

At the Dumb Friends League, we work collaboratively with partners who support our mission, programs and events, creating a community of compassion to help the homeless pets and horses who come through our shelter doors each year. In this bi-annual Impact at a Glance report, we're sharing some of the stories and programs that are made possible with the support of our partners.

SPURring inspiration for the next generation

In January, the Dumb Friends League Veterinary Hospital at CSU Spur opened on Colorado State University's (CSU's) new "Spur" campus in Denver. This donor-subsidized veterinary hospital provides urgent, lifesaving medical treatment for owned pets when their owners have nowhere else to turn for care. These pet owners are often directed to the hospital by private veterinary clinics in the community, and by nonprofit organizations serving Coloradans in need.



In its first nine months of operation, the hospital has supported 2,958 pets and the people who love them with critical veterinary care, helping to keep animals healthy and families together. This work plays an essential role in the League's mission to end pet homelessness and animal suffering by ensuring that pets with loving families aren't relinquished or left to suffer simply because their families cannot afford care.

Our presence on the CSU Spur campus has an even greater impact because it extends

beyond the hospital walls. For example, the facility offers exciting opportunities for public education and engagement, including experiences designed to inspire young people from diverse and underserved communities to explore STEM-related careers like veterinary medicine.

- The hospital features an on-view exam room, dental suite, and surgical suite with large observation windows. Visitors of all ages can watch procedures while CSU docents describe the activity and field questions. Our feline spay and neuter clinic, which serves both owned and community cats, has also relocated to the CSU Spur campus and includes a window for public viewing.
- Children and adults visiting the CSU Spur campus can interact with animal-centered exhibits and enter the world of veterinary practice through virtual reality simulators. Mock exam rooms allow our youngest visitors to "treat" toy cats and dogs in an environment that mimics a real-life veterinary clinic.
- Our bilingual Humane Education team offers lessons onsite at no cost to school groups from throughout the Denver region with a focus on five targeted ZIP codes. Programs such as "Caring for Pets," "Bullying Prevention," and "Careers in Animal Welfare" are offered in Spanish and English to ensure inclusion for students from diverse neighborhoods, including the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea communities surrounding the campus.

The League welcomes our first bilingual educator

This summer, the League welcomed the first bilingual Community Educator to our Humane Education team. Before joining us, Marie Legrand previously taught Spanish-speaking students in a bilingual school within the Denver Public School system. As a native Coloradan, she has traveled extensively and taught in both Japan and Latin America—experiences she describes as particularly important because they allowed her to use other languages to connect with and teach people in their native countries. Making educational opportunities accessible to communities for whom English is not a first language is a passion for Marie.

In her new role at the League, Marie will be translating our Humane Education curriculum into Spanish, developing new bilingual programs, and visiting bilingual classrooms to provide the League's free, curriculum-based lessons in Spanish.

Marie is committed to ensuring that all children with a love for animals can access the League's educational resources, sharing, "I'm excited about sparking that passion and interest for animals and animal welfare in children and adults who speak Spanish."

- The League's first STEM Career Camp was held at CSU Spur this summer for high school students from the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea communities, along with other Denver neighborhoods. The camp provided hands-on experience and tangible resources for young, aspiring veterinary practitioners. Campers shadowed League veterinarians, technicians, and customer service representatives; observed wellness exams and surgical procedures; proposed treatment plans for sick and injured animals; and even met recruiters from the animal welfare and veterinary industries.

The League is honored to contribute to unique opportunities for learning and community engagement at CSU Spur by inspiring young people—particularly those from marginalized communities—to learn about animals and pursue their dreams of helping them.

Are you interested in touring our Veterinary Hospital at CSU Spur or seeing our Humane Education programs in action? Contact Rebecca Orozco, Corporate Partnership Manager (rorozco@ddfl.org), or Beth Robinson, Foundation Partnership Manager (brobenson@ddfl.org), to schedule a visit.

Donors make an impact for gravely neglected horses

In early July, our Colorado Humane Society investigators worked with local law enforcement to bring 80 gravely neglected, malnourished, and injured horses to the Dumb Friends League Harmony Equine Center in Franktown. Seeing these horses for the first time—most of whom were suffering from severe physical injuries, respiratory infections, and seeping wounds—was devastating for our entire team. "I've been doing this [work] for over 20 years, and this is probably one of the worst cases I have seen," said Bobbi Priestly, Director of Field and Equine Services at the League.

Shortly after arriving at Harmony, these critically wounded horses received vital nourishment, emergency veterinary treatment, pain management, and gentle affection. One mare even gave birth, bringing an unexpected bright light

to an otherwise dark time. "We came in the next morning, and there she was—healthy as can be," said our Equine Field Services Veterinarian, Dr. Courtney Diehl, reflecting on the sweet new arrival.

Thanks to our compassionate community, the team at Harmony received another consolation in the days and weeks after welcoming these horses—an incredible outpouring of love and donations to support their long-term rehabilitation. In fact, League supporters have given over \$200,000 to date, which has allowed us to provide ongoing, thoughtful care to each individual horse. Ours is one of the only programs in the country equipped to receive and rehabilitate horses living in unsafe conditions. Without this remarkable level of concern and generosity, we could not do the work we do.

Today, our equine specialists continue to care for the herd, providing attention and treatment to support their long-term well-being. We're proud to say three horses have already been adopted (with two more pending!), and the team hopes more will be ready for adoption soon. One likely candidate is Saba, a horse who came to us with a painful puncture wound in her eye that required enucleation surgery. At first, she was a bit withdrawn, but after her infected eye was removed, Saba became a big "puppy dog," allowing her face to be touched and seeking affection from her beloved caregivers at Harmony.

It is the potential of outcomes like these, made possible by our



partners in the community, that keeps our team going. Cases like this are unimaginably difficult, but it is comforting to know we have friends supporting us and the beautiful animals we serve. Harmony's Team

Leader of Equine Care, Taryn Hillman, spoke for all of us at the League when she said, "Thank you to the community for coming together to give so many of these horses a second chance at a better life!"

The Buddy Center turns 20!

When people think of the Dumb Friends League, they often picture our largest shelter, the Leslie A. Malone Center in Denver. They are often surprised to learn that the League actually operates shelters in three different cities across the state—Denver, Castle Rock, and

Alamosa. These multiple locations allow us to provide essential, high-quality animal welfare services in Colorado's urban and rural communities. During the last fiscal year alone, our three shelters welcomed more than 22,500 homeless pets in need of care.

Our Buddy Center in Castle Rock has been a valuable community resource to the residents of Douglas County for over two decades, offering adoption, lost and found, pet admission, behavioral support, and animal care services. In the last 20 years, the Buddy Center has also experienced remarkable growth, with expansions in the types of services it provides. For example, Castle Rock Animal Control officers now use the facility to conduct their business, and children and adults from the community regularly visit the shelter to participate in Humane Education programming.

Foundation and corporate partners are also vital to the Buddy Center's growth. Our foundation and corporate partners have provided invaluable support to ensure the Buddy Center continues to thrive as it turns 20.



FY22 HIGHLIGHTS

376,401

NIGHTS OF LOVE, CARE, AND SAFETY
FOR PETS IN NEED

1,412

FOUNDATION &
CORPORATE GIFTS

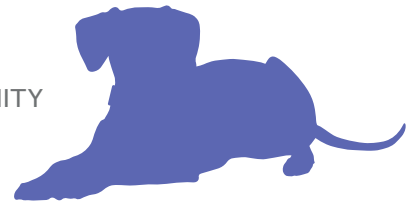


1,340

CASES OF CRUELTY AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATED BY
COLORADO HUMANE SOCIETY STATEWIDE

5,460

PETS SERVED VIA COMMUNITY
VACCINE CLINICS



1,353

VOLUNTEERS



205,787

HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE



11,530

PETS SERVED VIA COMMUNITY
SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES

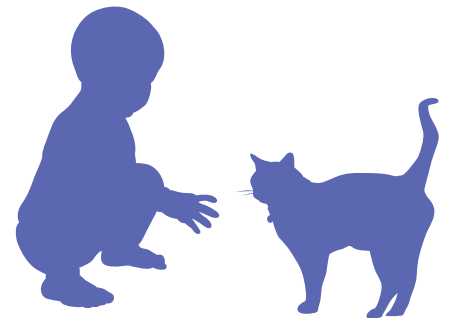
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FAMILIES KEPT WHOLE
THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY
VETERINARY HOSPITAL



13,392

CHILDREN AND ADULTS
REACHED VIA
HUMANE EDUCATION
PROGRAMS



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Our mission

Working with our compassionate community, we will end pet homelessness and animal suffering.

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