



# Foothills Animal Foundation



## Critter Columns

November 2011

### You Can Help Us Raise \$100,000 on December 6!

Colorado Gives Day is just days away! **Tuesday, December 6** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Colorado Gives Day. This initiative was started by the Community First Foundation in an effort to increase philanthropy in Colorado. The first Colorado Gives Day, held in 2010, was a huge success, raising nearly \$9 million for local charities and foundations. Foothills Animal Foundation was part of this historic day of giving and we hope you, your friends and family will be able to support us again this year.



Remember, all donations made on December 6th via the Community First Foundation's Giving First website will be matched by up to \$0.10 per dollar, thanks to generous support provided by FirstBank Colorado. In addition to First Bank's incentive fund, additional challenge grants are being offered! Three of these challenge grants will be awarded to the organizations with the **highest number of donors**. So, even if you or your friends and family can only donate a few dollars, please consider making a contribution to Foothills Animal Foundation on December 6. 100% of your donation will benefit the animals and programs of Foothills Animal Shelter.

Visit [www.givingfirst.org/cogivesday](http://www.givingfirst.org/cogivesday) on December 6th to participate in this incredible day of giving. To go directly to Foothills Animal Foundation's profile page visit, <http://www.givingfirst.org/FoothillsAnimalShelter>. From there, you can simply click on the "donate" button. Worried you may forget to make your donation on December 6? You can visit our profile page anytime and set up a donation to be processed on December 6th!

### Donate to Foothills Animal Foundation by clicking the link below!

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### Furry Feature: Buttercup



When Buttercup, a 4-month old terrier mix puppy, came to Foothills Animal Shelter on Halloween, she was too scared to do anything but shake and shiver in the corner of her kennel. Before being brought to the Shelter by an Animal Control Officer, she had been hiding in a firewood pile in Wheat Ridge for at least a week. During that time, Colorado experienced its first big snow storm of the year. Unfortunately, Buttercup had been left out in that freezing cold and could have suffered a terrible fate. Thankfully, her life was soon saved when she arrived at Foothills Animal Shelter.

After being assessed, Buttercup was put in the administration area of the Shelter to receive extra socialization from staff to help her gain confidence. Slowly but surely, Buttercup began to come out of her shell, trust people and start acting like a puppy. It seemed that all she needed was a little love and to be assured she was in a safe environment.

When it was time for Buttercup to go up for adoption, the first person in line was the Animal Control Officer who brought her to the Shelter. Buttercup's story came full circle when she went to her loving, forever home with the person who originally found her shivering in a wood pile. Now, Buttercup gets to enjoy a holiday season full of warmth and love. Foothills Animal Shelter is thankful for the vital partnership with the Animal Control Officers, who help to ensure that no pet is left out in the cold.



## MARK Your Calendars!

### Save These Dates to Help Save Lives!

<http://www.foothillsanimalshelter.org/news-events/events/>

**December 6 Colorado Gives Day:** (24 hours starting at 12 am on Tuesday, December 6, 2011) The 2nd Annual Colorado Gives Day is set for Tuesday December 6, 2011. Sponsored by Community First Foundation and FirstBank Colorado, Colorado Gives Day is an initiative to increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. In 2010, Coloradans donated a whopping \$8.7 million, which was distributed to 529 Colorado nonprofits—Foothills Animal Foundation among them!

For more information about Colorado Gives Day visit, [www.givingfirst.org/cogivesday](http://www.givingfirst.org/cogivesday). To go directly to the Foothills Animal Foundation's profile page visit, <http://www.givingfirst.org/FoothillsAnimalShelter>.

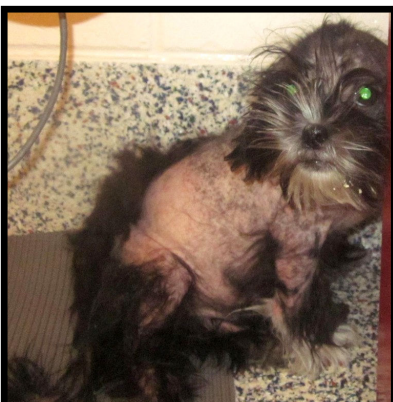
**December 10 Art on the Brix Event:** Saturday, December 10 at 6:30pm Art on the Brix and The Green Paw & Spaw in Golden will be hosting a Paint your Pet event with 10% of all proceeds to benefit the animals at Foothills Animal Shelter. For more information please contact, Art on the Brix at 303.862.5426 or visit [www.artonthebrix.com](http://www.artonthebrix.com)

**December 13 Chow Down Supper Club\* at Mile High Wine & Spirits:** Stock up on wine and spirits for holiday parties and gifts. Mile High Wine & Spirits will donate a percentage of *all* purchases made on December 13th between 10 am-9pm to Foothills Animal Foundation! Mile High Wine & Spirits is located in the Belmar Shopping Center at 435 S. Vance St., Lakewood, CO 80226.

**January 18 Chow Down Supper Club\* at Chipotle:** Come hungry for delicious Mexican food on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 4-8pm. The Chipotle located in the Colorado Mills Mall campus (14255 W Colfax Ave., Lakewood) and the Chipotle located in the Applewood Shopping Center (3294 Youngfield Street, Wheat Ridge) will be hosting a percentage night for the animals at Foothills Animal Shelter. Chipotle will be donating a whopping 50% off all purchases made during the hours of 4-8pm. Be sure to tell your friends!

**\*More about the Chow Down Supper Club:** These causal gatherings are hosted by a different local eatery each month. It's a great way to join other Shelter supporters to enjoy a delicious dinner, all to benefit the programs and animals at Foothills Animal Shelter. A portion of all food proceeds made by the area restaurant on the designated day will be donated back to Foothills Animal Shelter. So come hungry and leave knowing you've helped many homeless animals! Questions? Contact Caitlyn Ray at 720.407.5226 or [cray@fas4pets.org](mailto:cray@fas4pets.org)

## Furry Feature: Bam Bam & Suzie



Bam Bam prior to treatment

Bam Bam and Suzie, two five-month-old terrier mix puppies, were brought to Foothills Animal Shelter by a dedicated Lakewood Animal Control Officer one cold morning in September. The two pups were missing most of their fur and were very scared. Bam Bam and Suzie were brought directly to FAS's Health Care Unit for a full assessment. After a few tests, the Health Care Team found that both puppies had a very contagious skin disease called mange. The two puppies underwent treatment for their illness, and with help from the Shelter's dedicated staff and volunteers, Bam Bam and



Bam Bam and Suzie fully recovered

Suzie became healthier and much more socialized. Bam Bam and Suzie made a full recovery and were put up for adoption shortly thereafter. Both pups were adopted into very loving homes just days after being put on the adoption floor.

Foothills Animal Shelter Contact Information/Hours of Operation

Mon.-Fri.: 11am-7pm, Sat.-Sun.: 10am- 6pm

580 McIntyre St., Golden, CO 80401

Phone: 303.278.7575

[www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org](http://www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org)

## Holiday Pet Safety Tips

Like many of us at Foothills, you probably want your pets to be included in your holiday festivities. During this time of year, it is important to keep to your pet's exercise and feeding routines to ensure your pet stays healthy and happy throughout the holiday season. Here are a few additional things to keep in mind during the holiday excitement:



- ◆ 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 to— complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Be careful with holiday decorations. Common yuletide plants such as poinsettias, mistletoe, ivy and holly berries can be poisonous, and possibly even fatal. Tree adornment and Hanukkah candles can also cause choking or severe intestinal problems if swallowed.
- ◆ Pets are not garbage disposals for holiday leftovers. 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. If your animal-loving guests would like to give your pets a little extra something during the holiday festivities, ask them to start a nice play or petting session. Your pets will love it!
- ◆ If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ 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.



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## HOWLiday Happenings

### Looking for that perfect gift?

You may have that person on your holiday gift list that seems to have everything. What better gift to give an animal lover in your life than a donation to Foothills Animal Foundation made in their honor. Click the link below to make a gift in honor of a loved one or pet. [https://www.blacktie-colorado.com/online\\_sales/nonprofit\\_donation.cfm?id=1313](https://www.blacktie-colorado.com/online_sales/nonprofit_donation.cfm?id=1313)



**December 3 & 4 Santa Claws Photos:** Have your pet's photo taken with Santa! Foothills Animal Shelter is partnering with PetSmart for Santa Claws photos. Customers and their pets are invited to pose for a holiday photo with Santa Claws for only \$9.95. The Shelter will receive \$5 from each photo sale. Join us from 11 am-4 pm at PetSmart (3540 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge).

**December 3, 4, 10 & 11 Santa Paws:** Dog park volunteers will be at the West Arvada Dog Park accepting wish list items for the Foothills Animal Shelter from 9 am – Noon. The West Arvada Dog Park is located at 17975 West 64th Parkway, Arvada.

## Make a Lasting Impression

Looking for the perfect gift for your animal-loving friends or family? Consider buying a brick to benefit the animals at Foothills Animal Shelter. When you purchase a brick to be displayed prominently in the main lobby of Foothills Animal Shelter, 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. Click the link below to order your brick today!

The Johnson Family  
in loving memory  
of  
Duke and Henry  
We love and miss you



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

<http://www.foothillsanimalshelter.org/bricks>

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

'Tis the Season of Giving!  
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