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## Dear Friends,



The holiday season is upon us, and with it comes gatherings of friends, family, and neighbors as we celebrate the relationships we share and connections that bring us together. As the weather gets colder and the needs of many grow larger, we are especially grateful for our community – a family of animal lovers, caretakers, and supporters of pets and people. Your efforts inspire us and continue to strengthen HSBV's cornerstone programs, ensuring animals in need have a safe place to lay their head, comforted and loved.

As I walk through our Adoption Center, I see so much hope around me. Wagging tails, snuggles, smiling faces, laughter, and joy fill our halls this holiday season, and every season, because of your support. Your commitment to the relationships we share with our pets ensures HSBV can dedicate each day to supporting these incredible connections – whether it is a newly formed relationship or a lifelong bond – keeping loving families together. I am incredibly grateful I am able to witness these amazing moments when bonds are created and strengthened.

This December 4th, we will come together to

make Colorado an even better place to live, work, and play for pets and people on **Colorado Gives Day**. One of the most exciting days of the year, **Colorado Gives Day** is the annual statewide movement to celebrate lives changed and saved, make a promise to those still in need, and increase philanthropy through online giving. You can dedicate your gift to our Transfer, Shelter Medicine, Safety Net, and Behavior Modification programs, or give a general donation to help us strengthen our net of care and kindness for each animal who walks through our doors.

Please join me, and **schedule your gift today**. When you support the Humane Society of Boulder Valley on **Colorado Gives Day**, you are a part of a lifesaving and life-changing movement for thousands of animals in our community who are safe and loved at HSBV and those who are counting on us tomorrow. Your generous contributions will save and change lives, and really, there's no better gift than that.

With gratitude,

  
Lisa Pedersen, CEO

## Lifesaving Stories

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



### POLLIE

Pollie arrived at HSBV via our Transfer program after a long journey from New Mexico, overwhelmed and nervous when meeting new people. This sweet young girl had a rough start in life and needed help to overcome her fears and build her confidence! Our Behavior Modification program quickly got to work – rewarding Pollie for the small

victories, celebrating each puppy step toward conquering her fears. This gentle support had prepared Pollie to find her new family! Just as she went to her loving home, she became very sick with the life-threatening Parvovirus. In partnership with our Training and Behavior Center, our Shelter Medicine and Veterinary Clinic team began treating Pollie for this deadly virus, while providing ongoing behavior care to help Pollie through her intensive treatment protocol. Because of your lifesaving support, Pollie fully recovered from her illness and was reunited with her loving family! She is now growing up surrounded by kindness, joy, and love, just like she, and others like her, deserve!

### MEOW MEOW

Because of your support, when Meow Meow was brought to us, he received kindness, compassion, and a fresh start. Meow Meow was shy at first, so our staff and volunteers slowly introduced themselves, on his terms, helping him come out of his shell. Once he had grown comfortable, our Shelter Medicine program was prepared to ensure this senior fellow was healthy so he could be happy in his new home. When our expert team diagnosed him with severe dental disease and found a mass in his mouth, Meow Meow received the medical care he would need to live out his golden years, *happy and healthy*! Following a speedy recovery from his surgery, Meow Meow made himself at home in our Adoption Center, and this big orange tabby quickly charmed his way into his new guardian's heart. Thank you for your life-changing support of Meow Meow, and so many others!







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### HAPPY BELLIES MEAN HAPPY PETS!

Thank you, Purina for your lifesaving support of the animals at HSBV!



## Training Center Tip

### SOCIALIZATION IS KEY!

Are you aware of the importance of socializing young animals? We can't stress enough how critical it is to develop an achievable and effective socialization plan for animals during their sensitive periods early in life – the benefits of doing so will last a lifetime! Systematic and positive socialization can help animals develop effective adaptive skills that will aide in their ability to feel resilient when life throws a few curve balls. Thoughtful exposure to a variety of people, animals, textures, environments, sounds and scents can be both fun and enriching for young animals. The Humane Society of Boulder Valley's Training and Behavior Center offers a variety of classes, socials, and parenting workshops for you to make the most of this precious time. Look for 2019's upcoming events at [training.boulderhumane.org](http://training.boulderhumane.org).

## Love Letters

### BOBO & LUNA

My husband and I adopted Bobo and Luna from HSBV in July of 2011. They both arrived in Boulder as transfers from Montrose – and we knew we had some adventurous mountain cats from the very beginning. Despite his size, Bobo enjoys being little spoon and has recently taken up regular morning routines on his cat exercise wheel. Luna tends to enjoy a good nap in the sunshine and morning cuddles. We never could imagine our life without the two of them, and hence both Bobo and Luna have become seasoned world travelers and joined us during our adventures in Canada, France, and back to Colorado again. They love the attention from fellow travelers in the airline lounges! A big thank you to the HSBV team for providing these incredible furry companions to us, and the network of animal lovers that we call our close friends today. Our life in Colorado would not be the same without you :)

- Dan & Stephanie M.



BOBO & LUNA



RINGO

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I adopted Ringo from a rescue group in 2016. He had arrived at their organization as an adult with no known history and when Ringo came home with me he was incredibly nervous, reactive, and fearful. After working with him for nearly 2 years, attempting private training and group training with little success for improving his confidence, I thought I'd give the K9 Nose Work series a try. HSBV trainer, Helena, quickly got to know Ringo's personality, temperament, and needs. While working with Helena in a calm environment so we wouldn't overwhelm him, Ringo excelled and his confidence blossomed! We found Ringo loves "working" for a nice smelly reward of hot dogs! This summer and fall we completed three K9 Nose Work classes and it has been a joy to see Ringo's personality shine through and his confidence grow! Thank you HSBV and Helena!

- Pia G.





## Winterizing for your pets



### WINTER WEATHER IS HERE!

However your pet feels about chillier temperatures, you can still have fun and stay active together!

**Have an adventure seeking dog?** Colorado has some of the best trails for winter exploration that will keep their minds and bodies active and healthy. Remember to come to the dog-friendly trailhead prepared with all of the supplies you'll need to keep your pup warm and safe – dog booties, a sweater or jacket, paw wax and a bandana so they can be easily spotted – are great items to throw into your pack. Always make sure you've brought plenty of water (snow is mostly air!), ensure your dog's ID tags are securely attached to their collar, and bring plenty of bags to pack out waste. Don't forget your dog's favorite treats to reinforce those recall skills!

**Does your pup or kitty fancy the comfort of home?** It's still important to keep those minds and hearts active! Food puzzles and feeders are a great way to use their brain (and prevent eating too quickly!) and keep them busy. Our Training and Behavior Center offers a variety of classes to help you learn how to teach your dog or cat fun new tricks or stay brushed up on their current skills. Spend these wintery months recommitting to using positive reinforcement to reward your pet for the hard work they put in with you and the good choices they make.

Whatever your companion's preference, winter is a great season to spend time with those you love! We see snuggles and cuddles in our forecast!

## Upcoming Events

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### BOULDER LIGHTS OF DECEMBER PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

### COLORADO GIVES DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

**SCHEDULE YOUR GIFT** | [coloradogives.org/HSBV](#)

### KATHY SDAO AND DR. FRIEDMAN PRESENT BEHAVIOR WITH BEER @ HSBV

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:00 - 7:30 PM

**REGISTER** | [training.boulderhumane.org](#)

### BARNES AND NOBLE GIFT WRAPPING 2999 PEARL ST, BOULDER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

### BOW WOW FILM FEST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

**TICKETS** | [bowwowfilmfest.com](#)

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## *Your Support at Work*

### SAVING LIVES!

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV) is not operated or funded by any national humane groups or governmental agencies; we rely on contributions to bring our services to the community. Our service area includes Boulder, Broomfield, Niwot, Louisville, Erie, Lafayette, and Superior. As an Open Admission shelter, we accept every animal who is brought to our facility regardless of age, health or behavior.

<u>YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS [THROUGH OCT.]</u>	<u>2018</u>
Adoptions	4,052
Reunited Lost & Found Animals	644
Spay/Neuter Surgeries (SHELTER)	2,336
Animals Supported by Behavior Modification	777
Animals Transferred	2,093
Average Length of Stay for All Animals (in days)	10.7

Thank you for helping animals in need!

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