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OUR MISSION

To promote the humane treatment of animals through care, advocacy and community education.



Elaine Hicks

Executive Director

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

“When I pontificate, it sounds so, you know, oh, well, she’s preaching. I’m not preaching, but I think maybe I learned it from my animal friends. Kindness and consideration of somebody besides yourself...” Betty White

That was our goal in 2012: To be more compassionate and to continue the many positive changes for the animals and our community. This newsletter serves not only as our annual report but highlights many of the accomplishments the HSWC has achieved throughout the years. With the support of our community, donors and grant providers, we have been able to improve the overall physical and emotional health of the animals by providing essential medical care, socialization, expanding the current facility, adding a dog park, enlarging cages and utilizing communal rooms for cats. These are the improvements that are visible to the public. But our success in caring for animals goes far beyond that and isn’t always reflected in statistics or reports.

What I am referring to is the dedication, commitment and compassion of the staff and volunteers who spend countless hours caring for the scared, homeless and injured animals that enter our shelter each year. Since 2006, over 40,000 animals have found food, care, and refuge at the HSWC. People outside of animal welfare don’t realize the physical and emotional burden and toll that is placed on the staff and volunteers who have chosen to take on the responsibilities of caring for stray and unwanted pets. Whether an animal

has been here for one day or 365 days, inevitably a staff member or volunteer has found a place in his/her heart for that pet and does everything possible to provide comfort and a safe haven during its stay. We are joyful when an animal is returned to its owner or when a long time resident finally finds its forever home. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing that tail wag in excitement as the dog prepares to go home or the cat that is purring and nuzzling its new owner in anticipation of a new journey. But then there are the sad times, when animals are too injured, too sick or too emotionally or physically abused or scarred to get that second chance. It is the employees’ and volunteers who hold that paw during those tough times, who constantly clean, care and advocate for the animal, or stays up all night making sure the animal gets its medication or hourly feedings. And it is the staff who have to say that final goodbye whether it’s to a new home or over the rainbow bridge.

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I truly believe we learn kindness and compassion from our animal friends. They accept us for who we are and regardless of how they are treated, they are loyal and devoted to their “people”. My message is that we need to learn those traits from the animals and transfer those feelings in our everyday lives. We need to empathize with

each other and show kindness and concern instead of responding negatively or always looking for the bad in people or situations. We need to support the staff and volunteers who are taking care of the animals and who wear their hearts on their sleeves. We need to understand the tremendous impact these pets have on the people who work with them on a daily basis for minimal pay. We need to thank these unsung heroes for doing everything in their power to help the homeless animals of our community get that second chance and end their suffering and fear. Please help us with that mission by supporting your community shelter and showing compassion in your everyday lives.

A huge thank you goes out to all employees and volunteers, both past and present, who have made a difference in the lives of all the animals helped by the HSWC.

This report is dedicated to Elaine Wood, Heather St. Peters, Kaitlyn Holloway, Valerie Gallegos, Tina Berig, Matt Roberts, Dr. Mary Egan, Kirsten Corbiere, Katie Seader, Daniel Googin, Glenn Diltz, Judit Walter, Camilla Richter, Kayla Hood, Lyndsey Reichard, Mariah Servin, Tiffany Kyle, Janeen Hiestand, Kristin Zachman, Christine Herrera, Kristin Schauvliege, Stabler Fahey.

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OUR VISION

A loving home for every pet.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965 German/French theologian, musician, philosopher, and physician) once said, "Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace." Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832 British philosopher, jurist, and social reformer), considered by many to be the father of modern animal advocacy once said, "The question is not, Can they reason? nor, Can they talk? but rather, Can they suffer?" These advocates understood that animals are sentient beings and that consideration should be given to their well being, especially when animals have been domesticated. Just after the Civil War in 1866, concerned citizens began forming the very first Humane Societies in the United States.

Since its inception in 1961, The Humane Society of Weld County has been inspired by these and other animal advocates and guided by those first Humane Societies. I recently had the opportunity to speak with one of the founders of our Humane Society here in Weld County. She told me of the deplorable conditions that existed at what was then the city pound in Greeley. The early 60's had very few regulations that dealt with the humane treatment of animals. This group of local citizens had the compassion and desire to correct this deplorable situation. They worked together, organized and recruited others. They got involved!

Over the years, the shelter has moved a number of times in order to meet the changing demands of our community. Weld County's growing human population has brought with it a growing pet population and greater demands for our shelter's services. In spite of the limited resources available to us, we are able to offer things like low cost spay and neuter clinics, low cost vaccination clinics, lost and found services, and micro-chipping of animals for identification purposes. These are just a few of the services provided to our community.

Elaine Hicks, along with her dedicated staff of employees and volunteers, have done terrific things with the animals in our care. I could tell you about the amazing cat habitats that insure our feline guests are properly socialized. We could talk about the wonderful dog park, just for shelter dogs, right there in the back. I could tell you about our incredible adoption rates or how we are able to return so many animals to their owners. But here are some of the most heartwarming things I've seen at the shelter: That sparkle in a little girl's eyes when she gets her first kitten. The relief and excitement when a family is reunited with their lost companion. The joy felt by staff and volunteers when someone adopts an animal, especially if that animal has been with us for some time. But the most heartwarming thing I've experienced at the shelter is seeing the look in an animal's eyes when they are adopted. Somehow, they seem to know they are going to their "forever" home.

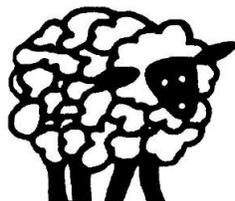
To those of you who donate to the Humane Society of Weld County and to our volunteers, thank you. Like those early founders, you folks are involved and are truly the back bone of our organization. There are plenty of ways to be involved. Donations of cash, food and supplies are always needed. We have plenty of volunteer and foster care opportunities. Come to our events. If you are a community or business professional, or someone who feels you might be able to contribute, there are opportunities to serve on the Board of Directors. I would also like to thank everyone that has taken advantage of our offered services and adopted animals from us.

Be involved. Stay involved. Make a difference in an animal's life.

Larry Selzle
Board President

Owner Surrender Services

Life presents many challenges and sometimes our furry friends are affected. The HSWC accepts owner surrendered animals without judgment when circumstances dictate the animal cannot be properly cared for. For those patrons who may only need assistance with food, low cost vaccinations or pet friendly housing, the HSWC has been able to provide resources or information so the pet can remain in the home. 2012 saw a 33% reduction in the number of animals that were relinquished to the shelter.



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Adoption Program

Approximately 39% of the stray and homeless animals were adopted in 2012. Dogs placed for adoption are temperament tested to assess their personality and placement in the community. Potential adopters are counseled regarding the compatibility of the animal to their home, lifestyle and type of pet they are looking for. Throughout the year, the HSWC hosts several events to highlight certain breeds, animals, or special needs pets in an effort to find their “forever” home. Please visit our Web site www.weldcountymhumane.org to see our adoptable animals.

Intakes	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total
Born at Shelter				52
Owner Surrender	175	97	0	272
Owner Return				92
Miscellaneous				2
Strays (Public)	500	538	0	1038
Strays (Animal Control)	1728	583	20	2331
Transfer In				8
D.O.A (Dead on Arrival)				247
Owner Euthanasia Request				146
Total				4188
Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total
Adoption	942	679	14	1635
Owner Reclaim	920	60	1	981
Transfer Out				142
Miscellaneous				14
Euthanized	557	432	1	990
Died/Missing				65
Total				3827

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Lost & Found Pet Services



On average, 12 animals per day are brought to the shelter by community patrons or animal control agencies. Shelter staff tries to locate owners through microchips, tags or other forms of identification. In an effort to return lost animals to their homes, The HSWC microchips all animals and provides rabies tags upon adoption. Through our efforts, 981 animals found their way back to their owners.

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Vaccination Clinics

From January through December 2012, approximately 1,854 animals were vaccinated which represents a 10% increase from 2011. Our clinic provides low cost vaccinations, heartworm tests, feline combo tests, heartworm medication and deworming at a reduced cost. Vaccinations are also at a reduced cost for patrons who sterilize their pets at our spay/neuter clinic.



Spay/Neuter Clinic

During 2012, 1,023 animals were sterilized at our low cost spay/neuter clinic. This represents a 14% increase from 2011. In addition, all of the animals that were adopted from the HSWC were sterilized.

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-Elaine Hicks, Executive Director



Lucy, a foster parent's resident pet, helps comfort orphaned kittens.

Foster Care Program:

Foster caregivers provide care for animals that are not ready for adoption. The majority of foster candidates are kittens as they need to be both 2 months and 2lbs before adoption. Fostering animals is both rewarding and challenging. But, it is one of the most critical support services for orphaned kittens and puppies. In 2012, 304 animals received special care in foster homes with 82% of those being cats and kittens.



Off-Site Adoption Program:

Utilizing our community partnerships allows us to reach a wider range of pet lovers looking for an addition to their family. In 2012 approximately 100 dogs were featured during 2-hour adoption events at Petco and PetSmart in Greeley. And, during 2012, about 110 cats were sent to Petco in Boulder to find their forever homes.



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Humane Society of Weld County 2012 Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2012

REVENUE	Unrestricted	Restricted (Temp)	TOTAL
Government Contracts	\$355,894	\$	\$355,894
Adoption Fees	150,269		150,269
Redemptions	39,590		37,590
Service Fees	163,498		163,498
Merchandise Sales, net	8,391		8,391
Other Income	10,567		10,567
Investment Income	46,481		46,481
TOTAL REVENUE	774,690		774,690
PUBLIC SUPPORT	Unrestricted	Restricted (Temp)	TOTAL
Grants		29,000	29,000
Contributions	299,360	5,185	304,545
Fundraising Income	67,102		67,102
In-Kind Donations	20,114		20,114
Released from Restrictions	27,599	(27,599)	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT	414,175	6,586	420,761
TOTAL REVENUE & PUBLIC SUPPORT	1,188,865	6,586	1,195,451
EXPENSES	Unrestricted	Restricted (Temp)	TOTAL
Program Services: Animal Care	\$867,946		\$867,946
Support Services: Management & General	127,837		127,837
Support Services: Fundraising	51,571		51,571
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,047,354	-	1,047,352
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEM	141,511	6,586	148,097
EXTRAORDINARY ITEM- Loss due to theft	(12,510)		(12,510)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	129,001	6,586	135,529
NET ASSETS (beginning of year)	1,586,529		1,685,674
NET ASSETS (end of year)	\$1,715,530	\$6,586	\$1,722,116

*Audited Financial Report Available Upon Request

Notes for Revenue Chart:

Contract Revenue: The HSWC contracts with three major jurisdictions (Weld County, Greeley, Evans) and several small towns to provide sheltering services.

Shelter Revenue: This includes adoption, reclaim, surrender fees, spay/neuter clinics, euthanasia services, vaccination clinics, and choice holds.

Public Support Revenue: Direct mail campaigns, newsletter revenue, unsolicited public support revenue, memorial/tribute donations, business partnerships, grants.

Fundraising Revenue: Paws & Sneakers, Fur Ball, Hogs for Dogs, Yappy Hour, Third Party Events.

Investment Revenue: Changes in our investments year to year, including interest and dividend payments.

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Volunteer Program:

The HSWC's exceptional volunteers are vital to the success of the organization. Volunteers help with a variety of essential tasks, ranging from animal care activities to planning fundraising events. In 2012, our volunteers and foster parents donated 19,190 hours. Using the Independent Sector's 2012 Value of Volunteer Time (\$22.14 per hour) that's \$424,866 worth of donated time. But, to us our volunteers are priceless.



Volunteer Assignment	Hours
Animal Care	2,831.25
Matchmakers	283
Photography	788.5
Behavior/Enrichment	137
Community Outreach	599.75
Operations	947.25
Lost & Found	294.5
Humane Education	25
Veterinary Assistance	1,012
Blankets of Love	810
Foster Care	10,279
Board	631
Training/Orientation	551
Total	19,190

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"This one click will make a difference in the life of a deserving animal!"

Deborah Sergesketter, Volunteer

After sign-up, the iGive logo will be displayed on web search results and on vendor's websites to make supporting the Humane Society simple. It does not involve third party websites or any extra effort on your part. There are over 1,300 participating vendors at this time, many of whom you most likely already use. Vendor's participation range anywhere from 0.8% to over 10% with popular companies such as Amazon.com, Hertz car rentals, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Macy's, pet supply companies, and numerous other popular retailers. Once you've registered, make sure you rally friends and family on Twitter, Facebook, or by emailing the iGive information. For something you're already doing, this one click will make a difference in the life of a deserving animal.

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