BEAT THE HEAT
GET YOUR FEMALE CAT SPAYED FOR
ONLY $20

TEAMING UP TO STOP UNPLANNED LITTERS

Animal Friends Alliance and Larimer Humane Society are once again working together to offer $20 spay surgeries for up to 90 cats in Larimer County.

Spaying a female cat before her first heat cycle (typically before six months of age) can have additional benefits, such as reducing the risk of certain reproductive cancers and infections.

Sterilization is one of the most effective strategies to reduce pet homelessness and is safe for kittens as young as 8 weeks old, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Larimer County residents will receive priority for this special rate only while "Beat the Heat" appointments last. **To take advantage of this offer, call (970) 484-1861 and mention that you would like to "Beat the Heat."**

Sign up to receive our e-newsletter by visiting:
www.savinganimalstoday.org/about/publications

Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT
Adoptions: 31,462
Spays/Neuters: 72,397

FEBRUARY FIX FEST CELEBRATES SPAY/NEUTER ALL MONTH LONG

Join us for a month-long celebration of sterilization! February Fix Fest (formerly known as Spay Day) is happening right now.

This year's theme is "2021: A Spay(ce) Odyssey." We are celebrating all things spay/neuter with surgery sponsorships, medical supply sponsorships, t-shirts, and community partnerships helping to educate and improve access to spay/neuter.

Spaying and neutering companion animals has never been more crucial. These procedures eliminate health risks for animals and reduce animal homelessness by helping to control pet overpopulation.

World Spay Day is February 23, but you can help us raise awareness and essential funding all month long. Sponsor a surgery for a pet in need or support the animals by purchasing your own 2021: A Spay(ce) Odyssey t-shirt.

Looking for another reason to give? This year we've received an exciting **$10,000 matching gift** from longtime supporter Kevin O'Hare, **which means your gift will be doubled!** We need to raise $25,000 to support all of our spay/neuter programming, and we can't get there without you!

Visit FebruaryFixFest.givesmart.com to help us reach our goal.

A YEAR OF ALLIANCE FIRSTS

2020 was a year of many things, one of which was the first full year of operations for Animal Friends Alliance. We've been very pleased by the results and think you will be too!

In 2020, dog adoptions exceeded our year's goal of 850 pups placed in homes by mid-October. By the end of the year, the number of dogs adopted had climbed to an all-time high of 1,080. Oreo McFurry (pictured) holds the honor of being the 1,000th Alliance dog adopted last year.

Despite a pandemic that shut down our clinic for six weeks, 7,204 spay/neuter procedures were performed—that's 433 more animals helped with this essential care than in 2019!

Not to be outdone, our Community Cat Program saw a record-breaking 813 cats assisted with TNR and adoption intake, and 105 individual colony caretakers helped.

Forming Animal Friends Alliance took a leap of faith. We believed that we could accomplish more together than either preceding organization could on its own. Through the efforts of our supporters, volunteers and staff, we are now seeing just how much we can achieve together and with you at our side as our most constant friend. 2020 was a year for the record books in so many ways. It also set expectations high for what we can accomplish for animals this year.

DOG FOSTER HOMES URGENTLY NEEDED

Now is the perfect time to save a life through fostering! The time commitment required for a foster volunteer can be as short as 2-3 weeks for puppies. For experienced "dog people" who can offer more of their time, rehabilitating a dog impacted by trauma is a rewarding experience.

Rescuing puppies and older, at-risk dogs has a greater impact when paired with fostering. When you foster an animal, you're helping to save at least two lives, because you're freeing up space for us to save other animals.

Start your foster journey today! Our grateful staff will help you with every step. We'll provide the supplies that you need, and connect you with a "seasoned" mentor, who will help make your foster experience fun and successful.

> TO START FOSTERING IN YOUR HOME, VISIT:
> SavingAnimalsToday.org/become-a-foster/
> or email: Foster@SavingAnimalsToday.org.

SAVE A LIFE – DONATE!
IMAGINE WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO:

- $35   Vaccinate Eight Shelter Animals
- $65   Spay or Neuter One Shelter Animal
- $100   Help an At-Risk Pet in Our PAL+ Program
- $250   Provide All Pre-Adoption Care for One Pet
- $500   Replace Important Medical Equipment

Enclosed is my donation of $_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____ Zip_____

Phone _____

Email _____

Donation on behalf of _____

Donations can be mailed to:
ANIMAL FRIENDS ALLIANCE
2321 E. Mulberry St. #1
Fort Collins, CO 80524
Or online at: **SavingAnimalsToday.org/donate**

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Steve Weintraub with SweetBoy, and Deni LaRue holding Buster

PROFILES IN GIVING: ANIMAL ADVOCATE CLUB

Animal Friends Alliance established the exclusive Animal Advocate Club to recognize the supporters who provide a stable source of funds that we can count on every month or every year. Recurring funds help us endure the ebb and flow of expenses and revenue throughout the year, and help us plan as smartly as possible for the future! Supporters of Animal House Rescue & Grooming and Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic gave monthly for years. Their continuing support has been crucial to making Animal Friends Alliance the essential resource for community pet needs that it is today.

Deni LaRue and Steve Weintraub have been contributing monthly since 2009. They told us that supporting the animals is a big part of what makes them so invested.

"We support Animal Friends Alliance on a monthly basis because we want to make sure they can count on funding for all the amazing programs they have to care for cats and to find them homes."

If you're interested in joining our Animal Advocate Club — for as little as $5 per month — **please reach out to Donor Relations Administrator Molly Rodgers at Molly.Rodgers@ SavingAnimalsToday.org.**