animal Foundation at their Metro Denver offices over the past month, gathered at Canvas and Cocktails in Cherry Creek to paint *Well Behaved Dogs*. We are so grateful to all who put on their painting smocks and generously gave in support of FAF!



FAF Board Member, Sue Evanoff, and Women's Exchange host, Deanna Myer, creating masterpieces.



Foundation CEO, Megan Peters' rendering of the *Well Behaved Dogs* painting.



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Dog Training Classes at FAS



Katie being rewarded for her good behavior.

Foothills Animal Shelter recently expanded services by offering dog training to the public. 20 dogs and owners completed the first session of training in March with great success. FAS received great feedback from all of the students, including the following testimonial:

"We've had classes at PetSmart, Denver Dumb Friends League and private. This was the best, really!"

Don't miss the chance to help your dog become a better companion animal by signing up for either the puppy or basic obedience classes. Classes will be available on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings starting June 16.

For more information, please visit the Dog Training page at <http://www.foothillsanimalshelter.org/how-we-care/dog-training/>, or call Mollie Thompson, Community and Event Coordinator at 720.407.5216 or mthompson@fas4pets.org. Space is limited, so enroll your dog today!



Wynn patiently waiting for her treats.



Willis learning his commands.



Stephanie, dog trainer, working one-on-one with Bohdi.

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 Mon.-Fri.: 11a.m.-7p.m., Sat.-Sun.: 10a.m.-6p.m.
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