#### **Animal Friends Alliance Update**



**2023 Year-to-date Statistics**Adoptions in 2023: **1,686** 

Animals Served by Community Pet Resources Programs: 7,510

## **Saving The Most Vulnerable**

We are halfway through 2023, and it has already been a busy year for Animal Friends Alliance. Kitten season has been quite fierce; so far we've had 1,504 cat and kitten intakes from owner surrenders, transfers from other rescues, and community cat colonies. This year, we have noticed a significant growth in cats diagnosed with ringworm upon intake. In the US, cats affected by the fungal condition ringworm are among the most vulnerable and at-risk groups for euthanasia. Several factors contribute to this unfortunate reality, including the time-consuming and expensive treatment process, the need to isolate these cats so the fungus doesn't spread to other animals and people, challenges with socialization due to restricted interactions, and the weaker immunes systems in these tiny feline friends.



This year, we have treated 140 cats and kittens for ringworm, and thanks to a generous grant from an anonymous foundation we have been able to upgrade our ringworm treatment ward enclosures. The previous enclosures were in need of an update to make them more versatile, accessible to staff, and easier to clean. The new lightweight kennels are much easier to sanitize,

and we can now connect up to three enclosures vertically for more space when the population of ringworm cats is low. Additionally, the new spacious catios allows several cats and kittens to roam freely at once. Reducing stress is crucial for the well-being of shelter cats and kittens, as prolonged stress can weaken their immune systems and lead to other health issues. Ringworm Coordinator Ludi shares that "with the new enclosures I can see an improvement in the cats' behavior. They seem more confident and outgoing. The cubbies are a welcome hiding place and many like to sleep in them. We are able to provide better care to these deserving animals." Our dedicated staff is assiduous when providing care to our ringworm cats who can be with us for a few weeks up to a couple months, and their dedicated efforts have saved thousands of kittens in need of our resources.





The new enclosures offer more space for cats being treated for ringworm. The newly designed space is easier to sanitize, providing a better experience for these cats.

Recently, we were able to transfer two mom cats and eight kittens, each with ringworm, from the Humane Society of Weld County. HSWC reached out to us due to their high shelter population and limited space to treat and house these cats. The cost of treatment for each cat can range from \$75-\$100, depending on length of stay, and this does not include the expenses for adoption preparation (spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations, deworming, additional medication). It is thanks to the generosity of our supporters that we can save these at-risk cats and kittens, giving them the opportunity to find a loving home. Witnessing the expansion of our ringworm treatment program and seeing countless fearful and sick cats become healthy and adoptable family members has been a beautiful journey.

**Donate to Help Our Ringworm Cats!** 



Our benefit concert: **An Evening with Trey Taylor** is coming up! Join us on July 29 for a night of fun and music with all contributions going to our organization's pet resources and programs. Trey, a signed musician with GTR Nashville Records, grew up in Colorado and pursues philanthropic projects with organizations across the country in an effort to share the compassion he feels for companion animals.

We have a variety of **ticket packages** and exclusive perks for our VIP admission ticket holders. VIP admission will earn you an entry into our 'Friends of Trey' tent, where you'll have a posh pre-concert meet and greet with the musician and up front seating for the concert. You'll enjoy a gourmet snack box from Get Plattered, access to our open bar, and a silicone wine tumbler! We are also selling **general admission tickets** with and without an open bar option. Be sure to purchase your tickets using the link below and enjoy a festive evening full of music and fun all to benefit our life-saving programs!

**Trey Taylor Tickets on Sale Now!** 

Grab your cameras! Our 2024 Calendar Contest is now open for submissions! Do you have the cutest photo of your fluffy family member? We want to see it! We will be accepting submissions for our 2024 calendar until August 20. Be sure to get your photos in today as space is limited. All entries will be a part of our calendar, but only 11 entries will be chosen for the larger monthly features. Each entry requires a \$20 donation that goes to funding our life-saving community pet resources and programs. All photos must be submitted in landscape/horizontal orientation. Please do not submit photos in portrait/vertical orientation. We look forward to seeing your photos!



**Submit Your Photos Today!** 



Our Partnership with **Petco Love** just keeps getting better! We are joining their mission to vaccinate millions of pets against preventable diseases. They support our organization with vaccines for our **Prevent-A-Litter Plus** (PAL+) program to provide subsidized resources to those in need!



Surprise! We are having an adoption special until July 25! All of our **adult dogs** over six months of age and over 35 pounds are available for half off their adoption fee!

See Our Adoptable Dogs!

Jerry Lee Would Love to Meet You!



Introducing the magnificent Jerry Lee! He is a fluffy two-year-old cat who loves to be around people! He enjoys pets and desires human companionship most of the time. He is very social, playful, and curious. He had been staying in one of our dedicated foster homes, but is now hanging out at our Taft Hill shelter until his 'gotcha day'! He loves his nap time and will sleep anywhere that looks comfy. An important thing to note about this beautiful boy is that he is FIV+. This means it is very important that Jerry Lee stay indoors with other properly vaccinated cats so that he doesn't have an opportunity to be exposed to any diseases. He should live a happy, healthy life with proper precautions taken to keep him comfortable in his home.

Interested in adopting Jerry Lee? You can complete an adoption questionnaire by visiting our **website** or send any questions you may have about him to **adopt@savinganimalstoday.org**. If you're not in a place to adopt a new friend, you can also **donate** to support his care and ensure we can keep helping cats like Jerry Lee!

Adopt Jerry Lee

Donate to help animals like Jerry Lee

#### **Upcoming Events**

**July 7 - August 20: Calendar Contest:** Photo submissions for our **2024 Animal Friends Alliance Calendar** are open! Snap the best photos of your fluffy family members to be featured in our calendar!

July 29: Trey Taylor Concert: Join us for an intimate evening concert with country music star Trey Taylor from 4 pm - 8 pm. Tickets on sale now!

**August 20: Yappy Hour at Ginger and Baker:** Bring your favorite furry friend and join us at **Ginger and Baker** from 2 pm - 4 pm. Enjoy beer specials from Horse & Dragon and free paw-fogatos for the pups with proceeds benefiting the Alliance!

### **2023 Gala for Animals: Vanity Fur Sponsors**

Thank you to our 2023 Gala for Animals Sponsors



#### **BizPAW Spotlight**



Our business supporters are essential to the foundation of our organization. We are delighted to introduce our newest BizPAW (Business Partner in Animal

Welfare)- **Kona's Bakery**. They contribute with monthly monetary donations to help fund our programs. Kona's Bakery makes natural dog treats from all-natural ingredients.

If your business, or a business you patronize, would like to support our mission and receive special recognition in our e-newsletter and elsewhere you can learn more about this important program on <u>our website</u>.

Become a BizPAW!

#### **Animal Advocate Club Membership**



Thank you to everybody who joined our upgraded their membership with our Animal Advocate Club! We reached our goal of recruiting 50 new or upgraded members and we are so grateful for your commitment! You can view all of new and upgraded members <a href="here">here</a>!

Become a member

# **Gifts in Honor and Memory**

We are so thankful for the support and donations made in honor of dear friends and greatly missed pets. View the gifts made in honor and memory for June here.

Make a gift in honor or memory

# **July Coupon**







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