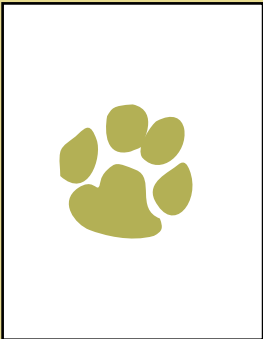




RABBIT HOPPERUS



FELINE PERSNICKITIS



CANINE WOOFERATIS



HUMAN CARETAKERUS

EVEN BETTER TOGETHER.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BOULDER VALLEY | ANNUAL REPORT 2004

# mission

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BOULDER VALLEY TO PROTECT  
AND ENHANCE THE LIVES OF COMPANION ANIMALS BY PROMOTING HEALTHY  
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PETS AND PEOPLE.



# words to live by

PREVENT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

ACCEPT EVERY ANIMAL WITH OPEN ARMS.

FIND HUMANE SOLUTIONS FOR ANIMAL OVERPOPULATION.

PLACE ANIMALS INTO LOVING HOMES.

SAVE ANIMALS AND IMPROVE LIVES.



# dear friends



Dear Friends of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley,

We've all experienced the awe of out-of-town visitors when they have the opportunity to spend a week or two in our beautiful community. Whether it's an early morning walk with the dogs at Little Dry Creek or hiking in Gregory Canyon, something about this place is recognized as magical by all those who come here. There's nothing like living in the Boulder area, and that is especially true if you're a companion animal.

I've never been sure whether great companion animals result in great people, or great people result in great companion animals. Either way, we're extremely fortunate to have all of you "great people" who have done so much for the Humane Society of Boulder Valley. In 2004, your support helped us to place 4,303 homeless animals with a guardian, including the placement of 1,525 animals that were transferred in from nearby communities. We even placed animals from Florida that were homeless as a result of Hurricanes Charley and Ivan.

Clearly, the impact of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley extends well beyond Boulder. Our staff tirelessly promotes our mission — "To protect and enhance the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people" — at local, state, and national levels. As just one example, our staff has recently been very active in defining a standard "save rate," which provides a conduit for animal welfare organizations throughout the country to follow our lead in placing healthy and treatable animals.

Looking to the future, HSBV's long-range plan maps out an aggressive path that will further expand our reach. Possibilities include the addition of shelter facilities in East Boulder County and/or Broomfield, expanding our dog training program by constructing a new training center at the 55th Street (Boulder)

shelter, and forming alliances with other shelters in the Colorado Front Range region to track and improve regional “save rate” and other metrics. It’s truly an exciting time, and we hope that you’ll join us in making these dreams, and others, a reality.

As you can see in this annual report, our organization had an enormous impact on the Boulder community in 2004. We need your ongoing support in 2005 to continue the Humane Society of Boulder Valley’s good work. Please take a moment to reflect on how you can help in 2005. Whether you support our organization financially, by participating in events, or by volunteering your time, every bit makes a difference. Can you commit to donating an additional \$25 or \$50 per month to help homeless animals today?

Thank you for your generosity and dedication to this remarkable organization — the Humane Society of Boulder Valley couldn’t do it without you. Together, we’ll make a difference in 2005 and beyond.

Warm Regards,



Trent R. Hein, President  
Humane Society of Boulder Valley  
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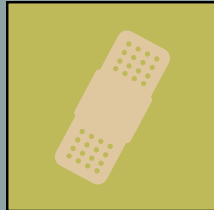


WITH OPEN DOORS AND OPEN ARMS, THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BOULDER VALLEY CARES FOR THE ANIMALS OF OUR COMMUNITY. EACH ANIMAL IS WELCOMED INTO OUR HOME AND QUICKLY FINDS A WAY INTO OUR HEARTS. THE NEEDS OF THE ANIMALS WE ENCOUNTER ARE AS INDIVIDUALIZED AS THEIR PERSONALITIES, AND WE TEND TO THEM ACCORDINGLY. A DOG WITH A BROKEN LEG, A CAT WITHOUT A GUARDIAN, OR A RAMBUNCTIOUS PUP, ALL REQUIRE A SPECIAL LEVEL OF CARE AND COMPASSION.



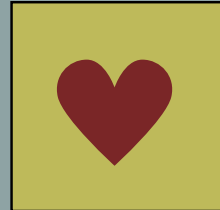
## PROTECTING

Over a century ago, the Humane Society of Boulder Valley was founded to protect those who did not have a voice to protect themselves. This mission holds true today as we counter animal neglect and cruelty by partnering with community animal care & control and law enforcement agencies.



## HEALING

Care and compassion are provided to every animal that comes through our doors by the Veterinary Clinic. Whether nurturing a stray back to health, performing a spay or neuter, or providing a simple check-up, the clinic is here to help.



## MATCHMAKING

A true love, a best friend, a faithful companion are all here at the Humane Society of Boulder Valley. Our adoption and outreach programs pair thousands of animals and guardians annually, bringing joy to both of their lives.

# and open arms

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BOULDER VALLEY IS HERE TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF BOTH ANIMALS AND THEIR GUARDIANS. WE ARE MORE THAN A SHELTER — WE ARE A COMPLETE PET RESOURCE DEDICATED TO PROTECTING, HEALING, MATCHMAKING, TEACHING AND REUNITING. FROM THE FIRST MOMENT YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR PET TO SHARING YOUR LIVES TOGETHER, THE HUMANE SOCIETY WILL BE THERE TO HELP YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.



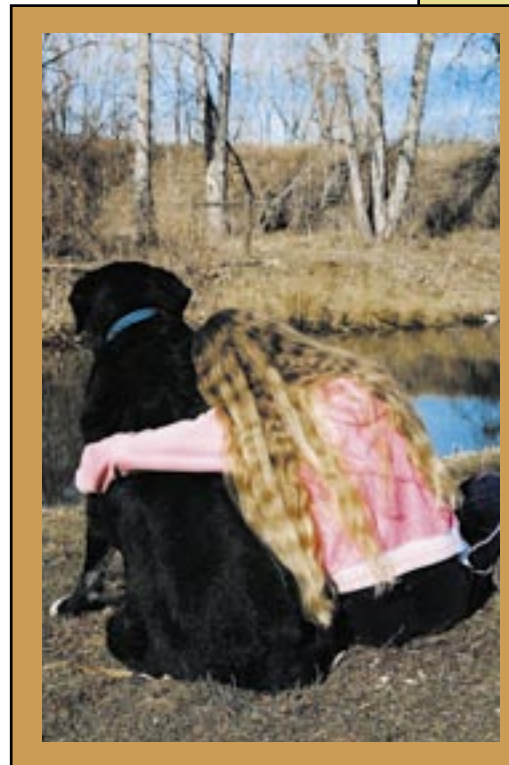
## TEACHING

From housetraining to advanced agility, the Training and Behavior program improves pet conduct and tightens the bond with guardians. The positive reinforcement based “click and treat” approach is effective and rewarding for pet and guardian alike.



## REUNITING

Keeping pets and their guardians together is one of the most critical and gratifying services provided by the Humane Society. Tagging and micro-chipping animals helps ensure pets and guardians are reunited quickly.



# protecting



## SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM

The Safe Haven Program provides short-term care and boarding for pets whose guardians are in crisis situations. Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence and the Emergency Family Assistance Association refer clients to us when their animals are in need of temporary care. We provide the animals with safe housing and medical care for a maximum of six weeks. In 2004, the Humane Society provided care to 30 of these animals, representing over 490 boarding days.

## CRUELTY INVESTIGATION

It could be the call about the neighbor's dog who's been left outside, day after day, without adequate shelter, food or water. Or a cat who has been injured or ill for a lengthy stretch of time, or a pet whose coat is so badly matted you're unable to see her face. We work closely with local law enforcement, social services, and child protection agencies to promote compassion and improve the quality of life in our community. Whatever the concern, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, the Humane Society provides animal rescue in Boulder.

## SART

(State Animal Response Team)

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley participates in the State Animal Response Team. SART unites over fifty organizations, including emergency response agencies, state agencies, local governments and private non-profits, and is charged with rescuing and protecting animals during disasters. The Humane Society of Boulder Valley's Animal Care and Control department is leading the effort to create our local county animal response team.

ONCE ABANDONED AND LEFT TO FEND FOR HIMSELF, MAVERICK FOUND HIS WAY TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY AND SOON INTO A LOVING HOME.





# healing



## MEDICAL REHABILITATION

Our medical treatment program aims to stabilize and treat every wounded and sick animal who comes through our doors until their guardians can be located or the animal can be placed in our adoption center. Over 40% of the animals we shelter need some level of medical treatment while in our care. Through our rehabilitation program we can ensure each animal gets the individualized attention they need to regain their health.

## VETERINARY CARE PROGRAM

The CARE Program provides medical care and spay/neuter surgeries at a discount to clients that qualify as low income. In this way, we can assure that companion animals receive proper medical care and remain in their home with their guardian. In 2004, the Veterinary Clinic provided over 342 discounted treatments and over 180 surgeries.

# sitting in shadows



## SITTING IN SHADOWS, Dewey Windsor

I'm sitting in shadows  
Without a doubt  
See that backyard, it's all mine  
It's where I go to romp and play  
Where I spend in part most every day

I'm sitting in shadows  
Without any doubt  
Atop my papa's favorite chair  
Feeling on top of the world  
For you see I'm allowed

I used to live at the shelter  
Known as the HSBV  
From there's where I was adopted  
From there saved from a life spent on  
the streets  
saved from a life of uncertainty

In shadows I'm sitting  
My future no longer in doubt  
Not forgetting others lost or abandoned  
Those like me who just can't wait  
once saved  
For a family's love and a yard to call  
their own.

When Dewey's beloved dachshund Sadie became ill, he started selling his possessions to raise the money for her surgery. Sadie's medical expenses far exceeded what Dewey

could afford living on disability. Thanks to the assistance of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley Veterinary Clinic's CARE program, Dewey was able to help Sadie have

the treatment she needed. CARE ensures guardians in need, like Dewey, can provide their pets with the appropriate veterinary services.

# matchmaking



## PET ADOPTION

At the Humane Society of Boulder Valley we are committed to finding homes for all healthy and treatable animals. Our progressive adoption program places thousands of lost, abandoned and unwanted companion animals with loving guardians. Last year 4,307 animals were adopted. Anyone interested in adopting can visit the shelter or our website, [boulderhumane.org](http://boulderhumane.org), to see photos and descriptions of our animals.

## TRANSFER PROGRAM

Our transfer partners — animal shelters from Colorado and neighboring states — rely on us to accept animals from their overcrowded facilities. With open arms, our staff and volunteers dedicate time and resources to help these animals find homes—animals who without this program would have faced an uncertain future. Last year 58 organizations transferred 1,525 animals to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley.

## FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Foster families make it possible to help more animals by providing the individualized care some animals need to become adoptable. Special needs animals, like orphaned puppies and kittens, thrive in our foster homes. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of 123 foster volunteers, 965 animals were cared for in temporary homes until they were placed in the adoption center. For information about how you can help, please call 303-442-4030, ext. 697.

## PET CARE CREW

One of the most recognized vehicles in Boulder County, the Pet Care Cruiser visits key locations throughout our community. This highly successful volunteer effort allows us to take pets available for adoption to potential pet adopters at a variety of retail sites, including local malls, community events and corporations. Last year over 21, 974 people visited our adoptable animals on-board the Cruiser. To schedule the Pet Care Crew to visit your location call (303) 442-4030, ext. 655.





# reuniting



## REUNITING PETS AND GUARDIANS

In 2004, 1,497 lost and stray animals were reunited with their guardians. The Humane Society offers a tagging and micro-chipping program to ensure this reunion happens as quickly as possible. With Animal Care and Control officers on call 24 hours a day, they make sure animals will be safely returned to their guardians.

## PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

A safe, caring environment where guardians can share their feeling about the loss of their companion animal, Pet Loss Support Groups are facilitated by professional volunteers trained in grief counseling. Sessions are provided free of charge. For more information, call 442-4030, ext. 609.

## PET CONNECT KIOSK

The Pet Connect Kiosk, located in 2004 at the Boulder Bookstore, allows the public to search a regional computer database for lost and homeless animals. The Dumb Friends League, Longmont Humane Society and Larimer Humane Society are our Kiosk partners, offering a wonderful avenue for people to search for lost animals, and learn about animals available for adoption. In 2005, the Kiosk moved to the FlatIron Crossing Mall near the Customer Service Desk and Food Court.

# elvis the cat

One of our long-time volunteers, Peggy Iden, often takes a special interest in our senior cats. So when Elvis, (named for his smirk as a result of missing front teeth), had spent several months in our shelter and still did not have a home, Peggy took notice. She became an advocate for Elvis. To prevent the depression that can set in with cats that have extended stays in a shelter, Peggy made sure Elvis went on the Pet Care Cruiser and visited the Thrift Store to gain more exposure and opportunities for adoption. Elvis even went home with Peggy sometimes for a change of scenery.



Peggy's persistence paid off and Elvis was adopted into a new, loving home. One day Peggy came by our Shelter, proud to show off the pictures of a content, smirking

Elvis she received from his new guardian. It was hard to say that day who had the bigger smile (or smirk), Elvis or Peggy.

# teaching



## **TRAINING AND BEHAVIOR PROGRAM**

The positive and gentle reinforcement training offered by our staff of expert trainers fosters our mission of promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. The community's commitment to well-behaved dogs allows us to be on the forefront of animal welfare in supporting programs that not only protect animals but also enhance those animals' lives. Our Training and Behavior Center is located at 5320 Arapahoe Avenue. Last year over 3,163 clients took advantage of the different classes that were offered by the Training and Behavior Center. For more information on training classes, call 303 442-5995.

## **COURT PROGRAM AND GRUMPY GROWLER CLASS**

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley, in partnership with the Cities of Boulder and Broomfield, evaluates and provides intervention programs for dogs in the community who receive an aggressive animal summons. The goal of the program is to offer professional, unbiased information about the dog and guardian. This information can then guide the court in implementing sentencing that may help the guardian to better manage problem behavior.

Dogs who have difficulty with other dogs and/or people can attend our Grumpy Growler class. The goal of the class is to teach dogs and clients to have a more harmonious relationship with the community. Skills are taught for the management and prevention of problem behavior. In 2004, over 150 clients and their dogs received services from the Court Program and the Grumpy Growler Class.





# caring



## **WEB SITE**

### **BOULDERHUMANE.ORG**

Updated every hour, you'll find photos and descriptions of the animals available for adoption at the Humane Society. The web site is also the fastest way to find program descriptions, information on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, pet care tips, and more.

## **THRIFT AND GIFT SHOP**

Thanks to your generous donations of household items, clothing and furniture, the Thrift and Gift Shop raised \$133,580 in 2004 to help support our programs at the Humane Society. Located at 5320 Arapahoe Avenue, the Thrift and Gift Shop is a great place to donate, shop and volunteer. Call 303-415-0685 for more information.

## **PROVIDING OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CARE**

Thanks to our supporters, the Humane Society of Boulder Valley has met the needs of thousands of animals for over one hundred years. A group of community volunteers founded our shelter in 1902, and that spirit of caring has continued to guide our important work.

## **BEQUEST SOCIETY**

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley Bequest Society recognizes those individuals who have made a legacy of care possible for the animals we serve. The bequests of donors over the decades have helped us build a strong institution that meets

the ever changing needs of the animals. For more information about the Bequest Society, call 303-442-4030, ext. 629.

## **CAMP HAPPY TAILS**

For the third year, the Humane Society of Boulder Valley hosted Camp Happy Tails in partnership with the YMCA. Seventy-eight campers participated in day camp activities, including learning about responsible pet guardianship and other humane education topics. This unique experience gave campers a chance to make a difference in the lives of the homeless animals we serve.

## **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley volunteers make a difference in the lives of homeless animals every day. In 2004, 570 volunteers contributed more than 69,000 hours to caring for the animals, raising funds, assisting with outreach and working in our retail centers. For more information on volunteering, visit our website, [boulderhumane.org](http://boulderhumane.org).

## **COMPANION CARE FOR LIFE**

After a guardian's death, the future of their companion animals can be uncertain. The Companion Care for Life Program assists in making the best possible arrangements for the care of your animals when you are no longer able to provide for their needs. For more information on the Companion Care for Life Program, call our Development Department at 303-442-4030, ext. 629.

# giving



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# animal stats



## THE NUMBERS BEHIND THE LIVES

<b>Received</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>Animals Placed with New Families</b>	
Adopted	4,307	Puppies and Dogs	2,080
Returned to guardian	1,497	Cats and Kittens	1,764
<b>Euthanasia</b>	<b>1,000*</b>	<b>Animal Care and Control</b>	
Adoptable	0	Total Calls	7,733
Requested by guardian	394	Welfare Investigations	234
<b>Shelter Animal Sterilizations</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>Foster Care</b>	
<b>Public Animal Sterilizations</b>	<b>1,530</b>	Animals Fostered	965

\* Potentially adoptable and unadoptable animals euthanized due to significant health or temperament issues.

## the story of tanner

When the storms hit Florida in September it wasn't only people that needed to be evacuated, but also the animals from the local humane societies. An overwhelming number of animals were in need of temporary shelter, forcing many shelters to consider euthanizing healthy animals simply for space. Thankfully, the Humane Society of the United States helped save hundreds of animals by transferring them to shelters around the country.

Tanner was one of the 15 dogs who came to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley. When he and his 14 companions arrived at DIA, we were there to greet them.

After routine tests it was discovered that Tanner was positive for heartworm, a life threatening parasite. Our veterinary clinic treated Tanner with a series of critical injections. Tanner made a full recovery and was adopted by his foster family.





# financials

SOURCES OF SUPPORT	EXPENSE ALLOCATION
<p><b>Shelter Services (57%)</b> Animal Adoptions; Lost and Found Services; Pet Behavior and Training; Animal Care and Control; Veterinary Clinic; and Retail.</p> <p><b>Capital Campaign Contributions (4%)</b></p> <p><b>Contributions (32%)</b> Other Grants; Fundraising Events; Donations; and Bequests.</p> <p><b>In-kind Contributions (0%)</b> Some professional services and equipment are donated.</p> <p><b>Investment Income (7%)</b></p>	<p><b>Animal Welfare and Control; Sheltering Services (51%)</b> Adoption Program; Lost and Found Services; Animal Care and Control services for the City of Boulder; Foster Care Program; Pet Receiving; Grooming; Pet Behavior and Training; Volunteer Program; Pet Visitation, and Animal Assisted Therapy.</p> <p><b>Animal Health Care (27%)</b> Veterinary care and supplies; spay and neuter surgeries; and foster medical care.</p> <p><b>Community Outreach (2%)</b> Humane Education and the Pet Care Crew.</p> <p><b>Support Services (5%)</b> Administration; accounting program development; and planning.</p> <p><b>Development and Fundraising (15%)</b></p>

SOURCES OF SUPPORT	2003	2004
Shelter Services	\$1,994,482	\$2,293,927
Capital Campaign Contributions	\$179,838	\$183,225
Other Contributions	\$1,204,310	\$1,272,369
In-kind Contributions	\$31,311	\$6,765
Investment Income	\$341,165	\$265,894
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,751,106</b>	<b>\$4,022,180</b>
EXPENSES	2003	2004
Animal Welfare & Control; Sheltering Service	\$1,940,163	\$1,952,367
Animal Health Care	\$830,325	\$1,021,645
Community Outreach	\$83,894	\$86,781
Support Services	\$194,685	\$212,753
Development & Fundraising	\$513,232	\$562,014
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,562,299</b>	<b>\$3,835,560</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$188,807</b>	<b>\$186,620</b>

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## **HUMANE SOCIETY OF BOULDER VALLEY**

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### **SHELTER HOURS**

Mon – Fri 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
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Sat – Sun 11:00 am – 5:00 pm  
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