A trip through our new Robbie Jones Memorial La Casa de Los Gatos is sure to reduce your blood pressure and make you smile. Kittens are playing up a storm in their new playrooms. Adult cats are lounging in their brand new spacious condos, peaking out from the safety of their windows and hoping you will pick them to take home. Best of all, neither you nor the cats will hear a dog barking!

Reducing stress and providing a more nurturing environment for our cats is one of Project Humane’s main goals. Another key goal is to improve our staff and volunteers’ efficiency as they care for them. Prior to relocating cats to La Casa, we were housing felines in three different buildings, each of which was a hike from the other. Cats were being carted back and forth across our campus out of necessity, and they could always hear and sniff dogs nearby. With the opening of La Casa right next to the Robbie Jones Memorial Cat House, all cat housing and services, except those performed in our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic, now happen only in this one compact area.

An essential feature of our new building is the Cat Treatment Area. It is self-contained, equipped with its own washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator and food prep area—everything to nurse our felines back to health. It is just what the doctor ordered for recovering kittens—quiet and peaceful. The room itself contains 12 condos and is isolated from the rest of the building with its own entrance, designated for Clinic and Animal Care Team members only. Since moving into La Casa June 1st, it has been remarkable how few cats have required medical treatment due to the wellness we’ve been able to promote by providing our resident felines with quality housing.

La Casa also has a special Behavior Modification room, replacing a single cage in our old cattery. Our B-Mod room has 4 condos, as well as a double door entrance to keep our pets safe. Our dedicated Behavior Team has special protocols for fractious, bashful and aggressive cats. We’ve been successfully helping behaviorally challenged kitties for several years, but our passionate Team is extremely excited about being able to help even more cats with the added space.

One of the most highly anticipated features of La Casa is our first ever Ringworm Treatment Area. This quarantine area has its own entrance and is fully equipped with all the necessary appliances for animal care, and also has a mini lab with a microscope and culture incubator. Our ringworm protocol requires us to periodically test each feline under treatment to know when a kitten or cat is free from ringworm and ready for adoption. The room is equipped with a special ultraviolet light filter that zaps ringworm particles before they are exhausted out of our building. It takes only one hair to infect a person or pet, so we have added this extra precaution.

La Casa is the result of pure love! Our cat-loving donors poured out their love by generously funding the condos and specialized rooms we so desperately needed. Facilities Manager Vince Mouser let his expertise and creative juices flow while designing the new space. Then, Vince and his highly skilled and hardworking team carried out the renovation. The work was challenging and frigid, as it was performed mostly during the winter months. Because the building was gutted, they worked with only a few lights and a space heater for weeks. The result is a beautiful, inviting, highly functional space that completely meets our needs and provides a place for our felines to thrive.

Come celebrate our completed campus renovations!

Join us for a weekend long Open House, October 18 & 19 from 10 am – 6 pm, to celebrate the conclusion of our campus-wide renovations! Come experience our new Central Park and tour our new and renovated campus buildings that allow us to expertly care for the pets at our shelter. We have much to celebrate together!
our pets with a haven to rest while awaiting a new home. Thank you Vince, Mike, Dennis and Doug!

With the opening of La Casa, we have now completed Phase IV of Project Humane and the full upgrade of pet housing across our campus. Staff and volunteers now have an efficient cat compound in which to provide the love and care our felines deserve, while cat adopters have a beautiful space in which to meet our cats and fall in love. We are profoundly grateful to our donors for making this wonderful new facility a reality.

Peggy Weigle
Peggy Weigle, Executive Director

Thanks to you, our devoted donors, volunteers, adopters and friends, Animal Humane was voted Best Nonprofit Organization in the Albuquerque Journal’s annual Reader’s Choice Awards. Thousands of Albuquerque Journal readers voted for their favorite businesses in 96 categories—from sandwich to shoe store, from barber to bike path, from donut to dentist. Your passion for our life-saving work is overwhelming, and does so much for homeless pets every day. THANK YOU FOR THIS AMAZING AWARD!

Animal Humane holds the prestigious honor of being the Primary Beneficiary of the 2014 Montezuma Ball! We share this important role with the secondary beneficiary, the National Institute of Flamenco, and the two of us are planning a Ball like no other! Join us at Hotel Albuquerque on November 22nd for an evening that kicks off with live music and a Brut Silent Auction, generously sponsored by Southwest Wines. Follow us into the ballroom where Entourage Jazz and Executive Chef Gilbert Aragon will delight your senses. Agility demonstrations by Animal Humane Alumni will provide the perfect after dinner entertainment, followed by an exciting LIVE Auction featuring exquisite jewelry donated by Sukhmani Nob Hill and a “Heart of Burgundy” Travel Package for Two donated by Your Key to Burgundy … among other items. The evening will conclude at Casa Esencia where VIP Ticket Holders will experience DJ Automatic, a nationally renowned New Mexico talent, spinning records on one side while brilliant National Institute of Flamenco artists serenade you are the other. Complete the evening by spending the night at Hotel Albuquerque for the incredible Montezuma Ball rate of $99. With shelter pets greeting you at the door and performing for you in the ballroom—it’s a night you’ll remember and one that will ensure we continue to save the lives of homeless pets! Please join us.

To support this year’s Montezuma Ball and secure your 10-top table reservation with friends, visit MontezumaBall.com or contact Donna M. Stumpf at DonnaS@AnimalHumaneNM.org or 505.938.7888. We look forward to having a BALL with all of you on November 22nd.
Dash Teams are the Tops!

For Doggie Dash & Dawdle 2013, the passionate pet lovers who came together to form team Consulting Paws made an incredible difference in the lives of homeless pets in Animal Humane’s care. Together they raised more than $2,500 and become Doggie Dash’s Top Fundraising Team of 2013!

“There is a group of employees at Bohannon Huston that absolutely love dogs and cats, and we love the work Animal Humane does for these beautiful creatures and the community,” said Dennell Sandoval-Newhall, team member of Consulting Paws, who has participated in Doggie Dash for four years.

Doggie Dash & Dawdle is New Mexico’s biggest party for pets and people! We enthusiastically encourage individual runners, walkers, people with and without pets to register and attend our annual event, but starting a team is another fun way to get family, friends and coworkers involved.

Dennell’s team started with three enthusiastic members who were able to recruit coworkers, growing the team to nine members in 2013. “It’s much more fun to participate as a team to keep the momentum going,” Dennell said. “It doesn’t hurt that we are also a very competitive bunch of people!”

The team’s competitive spirit and drive was eagerly met with support from their employer Bohannon Huston, Inc. Dennell credits Consulting Paws’ success to the dedication and enthusiasm of her teammates as well as the support from Bohannon Huston, which made a financial contribution to their team and allowed them to host fundraising events at their workplace.

Looking to retain their title as Top Fundraising Team, Dennell said Consulting Paws is ready for this year’s Doggie Dash. “We look forward to growing our team and raising a lot of money for the homeless pets at Animal Humane New Mexico!”

Doggie Dash & Dawdle is Albuquerque’s premier pet lover’s event! Join Animal Humane New Mexico for the 32nd Annual Doggie Dash and Dawdle held on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 8 am - 2 pm at Balloon Fiesta Park.

This year’s event will include:

- 5K Dash
- 2-Mile Dawdle
- Rent-A-Dog (if you don’t have a dog of your own, you can rent one of ours!)
- Doggie Carnival Games
- Canine Agility Park
- Barketplace & Food Trucks
- Contests
- Live Entertainment

Proceeds from Doggie Dash & Dawdle benefit the homeless pets in Animal Humane’s loving care and our community programs—it’s not just about dogs! Event proceeds also support our cats and cat programs too!
Cleaning out your closets can be so much fun, but have you ever thought about using your de-cluttering to benefit homeless pets? Or, have you ever shopped on eBay for treasures and collectibles, and made a great purchase that you knew supports our life-saving work? Donna saw the importance of both of these experiences, and opened up her eBay shop The VINTAGE reVAMP in January 2013. Since then she has sold over 2,300 items, with a portion of her proceeds coming directly to Animal Humane.

Donna began her relationship with Animal Humane in 2007 as a passionate pet advocate and donor. In 2008, she adopted her best friend from us, a sweet German Shorthaired Pointer mix named Misty. They were the perfect pair from the start, and have since shared many adventures in travel and camping. Donna says that their escapades together could fill a book!

In 2012, Donna was preparing to move to her current home in Renton, Washington, and donated a beautiful recreational vehicle to Animal Humane. She holds Animal Humane close to her heart, not just because her beloved Misty came from our shelter, but also because she believes that “Animal Humane is a well-run facility doing a never ending job.”

To follow in Donna’s footsteps you can register to donate 10-100% of your eBay sales to Animal Humane from your seller account. eBay will give you a credit on basic selling fees and you’ll get a tax deduction too! Since 1999, eBay Giving Works users have raised over $388,365,500 for over 25,000 nonprofits.

If you’re looking for iconic collectibles, vintage kitchenware or holiday décor—check out Donna’s eBay shop! She is passionate about offering great quality items. Her 2,300+ sales are a testament to the amazing vintage products she sells and her buyers’ commitment to her passion for homeless pets. Donna recently added a vintage ladies’ hat department to her shop, as well as a variety of decadent tea sets. The best kind of shopping happens when you can find something you love and give back to homeless pets at the same time!
older and wiser

How do you imagine your retirement years? Do you look forward to a life of leisure filled with long naps, recreational activities and splurging on treats? Pets are no different. Dogs enter into their golden years between the ages of seven and ten. Traits like graying muzzles and longer naps are sure signs of a mature dog. Most cats enter their senior years between the ages of 12 and 14. But don’t let your pets’ age fool you; they can still be full of spunk!

The next time you’re looking for a new canine or feline companion—consider giving a senior pet a chance! The benefits of adopting a senior pet include that they’ll already be their full size, they’re easy to train, are super loving, are more likely to already be litter box or house trained, they settle in quickly and don’t require the constant monitoring that puppies and kittens demand.

At Animal Humane, we care for thousands of adult and senior pets each year. But our hearts ache a bit more for older pets that are homeless at a time when their greatest worry should be finding a comfortable, sunny place to nap. At Animal Humane, we’re committed to giving every pet that enters our care a chance for a new life—pets like Bill.

Bill isn’t a spring chicken; he’s already lived a full life and has the aged face to prove it. This handsome 11-year-old Mastiff/Labrador mix first came to Animal Humane as a stray dog in 2012, and then returned to our care in 2014 when his owner could no longer care for him. While in our shelter, our skilled Veterinary Team helped Bill with some severe dental issues, giving him a chance for a few more years of life with their expert care.

In June 2014, a kind woman named Ann came to Animal Humane looking for a companion for her 13-year-old dog named Elle. Bill and Elle were instant friends, and Bill went home with Ann to enjoy his final years as a loved, spoiled, silly old man. No matter what happened in Bill’s past, your support gave him safety, comfort and life-saving care. Thank you!

pure love can be found at shelters

Pet lovers are amazing people. We are passionate about giving pets safe, loving homes. Some pet lovers are more particular than others. They have a breed, gender, or fur color that they prefer. And that’s ok! At Animal Humane not only do we have a myriad of amazing mixed breed pets available, but we’re also a great place to meet a purebred cat or dog that you’re passionate about. Pets like Kallee, an 8-year-old Persian cat, who came to us after realizing that she didn’t care for the company of her new canine siblings. Beautiful, sweet and extra cuddly—Kallee is one of countless purebred cats that we save annually.

While it’s true that many of the pets at shelters are all-American mutts, that doesn’t mean they don’t have all the great qualities of a perfect pet that would give you a lifetime of love. BUT, have you ever considered looking at a shelter for your favorite breed? The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals estimates that 25% of dogs in U.S. shelters are purebreds. At Animal Humane, we see them every day—cats and dogs, some with registration papers and some with just the right characteristics. By adopting a shelter pet, you’re giving a homeless pet a second chance and helping to combat the nationwide challenge of pet overpopulation.

So, the next time you’re on the lookout for a Rag Doll, Basset Hound, Turkish Van, or Beagle—keep a close eye on our website. You may just find your perfect match!
To request a “Providing for My Pet’s Future” brochure from our shelter, call or email Donna M. Stumpf at 505.938.7888 or DStumpf@AnimalHumaneNM.org to learn more about our valuable services that will provide relief to you and safety for the special companion pets in your life.

Sophie & Willy, one of her 3 rescued kitties

humane heroes make a difference

“The internet has turned out to be more than just a place for cute kitten and puppy videos—it’s also a great place to engage animal advocates in helping to find foster and forever homes for dogs and cats of all ages,” says Sophie Martin, one of Animal Humane’s passionate monthly donors. “Who can resist a photo of a pet in need? I know I can’t.”

Sophie is an attorney, marketing consultant and occasional pundit on New Mexico PBS. She says that her pets have always come to her by chance. This was no different with Milly Mae Cupcake, a sweet kitty she met at one of our Cats Around Town locations.

Sophie was on our website making a donation, saw the monthly donor option and realized that donating monthly would allow her to help homeless pets on a more regular basis. “I’d always known about and appreciated Animal Humane, but once I adopted Milly, it seemed natural to become more involved.”

What does it mean to be a monthly donor? Rather than sending gifts periodically throughout the year, you can make a meaningful annual gift by breaking it down into manageable monthly gifts that are processed automatically via credit card or direct deposit. It couldn’t be easier or more effective. Sophie says “I know that having those stable, monthly gifts makes a big difference for our local nonprofits, because it allows them to plan based on predictable donation levels. That’s huge, because while bigger gifts are nice, homeless pets need Animal Humane every day!”

Adopting the Perfect Pet at 99

Early this year, I was granted the privilege of helping a 99-year-old pet lover, Eleanor, find the perfect pet to fill her days with joy and companionship. Eleanor had owned many dogs during her life—but none in recent years. One day, a professional involved in her life contacted me and asked if we would assist with this special request. We decided that a small, mature, docile dog would be best—five were selected to meet Eleanor the day she visited our shelter.

Her face lit up when she saw the first dog. “It’s been a long time since I’ve had a dog!” she exclaimed. As we placed the dog in Eleanor’s lap, she smiled as her hands gently touched the dog’s body. We were off to a good start. More affectionate, Dog No. 2 turned upside down in Eleanor’s lap and the two were instantly smitten with one another. However, this one was a little too big for her lap. Dog No. 3 was the lucky winner, as Eleanor once again said, “It’s been a long time since I’ve had a dog…what should I name him?” She decided on Fido. Fido was the perfect size for Eleanor’s lap, and when he affectionately crawled up her chest to lick her chin and her eyes glowed with happiness, we knew we had found the perfect match!

Months later her caretakers share that “Fido never leaves Eleanor’s side” and the two “cuddle under the blankets every night.” This was immediately followed by Eleanor adding, “We are quite a pair.”

At Animal Humane, we want every pet enthusiast to enjoy the unconditional love of a companion pet their entire life. Too often donors share that their current pet(s) will be their last, since they do not want to risk outliving a new cat or dog. My response to this is always the same, “You could live another decade, and since you’ve rescued pets your entire life, why stop now?” Rather, rely on Animal Humane following your passing and instruct your family and personal representatives to bring your pets to our shelter where we will care for them as you would.

Donna M. Stumpf
Senior Director of Development & Marketing
Camp Humane was a success!

This summer saw the launch of Camp Humane, a 5-day educational summer camp for students ages 8-13. Our sessions were wonderfully successful! 43 students from schools across Albuquerque and the surrounding area participated in 4 sessions of camp. We made crafts, played games and provided lessons on training and enrichment for family pets, foster care and adoption, caring for community cats, and careers with animals. Most importantly, our students learned amazing facts about caring for cats, dogs, horses, turtles, tortoises, rabbits and other pets.