



Fairy
makes
her second
chance count
& finds her
forever home in
the process!
Read her
story
inside.

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from the korner kennel

increasingly challenging

As we begin the third year of our new normal, the ripple effects of COVID-19 continue to unfold in animal welfare.

The need for spay/neuter (S/N) has skyrocketed as Animal Humane works to recapture the sterilization progress we made over the last decade, following this crucial service being deemed non-essential for three weeks early in the pandemic.

While our Clinic Team quickly resumed sterilizations of shelter pets, community cats & owned pets once restrictions were lifted, the unmet

need for S/N swelled. We have increased available sterilization appointments at our Clinic, partnered with the Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department to participate in their free S/N voucher program and continue to partner with the Zimmer Feline Foundation, who cover S/N fees for cat owners outside city limits.

Pets are being abandoned at our shelter more often. Leashed to fencing, left in outdoor runs, or found in carriers tucked by bushes our Team's watchful eyes spot these precious creatures, and they quickly spring into action providing safety

& care; ultimately finding them new homes.

At Animal Humane, and reported by peers throughout the country, **we are seeing more rambunctious & under-socialized dogs who were adopted as puppies early in the pandemic.** The shared conclusion is they experienced reduced socialization and/or exposure to everyday life circumstances during a critical development window. Thankfully, our faithful Dog Walking Volunteers — joined by our Behavior Team and other staff — continue to work daily to offer enrichment, exercise, socialization, and training to develop new behaviors that are attracting adopters for these pets.

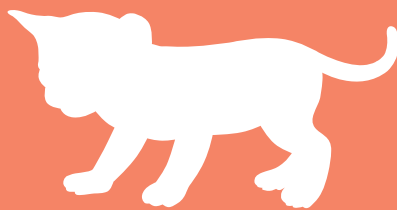
As we continue our COVID-19 journey together, I hope you enjoy every miraculous story that follows. Because **at the end of the day, our Team + our pets + your support = goodness we all need in the world!**



Donna with cat Yoyo, adopted from Animal Humane.

Donna M. Stumpf,
Executive Director

kitten survives two broken legs



Found crawling down the road after being hit by a car, Ophelia was in dire need of help. Both of her back legs were broken, and although no internal organs were damaged, her abdomen was severely bruised. Fighting for her young life, this courageous kitten had nowhere to turn until **you provided her life-saving veterinary treatment and a safe haven where she could recover.**

Our Clinic Team acted immediately to treat Ophelia — dressing her wounds & applying splints to both of the kitten's hind legs. Because they were so tiny, our Clinic developed custom splints, creatively shaping

popsicle sticks to form to her miniature frame. Too small to undergo surgery for her injuries, the struggling kitten spent a few weeks living with a loving Foster Caregiver, who made sure she rested up and ate plenty of nutritious food.

Once Ophelia was old enough for surgery, our Clinic again thought outside the box to creatively fix a second fracture. Using a non-standard technique called "rush pinning," Dr. Tomomi Lager ran wiring up the center of Ophelia's leg to hold it in place.

The little kitten had been through so much, but Ophelia handled surgery and recovery like the

fighter she is! A sign of her tenacity, Ophelia had the most trouble sitting still during recovery as she simply wanted to play and interact with others.

As the first broken leg healed, Ophelia started to stand on it while our Clinic Team continued to treat the unstable ankle on other leg. Although her Foster Caregiver regularly assisted Ophelia with her physical therapy exercises, this leg never showed significant improvements. So we made the crucial decision to amputate the limb. After a long journey, Ophelia was glad to be finished with extensive veterinary treatments.

And, with one hind leg fully healed and functional, she could finally start climbing around, exploring her surroundings, and playing with her new furry friends.

Your generosity ensured that Ophelia would make a full recovery and receive a second chance at life in a loving home.

Having spent so much time caring for Ophelia, her foster mom couldn't imagine continuing life without her, so she adopted the cuddly kitten! Now fluffier than ever, Ophelia loves spending time with her feline siblings. Thank you for the life-saving veterinary care you provide pets like Ophelia every day!

Fairy makes an **impact**



cover story

Our faithful pets love to help us any way they can. Whether they're acting as a cuddly companion, protecting their loved ones or providing emotional support, dogs & cats have the ability to help humans & other pets in profound ways.

Fairy, a 5-year-old American Pit Bull Mix, exemplifies this important desire to please & support. When fellow canines needed a confident, playful friend or even a blood transfusion, Fairy took her cue from donors like you and stepped up to save the day!

Originally surrendered to the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) last fall, Fairy was destined to make a positive impact on all the pets she would come across. **But, she needed your help first.**

After a long wait at ASCMV, your love & generosity made Fairy's transfer to Animal Humane possible. And it was there that she would go on to save the lives of more pets and find her forever home in the process!

Upon her arrival, our Adoptions Team immediately noticed how Fairy always seemed to be smiling



Fairy gives blood to save another pet in need,

and eager to please. She was phenomenal with other dogs, even new canine companions who were having a hard time adjusting to shelter life. As a result, our Behavior Team enlisted Fairy as a helper dog, which allowed her to interact with pets and ease their anxieties while they awaited adoption. Fairy clearly had a knack for helping out. All the pets she worked with eventually found families of their own — even as Fairy continued to wait patiently for a family of her own!

Fairy shined as a helper dog, but her work wasn't finished. When our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic began treating a patient in dire need of a blood transfusion, Fairy was the first dog our Team had in

mind to be a donor. Although the procedure may have been scary, Fairy handled it like the seasoned professional she is. Because of her bravery & desire to help, the patient received a successful transfusion, a relief to both pet and human.

Today, Fairy is continuing to please everyone around her in her forever home. She is a reminder of how pets, just by being themselves, can mend wounds, ease anxieties and, ultimately, save lives. And, just as importantly, you are the reason for her success. **Your generosity helped Fairy find her forever home, but it also had a wider effect on all the pets & people she came across.** We can't thank you enough for saving pets like Fairy!

FUR THE RECORD

The flowers & shrubs planted on our Main Campus were chosen specifically for our pets' enrichment. Herbs, shrubs and greenery such as lavender, rosemary & sage give off pleasing and unique scents that our dogs can enjoy while on daily walks. A special group of amazing volunteers on our Gardening Team keep the grounds beautiful all year long for pets and people alike!

You can show your generosity by walking your pet using the ResQwalk app on your mobile device! Simply download the app, select Animal Humane New Mexico and raise funds for pets with every mile you walk.



PUPDATES & CATCH-UPS



Ylvi (right) is enjoying all the scenic hikes with her older sister, Muña.



Wilma, at home & content while she indulges in some relaxation time.



Good boy Yago is loving life on the westside! He's also quite the portrait model for his artistic parents.

Have you adopted a pet from Animal Humane?

Send us an update & photo to PupDate@AnimalHumaneNM.org!

Cody goes to work



Cody celebrates his second birthday surrounded by new friends.

Cody, an American Pit Bull Mix, first came to Animal Humane after his original owners could no longer care for him. Although this sweet boy loved people and was eager to please, he had to wait for a family that could match his energy levels as well as his curious nature.

As Cody spent more time with our Adoptions Team, they noticed how he loved to be around people. He would instantly relax as they gave him all the belly rubs he could handle. Because of his pleasant demeanor, our Team evaluated Cody to see whether he possessed behavioral qualities that could calm & soothe others. Our Team found that Cody, while not an official therapy dog — yet — was well suited to help put people at ease.

Fortunately, you were there to give Cody the time & care he needed to discover his talents and wait for the day he would meet his perfect match.

That day came when Cody met Katie, and, as she tells it, the two were a match made in heaven. “I drove to Animal Humane’s Main Campus and walked in. As soon as I turned a corner, Cody was in one of the middle rooms. He jumped up on the glass right away with the brightest and cutest smile I’ve ever

seen.” Our Adoptions Team arranged a Meet & Greet between Katie and Cody. After spending time with the precious pup, Katie knew she had met her match: “It was love at first sight and I knew he was mine.”

It was not long after Cody’s adoption that Katie, who works with families experiencing homelessness, brought him into her office. “My job has an awesome every day is bring-your-dog-to-work policy,” said Katie. So, when she discovered how socially motivated Cody was to comfort people, she knew having him as a canine co-worker would be perfect. Before he knew it, Cody was greeting Katie’s colleagues and became the talk of the office.

As Katie explains, Cody also provided an uplifting presence and would help put families at ease. “We often deal with very difficult situations, but when Cody is there, the whole place seems brighter and happier.” Cody was especially comforting to the children Katie worked with. Playing and spending time with a pleasant pet like Cody would often make the hard times a little easier. Your generosity gave Cody another chance at happiness, and he used it to comfort others — like the good boy he is!



2021 Petco Love Story



written by Hope McVeety

I still remember the day we adopted Kita. We left our home on Albuquerque's westside, crossed the Rio Grande, and headed to the Animal Humane Campus. She was a big hound dog and at 12 years old, was looking for a home and a new lease on life. And we wanted to give her just that. That afternoon, we were also celebrating the good news that my husband's cancer treatment was going well, and we were feeling very thankful.

When they brought Kita out to meet with us, my husband, Jim, immediately fell in love. Kita was a grand dog. He spoke to her in a low voice and hugged her large girth. My husband explained that we wanted a dog that no one else wanted and would give her a good home with the love and affection she deserved.

And that was it — we adopted Kita on that blustery Thanksgiving Eve in 2019. Driving home, I could tell things had already changed in our lives. Kita's presence calmed my husband, and he was happy again; he had something to look forward to when he slid out of bed in the early morning and worked on his computer while sipping coffee. Kita would follow behind and lie in the corner of the room, soon sleeping soundly. She learned that the doggy door was her doorway to the backyard, a new world yet to be discovered where she could wander and then come back into the house at her leisure. And she looked forward to her walks with us around the neighborhood and to the local park. Kita brought both joy and a sense of purpose back into our lives.

In early December, my husband was hospitalized with complications from his cancer treatment. We celebrated our wedding anniversary in his ICU room. He told me he was so glad we'd adopted Kita, that I wasn't alone in our big house. What we thought would be a short stay turned out to be the last weeks of his life.

Through all the sadness and grief that followed, Kita kept me grounded, giving purpose to each day's routine. Her quiet calm helped ease the pain, and the wag of her tail and excitement when I'd return from work brought a smile to my face, bringing a sense of hope back into my life.



Hope & Animal Humane Alum Kita have helped each other through the hard times.

I worked remotely during COVID-19 lockdown, and my brother's dog, Duchess, became Kita's daily companion and playmate. Kita is now 14, feeling her age with every step. She still looks forward to walks in the park, but now prefers to lie under a shady tree and watch teenage boys perform drills as they get ready for the fall football season. On that Thanksgiving Eve in 2019, when we adopted Kita, we promised to give her a good life, and Kita has returned that ten-fold. By allowing me to love her, Kita has brought joy back into my life.



Spring Cleaning for a Cause

With spring around the corner, many New Mexicans are preparing to break out the cleaning supplies, roll up their sleeves and tidy up around the home. **But did you know that you could organize your living space & help pets in need at the same time?**

Not only does your love for thrifty shopping save pets' lives, donating your gently used items to Animal Humane's Thrift Shop — located at 4646 Menaul Blvd NE — is another perfect way to make your spring cleaning benefit New Mexico's at-risk dogs & cats! As our Thrift Shop Manager, Adam Fischler, explains, "All of our proceeds go to help homeless pets and the greater work of Animal Humane."

Whether you have a box of small knick-knacks you'd like to give or are looking to part ways with larger items like furniture, your donations to our Thrift Shop generate revenue & provide pets with shelter, nutritious food, veterinary care and a second chance at finding their forever home!

You may also trust that your donated items won't go to waste, as we often donate items we can't sell to our partners in the community. Your support truly makes a difference for pets in need.

Stop by during our Thrift 10th Anniversary Sale to help us celebrate a decade in this location!

2022

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3,243

Pets
Outgoing

96%

Live
Release
Rate

95

Pets Received
Behavior
Modification

4,030

Total
Surgeries
including
Spay Neuter

Numbers reflect 2021 statistics January - December.

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