BRINGING PAWS TOGETHER BECOMES REALITY

Bringing Paws Together, our capital campaign to expand and improve our sheltering operations at our Taft Hill Campus, has progressed substantially since our public announcement in March. Our construction plans have undergone several necessary changes in that time, including adding a new water main to allow installation of a sprinkler system and including an emergency access route for additional fire safety.

As with any construction project, we have had to navigate many unexpected challenges, but we’re excited that we’ve secured all the initial government approvals and we have a finalized floor plan. You can view the new floor plan on our capital campaign website, BringingPawsTogether.org.

There you will see the basic layout of the new shelter building, including the 11 cat colony rooms, community room, and shared lobby. This also shows the changes that will be made to the existing buildings on our Taft Hill Campus, including the new training and enrichment center and foster and transfer office.

“I’m so excited about the new floor plan,” says Executive Director Sarah Swanty. “We’ve put so much thought into how we can maximize efficiency for our staff to take the best care of our shelter animals. Having all our sheltering operations in one location that has been designed with the animals in mind will take our organization to the next level and allow us to continue to be leaders in our industry and help even more animals.”

The site plan is currently under county review and we anticipate major construction will begin in the spring of 2022.

Our fundraising efforts have also moved steadily toward our goal. Overall, thanks to your generosity, we have raised nearly $1.9 million toward our
In addition to many gifts, both large and small from individual donors, we recently received a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado through their Fort Collins Community Fund for $10,000 toward our capital campaign. This exceptional gift demonstrates not only the Community Foundation’s enthusiasm for the impact this new shelter will have on our community, but their belief in the success of this campaign and understanding that their gift will inspire others to give in equal measure.

The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado will be proudly recognized as one of the named donors for our Enrichment Center. There are still several naming opportunities available, including in our Enrichment Center, where our shelter dogs will benefit from behavior training, play groups, and other activities to improve their mental wellbeing and readiness for adoption. If you would like to make a pledge to Bringing Paws Together, we are accepting pledge forms through the end of 2021. If you would like to learn more about Bringing Paws Together, naming opportunities, and how to get involved, please email: Megan.Streetman@SavingAnimalsToday.org or call (970) 666-7073.

How Are We Doing?

Total Animal Adoptions: 33,995
Total Spays/Neuters: 77,743

Stay in touch

Facebook: Facebook.com/AnimalFriendsAlliance
Instagram: @animalfriendsalliance
Email Newsletter: Sign up by emailing: Development@savinganimalstoday.org
Website: SavingAnimalsToday.org

Major Wins for the Community Cat Program

In September, we learned that a community cat caretaker had passed away, leaving their three adult cats stranded and in need of immediate care. Our Adoption Program Manager, Sarah Jenkner, drove 20 miles to rescue the animals. Sarah said that when she entered the home, she could tell that the cats had been left without care for days. She leapt into action, trapped the cats, and got them to safety. Each of them have made major strides since entering our care.

Sylvester, one of the rescued cats, was naturally a little scared after the trauma of losing his owner and being moved. After bouncing back thanks to some tender loving care from our staff, he found his new family and was adopted on October 16th. TJ and Ellary, the other two cats saved from the site, are still looking for their perfect home together as a bonded pair.

In addition to this amazing rescue, our community cat program continues to expand and help more cats each year. The numbers speak for themselves: last year our community cat program was able to help 813 cats total, compared to 987 so far this year. This is partially due to Dr. John Marsella’s commitment to our mission. Dr. Marsella is one of our staff veterinarians and works primarily at our Taft Hill campus. One of the reasons we’ve been able to continue to grow our community cat program is by doing more shelter cat spay and neuter surgeries at our Taft clinic. This is a huge win for Animal Friends Alliance, as it has opened up more space for community animals to be served at our Mulberry clinic. We expect to continue to help even more cats in the years to come.

Colonel Cheeks, a recent trapped, neutered, and released community cat
Mack arrived at Animal Friends Alliance earlier this year when his person unEXPECTEDLY passed away. It wasn’t long after that we found out this fun-loving 6-year-old had an injury that required surgical correction. This poor boy had faced more than his fair share of hardships; however, due to the generosity of our friends in the veterinary community and supporters like you, Mack received his life-changing TPLO (tibial plateau leveling osteotomy) surgery September 1st.

Thanks to an incredibly patient and loving foster who helped facilitate his eight weeks of post-operation healing, it wasn’t long before this now-healthy boy was adopted into his new loving home!

HAPPY TAILS

Primrose. “[Prim] is enjoying hikes in the mountains, walks to the river, and just plain exploring in the backyard. She has learned sit, stay, and come really well and is now working on her high five!”

Cayenne. “He’s awesome in that he will attack you when you least expect it sort of way. He’s a demanding snuggler, who loves to perch on shoulders and be walked around the house. We call him the purr bucket.”

Roxy May. “Roxy May has been doing great! She has been the perfect addition to our family…. We are so happy we found each other!”

Olivia. “She is now 11 years old, very active, and rules the house. She is best pals with three large (70-75 lb) lab mixes. It is amazing and wonderful how well all four get along. …She is absolutely perfect for us!”

MACK’S BIG COMEBACK

SHOW YOUR ALLIANCE PRIDE!

Animal Friends Alliance logo wear is available on our website! Simply go to savinganimalstoday.org/shop/ find super soft sweatshirts, masks, tank tops, T-shirts and more! Best of all, your purchase supports animals in need! If we’re looking a little sparse, don’t fret! We will be updating our shop soon to include all of our awesome merchandise, so keep checking back for more.

Share your “Happy Tail” by sending your stories and photos to Development@SavingAnimalsToday.org or sharing to our page, Facebook.com/AnimalFriendsAlliance!
RACING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY

Following our merger January 1st of 2020, we were thrilled to make our formal debut in the community as Animal Friends Alliance. Then, COVID-19 happened, and our dreams of expanding our community outreach as a new organization rapidly vanished. Still, we knew the importance of being visible in the community and were determined to make it happen.

This fall we have been excited to get back into the community, and nowhere has this been more important than for our Run Fur Fun: Spooktacular 5k Race, which took place on October 30th. Due to the pandemic, this was the first large in-person fundraising event that we’ve been able to have since our merger in 2020. We enjoyed a beautiful day at New Belgium Brewing with 443 runners and raised over $32,000 for our life-saving programs. Guests enjoyed beer, pancakes from Snooze, and came decked out in fun costumes. Thank you to our sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsor, Hank’s Pet Food Market, as well as all the runners, volunteers, and supporters, for making the event such a success. Check out some of these costumes!

Searching for the perfect gift this holiday season? The 2022 Animal Friends Alliance calendar is a gift anyone would be happy to receive! This year we had 243 entries for our annual calendar contest, and had a blast going through all the adorable photo submissions! After three long rounds of voting, we finally have our 11 monthly spot winners (plus our awesome Gala auction winners who won a professional pet photoshoot with Silver Paw Studio for the cover plus a month of their choice)!

The rest of the entries will be printed throughout the calendar.

To purchase your 2022 calendar, visit a Poudre Pet and Feed or our shelter!

If you would like to see your pet on the cover of next year’s calendar, join us for our Gala for Animals on March 26th and bid on this honor in our live auction!

Looking for a loving home

Johnny

Johnny may be 2 years old, but we think he’s still got puppy eyes! This handsome Shepherd mix is available under our foster-to-adopt program while he undergoes heartworm treatment. Johnny feels uneasy and anxious with other animals, so he would need to be the only attention-getter in the home. Johnny would love to go to a home with plenty of nice snuggly blankets to lay on—his favorite!

Calla Lily

Ooh-la-la! Calla Lily is quite the model with her striking green eyes and unique gray and tan fur coat. This beauty came all the way from Southeastern Kansas to find a loving home that would fit her equally unique personality. Calla Lily is easily overstimulated and stressed, so she needs a calm home and patient owner where she’s introduced slowly to other animals. She’s ready to finally relax, get brushed, and enjoy some quality chin scratches!

To inquire about Johnny or Calla Lily, please call 970-484-8516

Pick up your 2022 calendar now!

Runners and pups starting our 2021 Run Fur Fun 5k Spooktacular

Spider: best dog costume winner

Tarzan and Jane: best human–dog duo costume winners

Mr. and Mrs. Pacman and ghosts

Pokemon: best group costume winners

2022 CALENDAR
Have you ever wondered what your life could look like in 30 years? If you find yourself spending an hour with Lois Hart, Ed.D., and Capt. Arn Hart, U.S. Air Force, Retired, you might glimpse a clue or sense a parallel path just waiting for you to take your first step. When eventually you leave the company of this endearingly friendly pair, you will find yourself thinking about how tenacity, curiosity and hard work are somewhat like gravity – how, if you cultivate and apply them, they will affect the shape of everything.

If You Have More, You Have More to Give Away
Lois and Arn are in their 80s, on another leg of their journey through the Intermountain West, in their 51st year of marriage, and active philanthropists and volunteers. They’ve lived in the general region for more than 40 years, and Lois now volunteers for six Northern Colorado organizations. Both personally and professionally, they have worked hard and given back all of their lives.

As a trainer, coach, and consultant with a doctorate in education, Lois has mentored women in leadership and nonprofits on executive, board, and staff development for more than 40 years. When Arn wasn’t flying B-52s from Guam during the Vietnam War, he taught himself about investing, which led to a career with Merrill (formerly Merrill Lynch). He saw that when you have money, you have the ability to give money away, and that when you have more money, there’s no end to how you can support causes you care about.

All in for Animals, All in for Our Alliance
Their time in Polson reminded Lois and Arn of the inescapable wisdom of what planned giving can do for organizations and donors alike. Organizations benefit very tangibly from legacy gifts. For donors, nothing beats a legacy gift for personal meaning and satisfaction.

Shortly after they came back to
Northern Colorado in 2014, Lois visited Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic and met Executive Director Sarah Swanty. Sarah’s obvious talent for leading compelled them to become some of our best friends and supporters. Over the years, they’ve consulted with us, advising our staff about the importance of networking – it’s about mutually beneficial, equally give-and-take relationships – and donated for events, Bringing Paws Together (our capital campaign), and planned giving.

To read more, visit our blog:
SavingAnimalsToday.org/blog

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM
For more information on remembering cats and dogs in your plans by designating Animal Friends Alliance as your beneficiary, please:
• Visit the Planned Giving section of our website at SavingAnimalsToday.org
• Email us at PlannedGiving@SavingAnimalsToday.org
• Call us at (970) 484-8516, option 6.

 COLORADO GIVES DAY
Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. Every dollar donated in this 24-hour period helps to make an additional impact through an incentive matching program.
This means that every gift made to Animal Friends Alliance on Colorado Gives Day online increases our portion of the $1.6M incentive fund! Your donation towards our goal of $115,000 will help to sustain the services that we offer to animals and their people in our efforts to ensure that all companion animals experience a healthy home where they are wanted, cared for, and loved.
Many donors find it easy to preschedule donations at:
www.coloradogives.org/AnimalFriendsAlliance/Pre-schedule today
to give animals a boost on Colorado Gives Day!
Saturday, July 24th marked the second virtual Gala for Animals to benefit Animal Friends Alliance. Although we missed seeing all of our wonderful supporters in person, the day was full of wins.

Being virtual, we were determined to find new ways to connect with our community supporters for this gala. Our delicious partnership with Get Plattered ended up being a great way to make attendees feel more like they were at a swanky gala. Over 100 people ordered special space-themed professional charcuterie boards. We thoroughly enjoyed all of the pictures we received of supporters enjoying the tasty spreads and Animal Friends Alliance goodies with their animal sidekicks! The online auction brought out the competitive spirit in bidders, and we were thrilled to see so many of our supporters participate. Our Date Night Package was particularly popular, and our Rescue Rides went for a whopping $2,000 each - more than ever before!

Last but not least, how could we forget to mention our award winners? 2021 Above and Beyond Award winners were:
- Susan Gilbert
- Dr. Leonard Mahoney
- K9 Wisdom Training & Consulting
- Dennis Schick - RE/MAX Alliance

A special award also went to Ali Eccleston, co-founder of Animal Friends Alliance. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these dedicated supporters.

In addition to our volunteers and partners, several staff members were recognized for their contributions to Animal Friends Alliance. Staff award winners included:
- People: Dr. John Marsella & Sarah Jenkner
- Animals: Dr. Dana Windsor & Mariah McCulley
- Work Ethic: Lindsey Clefe & Meaghan Duda
- Society: Melanie Slick & Anna Beucler

We also had two staff Grand Champion winners, Dhyana Fogland and Kyle Martinez. Congratulations!

Overall, we raised a total of $138,744! Thank you to our presenting sponsors: Poudre Pet & Feed and Natural Balance, as well as our amazing staff, volunteers, and supporters for making this gala a success!

Our 2022 Gala For Animals: Mardi Paw will be held on March 26th at the Hilton in Fort Collins! Stay tuned for details.

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Since 2007, Corey Pantano-Fryer and her amazing team have been making our shelter animals and other community pets look and feel their very best. They built the grooming salon from the ground up and have provided outstanding services to our organization and animals in need. As of September 2021, Corey and her team have transitioned to their own private grooming business: Pups on the Poudre! While this is bittersweet, Pups on the Poudre will remain one of our valued BizPAW partners. We are so happy for their continued success and encourage everyone to use their services.

Be sure to check them out at: pupsonthepoudre.com Facebook.com/Pupsonthepoudre

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Two Above and Beyond award winners, Dennis Schick (left) and Cathie Lee (right)
Animal Friends Alliance has an exciting opportunity for our friends in the business community: Become a Business Partner in Animal Welfare (or BizPAW) and help animals while increasing your visibility to animal welfare supporters. We are also launching a new level of support: the Superhero! This will be the highest tier of support offered, at an annual contribution of $10,000.

As a BizPAW Partner, you help sustain our work by committing a monetary gift or in-kind donation of professional service. We then publicly thank you for your generosity to animals in need, including in our print and e-newsletters, on the televisions in our shelters and clinic, with social media recognition - and MORE!

Please contact Molly Rodgers, our Donor Relations Administrator, at Molly.Rodgers@SavingAnimalsToday.org to learn more about becoming a BizPAW Partner.

**OUR REACH:**
- Facebook 23.8K Follows
- Instagram 6K Follows
- Enewsletter 13K Subscribers
Johnny
needs a home!
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HELP YOUR COMMUNITY CATS & DOGS BY GIVING

Here are just a few examples of what your donation will make possible:

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

How Much Hope Can You Gift? Enclosed is my donation of $________

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☐ Yes, I want to join and make this recurring!

An Animal Advocate Club membership is a wonderful way to help cats and dogs, with levels starting as low as $5 a month. Learn more at SavingAnimalsToday.org

TO MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: SAVINGANIMALSTODAY.ORG