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Española Valley Humane Society's Newsletter

'Love is our overhead'

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Mr. Wonderful

Mr. Wonderful was living on the streets with a badly broken front leg when he was found and brought to the Española Valley Humane Society last year. Sadly, his leg was so shattered that it had to be amputated. In spite of being in extreme pain, he quickly became a Shelter staff favorite.

The Shelter was anxious to find a loving home for Mr. Wonderful and knew that could happen quickly at Pike's Peak Humane Society in Colorado Springs. EVHS places about 1200 animals a year through partnerships with shelters in Colorado.

Five days after arriving in Colorado, Mr. Wonderful found his forever home. He was adopted by Dayna, who just adores him. She reports that he loves rubdowns, riding in the car and playing in the snow. Dayna enrolled Mr. Wonderful in the K-9 companion prison program in Colorado, where he lived with and was trained by a qualified inmate for four weeks. There he was taught basic commands and good social skills and graduated with flying colors.

Mr. Wonderful, now known as Blue, recently sent us this update

on his new life. "I have been in my new home now for eight months and really feel like a lucky dog. I love my new life. I go to daycare twice a week and have even learned how to swim with the help of a lifejacket. I have also participated in agility training and do amazingly well in spite of being a tripod! I have two black lab sisters and we go for a hike every day. My mom thinks I am the best thing ever that came into her life. I have helped teach her patience, love and compassion for those that cannot help themselves, until someone special comes into their life. Thank you Española Valley Humane Society for helping me to find my forever home."

Blue (aka Mr. Wonderful)

Almost 2,700 animals a year are taken in by the Española Valley Humane Society. In a county with only 40,000 residents, 21 percent of whom live below the poverty line, the Shelter relies heavily on its transport program to find forever homes for many of the animals that come through their door.

To watch a short video about Mr. Wonderful and EVHS's transport program please visit: bit.ly/1PN35g3



CHANNING FERGUSON

I just have to help animals and got involved with the Española Valley Humane Society when they were a grass roots organization. I started volunteering many years ago and really put my heart into helping the Shelter. I used to walk dogs but I had to stop because there was always one dog that pulled at my heart. I've volunteered at the mobile adoptions, been on the board and served on the auction committee.

I have included a legacy gift to EVHS in my will because I want to leave something behind that benefits this wonderful organization dedicated to helping animals. I have supported the organization for so many years and it makes me feel good to know that my gift supports their important work.

The Española Valley Humane Society is important to me and I've made so many good friends through the Shelter. I am very proud of what the Shelter has become.

If you are interested in leaving a lasting legacy and supporting EVHS's sustainability, consider including the Shelter in your will or estate planning. For more information, please contact Bridget Lindquist at bridget@evalleyshelter.org or call 505 930-1450.

a letter from the director

It's a big challenge that a lot of smaller animal-loving communities face: how can we best care for all the animals while being aware of the realities of our community, where one out of five live below the poverty level? Española Valley Humane has responded by (1) welcoming every animal, (2) delivering free services, and (3) investing in quality staff.

All are welcome. Since our client pets live in poverty, we care for every animal, regardless of how old, sick, neglected or abused. That's our simple promise. We believe that by providing humane, consistent care for the animals in our community, we help end the cycle of homelessness that create more litters, whose tragic fate is roaming the streets, neglect or worse. And it's working. Last year, our community enjoyed a 16% drop in homeless animals, with 83% of shelter animals finding their forever homes.

Free for locals. We offer free spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations for at-risk pets of Española Valley residents. We also sponsor vaccine clinics in traditionally underserved neighborhoods. This community outreach effort builds relationships with pet owners, identifies the health of at-risk pets, and schedules surgeries for intact pets, preventing unwanted litters. Our goal is to reduce the number of unwanted animals at our shelter by creating a healthier community for pets, their families, and their neighbors.

Love is our overhead. Espanola Valley Humane manages a city-owned shelter, which means we don't have a mortgage or pay rent or utilities. 91% of your donation goes directly towards animal care. Our focus is quality staff and service, doing the most to love every animal every day. We're proud to have earned a reputation for providing consistent, humane care and healthy, successful adoptions, along with innovative, effective 'get-'er-done' programs.

Thank you for believing in us. Together we have saved thousands of lives and with your support, we will transform our community.

Bridget



P.S. We've changed our look and are excited to share with you a new logo and website!

The Española Valley Humane Society has grown and evolved over the last 24 years and the new look captures the character and distinctiveness of our brand, and the enthusiasm of our team.

Hope you enjoy it!

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The Española Valley Humane Society is expanding its innovative community outreach program, currently focused on the city of Española, into five additional communities in the greater Española Valley. These five are the pueblos of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh, and the farming communities of Chimayo, Hernandez and Velarde.

One in five residents of these communities lives below the poverty line. Their pets also live in poverty and have a high risk of ending up at the Shelter. By offering free onsite vaccinations and transport to and from the clinic for surgery, EVHS expects to perform over 600 free sterilizations over the next 12 months. The increased number of surgeries will decrease the number of unwanted litters and homeless animals from these areas.

In 2011, EVHS began offering free vaccinations and spay/neuter surgeries to the pets of local residents. Two years later, EVHS ambassadors started going door-to-

door, visiting with residents about their pets and offering information about the shelter's free services. As a result, services provided to local pets more than doubled to an annual average of 2,700 spay/neuter surgeries and 6,200 vaccinations.

The increased number of surgeries has dramatically reduced the number of unwanted litters and homeless animals brought to the Shelter. In 2011, the shelter took in 4095 animals, compared with 2688 for 2015. The reduction in intake is allowing EVHS to treat more illnesses and give more time for adoption. It is also enabling a shift in focus to outlying communities with high poverty rates and large numbers of homeless animals.

EVHS believes that by providing humane, consistent care for all of the dogs and cats in our community, we help end the cycle of homelessness that create more litters. And it's working.



calendar of events

Sat, Feb 13
National Adoption weekend
PetSmart on Coors Bypass, Albuquerque

Sat, Mar 12 – Sat, March 19
Winter Clearance Sale
at the Barkin Stores

Sat, Mar 19
Spring adoption event,
PetSmart in Santa Fe

Sat, Apr 23
Shelter Clean Up Day

May 1 – 31
Double your Donation.
Every gift received during May will be matched, dollar for dollar.

Sat, May 21- Sun, May 22
National Adoption weekend
PetSmart on Coors Bypass, Albuquerque

Fri, May 27 – Mon, May 30
Memorial Day Sale
at the Barkin stores

Sat, May 28
Fetch and Release,
*Pet Adoption Expo
Balloon Fiesta Park*

Fri, Jul 1 – Mon, July 4
Red White & Blue Sale
at the Barkin stores

Sat, Jul 23 – Sun, July 24
9th Annual Kitten Festival
Petsmart in Santa Fe

