



Critter Columns

December 2010

300 Donors + 2 months = \$100,000!

You can help us receive a \$100,000 matching grant from the Animal Assistance Foundation!
(Update: since launching the campaign we have raised over \$21,000!)

Foothills Animal Foundation needs to raise \$200,000 towards the Capital Campaign building fund by December 31st in order to receive a \$100,000 matching grant.

We need:

- 100 donors to contribute \$1,000
- 200 donors to contribute \$500
- All in two months!



'Tis the season for giving!

Donate to the 3 2 1 Campaign
by clicking the link below.

https://www.blacktie-colorado.com/online_sales/nonprofit_donation_enhanced.cfm?id=1313&campaignid=193

Foothills Animal Shelter is a unique Inter-governmental organization. Jefferson County, and the municipalities within the County, provide nearly 1/3 of our annual funding, and provided over half of the funding for the new Foothills Animal Shelter facility. Despite this generous support, the Foothills Animal Foundation is responsible for funding nearly \$2,000,000 towards the construction of the new building. The opportunity was presented by Jefferson County to build immediately, rather than waiting for the Capital Campaign funds to be raised. So even though the building is complete, Foothills Animal Foundation still needs to raise nearly \$1,000,000.

Please consider joining our **321 Campaign** by clicking the link above or contact Megan Peters, CEO, Foothills Animal Foundation at 720-407-5227 or mpeters@fas4pets.org

Holiday Safety Tips for Your Pet

- ◆ Never give an animal as a surprise gift. Owning a pet is a huge responsibility: make pet ownership a thoughtful process. If you were thinking of giving a pet as a gift, please bring your loved one in to pick a pet of their choice.
- ◆ Don't leave your pets outside in the cold weather! They are much happier, healthier and safer indoors, with the exception of supervised outdoor exercise. Remember, if you are cold and ready to go inside, your pet probably is, too!
- ◆ Be careful with holiday decorations. Common yuletide plants such as poinsettias, mistletoe, ivy and holly berries can be poisonous, possibly even fatal.
- ◆ Pets are not garbage disposals for holiday left-overs. Poultry bones can splinter and cause blockages, chocolates are poisonous, and any sudden change of diet, even for just one meal, can give your dog or cat stomach pain and diarrhea.
- ◆ A Christmas tree should stand in a flat, wide base. You might also want to anchor the tree with fishing line tied to drapery rods or the wall. Cats often see trees as fabulous climbing posts. If your feline shows a penchant for this activity, decorate with animal-safe items such as dried flowers, pine cones or fabric and wood ornaments.
- ◆ Crowds of people during holiday festivities can frighten animals. If you plan to entertain, you must plan ahead on your pets' behalf. Make sure they have a "safe haven" where they can retreat.
- ◆ Tree adornments and Christmas and Hanukkah candles can cause choking or severe intestinal problems if swallowed. Exposed wiring can electrocute a curious animal who chews on it.
- ◆ Salt and other snow-melting chemicals are very harmful to pets if ingested. Wipe off your pet's feet with a damp cloth before your pet licks them! There are also pet-friendly ice melts at many pet supply stores.





Tiger

K2 and Tiger came to Foothills Animal Shelter because their owners had too many animals. They found solace in each other, but other animals and people seemed to scare them. The two boys would hide out in the back of their condo, hardly acknowledging anyone. They were a fearful pair.

A few weeks ago, a family adopted K2 without Tiger. Unfortunately, it was unsuccessful and K2 was returned to FAS because of his terrible separation anxiety. K2 was placed back in the condo where Tiger resided and they

both seemed much happier now that they were together again.



K2

Because of the behavioral issues K2 and Tiger were having, FAS staff called on a dedicated volunteer to begin working with them in hopes of easing their fear and anxiety. After several massage sessions, K2 and Tiger became much calmer and more open to human interaction. Staff and volunteers continued to socialize them, and K2 and Tiger continued to make huge improvements in their behavior. Shortly thereafter they found their forever home, together!



MARK Your Calendars!

Percentage Day at Whole Foods Belmar and Mile High Wine & Spirits Belmar

When: Wednesday, December 1st

Where: Whole Foods Market Belmar and Mile High Wine & Spirits Belmar. (these stores are situated right around the corner from each other, off of S. Vance St.). Belmar Shopping Center is located near the cross streets of Alameda and Wadsworth.

What: Join us at Whole Foods Market and Mile High Wine & Spirits at Belmar Shopping Center and participate in the Percentage Day! These two merchants will donate a percentage of all purchases made on December 1st to Foothills Animal Foundation. The funds received from this event will go towards the new building fund. We will have informational displays, adoptable dogs, and the large mobile unit onsite to greet customers and patrons of both stores and Foothills Animal Shelter. So be sure to stop by and stock up on groceries and wine for the holidays. Can't wait to see you there!



December 8th is Colorado Gives Day!

When: December 8th, 24-hour period from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Where: www.givingfirst.org/cogivesday

What: Community First Foundation is striving to raise a million dollars in one day for selected non-profits in Colorado. Thanks to generous support from local businesses—most notably, a \$250,000 gift from FirstBank Colorado—all donations made to Colorado Charities **on December 8th** via the Community First Foundation website will be matched by up to \$0.30 per dollar! This means your gift of \$25 could really equate to \$32.50 and if you donate \$100, Foothills Animal Foundation would receive \$130!

Community First Foundation will not use any donations toward administrative fees—*100% plus goes directly to your charity of choice.* Be sure to visit www.givingfirst.org/cogivesday on December 8th and search for the Foothills Animal Foundation's profile. From there, you can simply click on the "donate" button. As always, all donations are tax deductible.

Furry Feature: Rocky



In early fall, Rocky was surrendered to Foothills Animal Shelter due his escaping ways. Upon arrival, the FAS staff immediately recognized that Rocky wasn't just a large Shepherd mix: he was a wolf-dog hybrid. Rocky's owners purchased him when he was just a puppy. The person selling the puppies told them he was a Shepherd mix. Little did they know they were bringing a wolf-dog hybrid into their family.

Since wolf hybrids are genetic mixtures of wolves and dogs, their physical and behavioral characteristics cannot be predicted with any certainty. Having a wolf-dog hybrid is a huge risk for any owner. Rocky was always jumping fences, digging out of the yard, and causing mischief in the neighborhood. His owners were unable to control him so they decided to surrender him to FAS. Meanwhile, a volunteer from WolfWood Rescue, a non-profit refuge dedicated the rescue of wolf-dogs, came to visit the Shelter. The volunteer learned about our special wolf-dog hybrid and made a call to WolfWood. It was Rocky's lucky day. WolfWood is usually filled to its capacity because it is one of the only wolf-dog rescues in Colorado. Against odds, there was a space open for Rocky at the rescue.

Shortly after receiving the good news from WolfWood, Angela Davis, Director of Operations of Foothills Animal Shelter, made a trip to Ignacio, Colorado with Rocky where he found his forever home with dogs of his own kind. While on her tour at WolfWood, Angie saw another wolf-dog hybrid that was rescued from TMAC nine years prior. "It's amazing to see these hybrids in a happy space. Because of their wolf-dog mix, they don't fit into any category. They have special needs and behaviors and WolfWood provides a great space for these animals to thrive."



Are you racking your brain about what to get your loved ones for the holidays?

Consider buying a brick to benefit Foothills Animal Shelter!

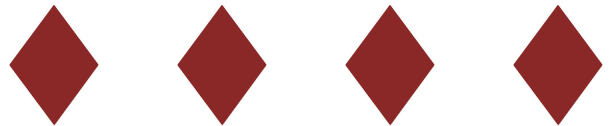
When you purchase a brick, you have the option of buying a replica keepsake brick for a fraction of the price. These tribute bricks look great in your home, office and garden. This is a great way to honor or memorialize a loved one or pet!

For Sam, Rufus and Penny
Thank you for
your companionship!

Click the link below to order your brick today!

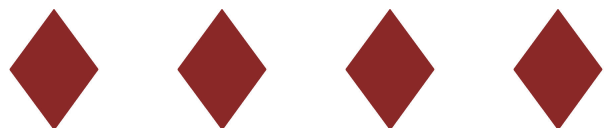
<http://www.foothillsanimalshelter.org/how-you-care/ways-to-help-list-of-supporters/bricks/>

(Replica keepsake bricks will not be ready in time for the holidays but you will be sent a FAS note card with the brick text inside so you can inform your loved ones of your thoughtful gift.)



"Howliday" Wish List for FAS

- ◆ Gift cards to PetsMart, Petco, Target & Walmart
- ◆ 9 Volt batteries for microchip scanners
- ◆ KMR milk replacement supplement
- ◆ Kong toys (all sizes)
- ◆ Science Diet canned kitten food
- ◆ Newspaper
- ◆ Curtain rod rings (kitten toys)
- ◆ Cat toys (not with catnip)
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Step stools
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Hand sanitizer



Foothills Animal Shelter Contact Information/Hours of Operation

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