



Foothills
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Critter Columns

September 2011

DOGtober Fest: Pledge your support today!

In celebration of the national campaign, Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, Foothills Animal Shelter will be hosting Dogtober Fest for the entire month of October. It is a great opportunity to showcase the wonderful adoptable puppies and dogs in the Shelter's care while educating the public about benefits of owning a canine companion. Adoption specials and giveaways will be offered during the entire month.

Last year, just over 130 dogs were adopted from Foothills Animal Shelter during the month of October. This year, we are challenging ourselves and the community to find forever homes for 200 dogs in October! **We invite you to show your support**, while offering even greater incentive for someone to adopt a dog from us **by pledging to give 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00, or any other amount to Foothills Animal Foundation per dog adopted during Dogtober Fest!** We have many media spots lined up already, and what better way to promote this month long event than to say "for each dog adopted from Foothills Animal Shelter this October, community supporters have cumulatively pledged to donate \$86 (or another amount) To Foothills Animal Foundation to assist in the care of the 10,000+ animals cared for by Foothills each year.

Dogtober Fest Pledge Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Circle one: I want to Pledge 25¢, 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00, or \$_____ for each dog adopted from FAS in October 2011.
or Enclosed is my one-time gift of \$_____.

Foothills Animal Foundation will send you an invoice totalling your pledge the first week of November. Please remit this form to
Foothills Animal Foundation, Attn: Megan Peters, 580 McIntyre St., Golden, CO 80401

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

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Ginger, a five-year-old Persian cat, was surrendered to Foothills Animal Shelter in May of 2011 because she did not get along with the other animals in her household. Ginger was placed into one of Foothills Animal Shelter's beautiful Cat Condo's where she could be closely monitored while also receive some much needed socialization. Ginger enjoyed many months atop the Shelter's custom designed cat walks where she could survey her condo and choose the people she would visit with. It is commonly said in the animal welfare world that adopters don't pick their new cat; the cat picks them! After many months of looking for that perfect someone, Ginger fell in love with a potential adopter and the bond was mutual. Ginger was adopted into a very loving home where she will be the only pet, perfect for a feisty cat in need of lots of attention.

Furry Feature: Ginger



December 6 is Colorado Gives Day!

Yes, it's that time of year again when the Community First Foundation strives to raise millions of dollars in one day for select non-profits in Colorado. Thanks to generous support from local businesses—most notably, a \$500,000 gift from FirstBank Colorado—all donations made to Colorado Charities on December 6th via the Community First Foundation website will be matched by up to \$0.10 per dollar! This means your gift of \$25 could really equate to \$27.50 and if you donate \$100, Foothills Animal Foundation would receive \$110! Also, your donation will be processed free of merchant charges so, 100% of your donation goes directly to your charity of choice, not towards administrative fees. As always, all donations are tax deductible.



Another exciting benefit of Colorado Gives Day is that FAF has a chance to win one of twelve \$5,000 prizes! These prizes are awarded to organizations that reach the following goals: most donors, most dollars raised, largest percent increase in dollars, and most dollars raised through fundraising pages.

Be sure to visit www.givingfirst.org/cogivesday on December 6th to participate in this incredible day of giving. To go directly to the 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!



MARK Your Calendars!

Save These Dates to Help Save Lives!

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

November 28-- NEW DATE: Chow Down Supper Club: Udi's Pizza Café Bar in Olde Town Arvada will be serving up their award winning vegan dinner from 5 pm to 9 pm in support of the animals. Udi's is located at 7600 Grandview Ave., Arvada, CO 80002. If you have a large party, it's suggested to come closer to 5 pm or 8:30 pm.

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!

November 12 & 13, 2011 Howl-iday Mart: Join us in the Foothills Animal Shelter's Hope Center for Humane Education / Community Room and stock up on holiday gifts for you and your loved ones. Vendors throughout the area will be selling jewelry, holiday decor, pet products, animal-themed books, soaps, crafts, and more, and a percentage of each vendors sales will benefit the animals at Foothills Animal Shelter. The sale will take place Saturday, November 12, 12 noon – 4 pm; and Sunday, November 13, 11 am – 3 pm.

More about the Howl-iday Mart: Calling all small business owners, merchants and vendors! This is a unique opportunity to get your products and wares out to the staff, volunteers, donors, and visitors of Foothills Animal Foundation. We will provide you with a display table in the HOPE Center for Humane Education/Community Room where you can meet customers and sell your goods. In exchange, we ask for your commitment to donate a percentage of your total sales from the Mart to Foothills Animal Foundation. For more information or to register, contact Foundation CEO Megan Peters (mpeters@FAS4pets.org; 720.407.5227)

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 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. To go directly to the Foothills Animal Foundation's profile page visit, <http://www.givingfirst.org/FoothillsAnimalShelter>

Furry Feature: Angelo

Angelo, a five-year-old Staffordshire terrier mix, was surrendered to FAS in November of 2010 because his family could no longer care for him. After a few months of kennel life, Angelo joined the P.H.A.T. (Psychology, Health and Training) Program. The P.H.A.T. Program helps our long-term canine residents, as well as dogs that may be considered to be dominant breeds, to reduce their stress levels during their stay at the shelter, and provide praise-motivated training to help these animals become very adoptable dogs. As part of the PHAT program, a group of volunteers take these dogs for a 2-mile trail walk five mornings a week, and then provide training and socialization in the Shelter's play yards.



Angelo spent a little over 200 days in the Shelter when a dedicated volunteer expressed interest in fostering Angelo to continue to train and socialize him at home. The Foster Program is comprised of approximately 100 dedicated volunteers who open up their homes to help care for animals that are too young to be adopted, sick, injured or exceedingly stressed in the Shelter environment. Angelo's personality really started to blossom in his foster home and he became a very relaxed and healthy dog. The connection between Angelo and his foster parents was undeniable. Angelo was adopted by his loving foster parents in September 2011.



If you haven't already, "*Like us*" for quick and easy access to all our posts on *Facebook*.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Foothills-Animal-Shelter/117020318354160?ref=ts>



Visit the new Pet Depot

With the state of the current economy, many of us are cutting things out of our budgets, and even struggling to purchase the necessities. Your beloved pets don't need to be affected by the economy, as Foothills Animal Foundation's Pet Depot sells new and gently used pet supplies, as well as pet food and treats, all for an affordable suggested donation. All of the items for sale at the Pet Depot are donated to Foothills Animal Foundation for one of many reasons. Large stores may choose to no longer carry a brand of food or pet product, or may change out their stock seasonally, donating the items to us. Food bags may rip during shipping, delivery, or stock, and therefore aren't able to be sold. Someone may try to feed their pet a food that turns out to not work out, and donate an almost full bag to the shelter. Or, when a pet passes away, leftover food and supplies are often donated.

Whether you need food bowls, collars, leashes, beds, or treats for a new addition to your family, or want to stock up on food and supplies for your pets at home, please visit our brand new location at 16948 S. Golden Rd., Golden, CO 80401, Friday from 2pm to 4pm and Saturday from 10am to 12pm. All proceeds from the Pet Depot are used to support the care of animals at Foothills Animal Shelter. Also, if you have new or gently used pet supplies that you no longer need, please consider donating them! Stop by the shelter any day of the week during our open hours, and someone at the front desk can assist you. As always, any donated food or product that can be used to enrich the experience of the animals in our care at the shelter will be used for that purpose. All other items will be available at the Pet Depot!

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

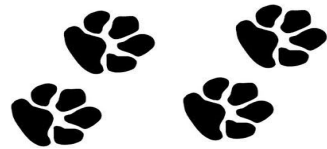
September's Chow Down Supper Club at Beso de Arte was a huge success!



Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the September Chow Down Supper Club at Beso de Arte. The beautiful weather was a perfect touch to an enjoyable evening in the heart of Downtown Morrison, not to mention the unbelievable support shown by all of the patrons and staff of Beso de Arte that evening! Many Foothills Animal Shelter staff, volunteers, and donors came out to enjoy some food, brews and views in support of the animals. A special thanks to the manager and staff at Beso de Arte for all of their hard work in support of the animals at FAS.

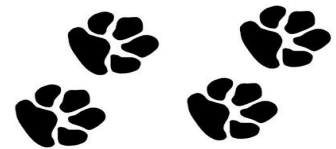


Have a favorite restaurant that you would like to see on the list of 2012 Chow Down Supper Club locations? Let us know! Contact Caitlyn Ray, Development Manager, at cray@fas4pets.org or 720.407.5226.



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