

What is your favorite thing to do on a bitter cold winter night?

Maybe, like us, you enjoy sitting in front of a warm fire with your family pets curled at your feet or on your lap.

This past year, not all animals were lucky enough to have a warm place to curl up on the coldest of nights. Many pets were left outside to freeze.

Thanks to you and your generous support of Foothills Animal Foundation, Pickles and Heartford are alive today, despite being left out in the cold.

You may remember nights this past winter when temperatures were well below freezing. Pickles, a one-year-old French Bulldog, was left in a cardboard box outside of Foothills Animal Shelter's intake lobby on one of these nights. She was just feet away from the Shelter's heated night drop room.

When Pickles was found early the next morning, icicles had formed in her fur. It was soon discovered that her health problems were more extensive than just exposure to this deep freeze.



Pickles had a life-threatening condition which required extensive medical repair. Because of generous donations from people like you, our Chief Veterinarian, with assistance from a local specialist, was able to operate on Pickles and provide the medical care she needed in Foothills Animal Shelter's in-house surgical clinic.



Heartford came to us on February 1, 2011 which was one of the coldest days on record in the Denver metro area. Local news stations were warning people not to spend more than a few minutes outside because exposure to the extreme temperatures and wind chill could be dangerous.

While most of us were likely staying warm indoors, a dedicated Westminster Animal Control Officer found Heartford, a four-year-old domestic Tabby cat, searching desperately for shelter.

Heartford was rushed to Foothills Animal Shelter and immediately began to receive medical care. **His frostbite was so severe on his head and paws that over the course of the next two months, most of the tissue on his ears died and needed to be removed.**

Pickles and Heartford can't speak for themselves, so we want to say "thank you" on their behalf. Thank you for giving Foothills Animal Shelter the ability to devote time and resources to save their lives. **Because of your generosity, Pickles and Heartford are now safe and warm in their forever homes.**

We hope you will renew your support to Foothills Animal Foundation this year-end. You can help us to ensure that no pet is left out in the cold to die this coming winter.



It is with your support that we stand prepared to offer the highest level of care and compassion to every animal and every person that enters our doors.

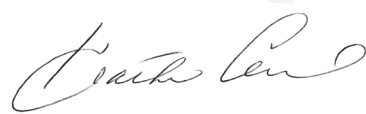
- **A gift of \$25** helps Foothills Animal Shelter spay or neuter a homeless animal in our care before it is adopted.
- **A gift of \$56** will provide milk and food for an orphaned kitten or puppy during its entire stay at Foothills Animal Shelter.
- **A gift of \$198** will provide full care, including spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchip, vet exam, and behavioral evaluation to one healthy animal during their temporary stay at Foothills Animal Shelter.

We would like to encourage you to increase your annual donation to Foothills Animal Foundation, so together we can save more lives like Pickles and Heartford.

On behalf of the 10,000 animals we serve each year, thank you.



Megan A. Peters
Chief Executive Officer
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P.S. You helped us save the lives of animals impacted by all types of severe weather this past year—not just freezing temperatures. Foothills Animal Shelter took in, cared for, and adopted out many animals from the tornado ravaged shelters in Oklahoma and Texas. Foothills Animal Shelter also serves as the evacuation site for family pets when wildfires break out in Jefferson County. We served our community in full evacuation mode three times already this year!

P.P.S. A gift of \$250 or more annually will qualify you for our Circle of PAWSibilities. You will receive this exclusive car magnet to proudly display, and be invited to a private reception in the Foothills Animal Shelter HOPE Center for Humane Education in 2012!

