Lucky finds a new home & Louise finds a new best friend. Read their story inside.
In recent weeks, the comment I’ve heard repeated most is “I can’t imagine going through the pandemic without [insert name of beloved pet].” I wholeheartedly agree. There have been countless times when I’ve held my child in my arms and felt my heart rate plummet. Like two puzzle pieces, we nestle together settling in for hugs & kisses, inhaling one another’s love. Love that I imprint in my mind with deep gratitude.

When we are fortunate to find that special connection with a pet, the benefits and facets of love are endless. From comfort to companionship to joy — a pet’s gifts are boundless!

As we end another year together, I thank you for helping us connect thousands of homeless pets with thousands of people throughout 2021, and keep these united families together. The following pages highlight touching stories of how pets adopted from Animal Humane changed the lives of every member in the household.

You make the happiness our pets and their new families experience possible! May the same happiness you create for pets in need find you & yours every moment in the New Year!

With profound gratitude for all the love your support generates,

Donna M. Stumpf, Executive Director

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Share the love

Purchase or lease a Subaru from Garcia Subaru North & designate $250 to Animal Humane New Mexico to help save thousands of pets this year.
A few years ago, Cheyenne decided that her 4-year-old son was ready for a dog; to find his new best friend, they came to Animal Humane.

As they were walking through our Adoption Center, her son spotted Dolly, a 7-month-old Labrador cross. It was love at first sight!

Cheyenne remembers, “Tucked as close to the door as she could be, there was a pair of big green eyes looking back up at us. My boy looked at me and said we had to meet her.”

Dolly and Cheyenne’s little boy now do everything together.

But one day Dolly suddenly became lethargic. She stopped eating & drinking.

Cheyenne took her to an emergency veterinarian and quickly discovered Dolly’s medical bills would be far greater than expected.

“I’m a bartender and had been hit pretty hard during the COVID-19 pandemic,” she explains. “All the savings I had built up were completely drained just trying stay afloat. Due to the high cost of veterinary services, I couldn’t pay.”

Cheyenne began contemplating whether surrendering Dolly might be the only way to save her life. So, she reached out to Animal Humane.

Because of generous donors like you, our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic is able to provide life-saving care to pet owners who otherwise could not afford it.

You made it possible for Dolly to be seen at our Clinic. An exam and X-ray showed that Dolly had swallowed something that was now blocking her small intestine.

Our veterinarians performed surgery to remove it and Dolly made an immediate & full recovery.

Not only did you, our wonderful supporters, save Dolly’s life, you saved Cheyenne’s son from the pain of losing his beloved companion.

“Animal Humane went above and beyond to help our family,” says Cheyenne. “For saving our family member and saving my son’s entire world, thank you.”
2020 was a tough year for everyone. It was even harder for those who lost loved ones.

Louise experienced double the heartbreak as she said goodbye to her son, who also served as her primary caretaker, and her 19-year-old cat on the very same day.

At 92 years old, Louise was left feeling distraught and alone. She desired another cat to keep her company, provide warm snuggles and help her feel safe & secure. However, she wasn’t sure that without

“Lucky” to have each other
a caregiver she could properly provide for a pet on her own.

Louise was thrilled when her family found an assisted living facility that not only allowed cats, but also provided residents with assistance in caring for their pets. The best news was they had a spot just for her!

Louise moved into her new assisted living apartment this spring. The very next day, she became the happy pet parent of a 6½-year-old cat adopted from Animal Humane.

"My mother promptly named him Lucky," says Sandy, Louise’s daughter, “because she feels so lucky to have him."

The adorable Tuxedo cat is lucky to have Louise, too.

Lucky was surrendered into our care in April. Healthy & affectionate, he only wanted to find love & he didn’t wait long.

You supported him at our shelter for 3 weeks until he met Louise. Today, he enjoys being petted & pampered in his new forever home.

"Lucky brings my mother incredible joy & contentment," says Sandy. "Louise & Lucky, it’s a match made in heaven!"

Thank you for playing matchmaker for Lucky & other adopted pets. You are changing their lives and they are lucky to have you.
Our loyal pets love us through all of life’s ups and downs. Often, they are the motivation needed to push through difficult times. Their soulful eyes, constant presence and playful personalities cheer us on toward greatness.

Dogs like Thunder prove that with a cuddly canine or fluffy feline by our side, we can overcome anything.

A German Shepherd cross surrendered to Bernalillo County Animal Services last fall, 3-year-old Thunder was destined to make a difference. But, he needed you to save him first.

After two long months of awaiting adoption at the county shelter, your love made Thunder’s transfer to our shelter possible. And, it was here that he met Darrel.

Darrel, a director at Hoffman Hall Sober Living Home, was in search of the perfect pup to join his pack at the community house he shares with up to 10 residents in various
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!

Thunder shares his love with every resident he meets.”

“I’m grateful to Animal Humane for their part in bringing Thunder into our lives.”

— Darrel

Today, Thunder is an encourager, teammate, caregiver and lifesaver. He is a symbol of hope and second chances for those fighting through the darkness.

Thunder’s success would not have been possible without you. The impact your generosity makes each day is not only felt by the pets you serve, but also by the people who love them. Thank you!

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Have you adopted a pet from Animal Humane?
Send us an update & photo to PupDate@AnimalHumaneNM.org!
Gertrude’s road to recovery

A bandoned, scared and hurting, Gertrude was found seeking refuge in the garage of a kind neighbor in northeast Albuquerque. The petite cat had multiple puncture wounds along her body and a large, painful abscess on her right side.

She was in urgent need of a nutritious meal, warm bed & medical care. Thanks to you, Gertrude would receive her second chance at Animal Humane.

At our Clinic, you provided 2-year-old Gertrude with comprehensive care.

Our compassionate Team cleaned and stitched her wounds and Gertrude was given pain medications & antibiotics. Also anemic, she required an iron injection to increase her red blood count.

Gertrude’s condition was monitored & her bandages frequently changed to allow for optimal healing.

After 2 weeks in our care, the anemia had resolved & her stitches were removed. Gertrude was made available for adoption at Clark’s Pet Emporium on Menaul through our Cats Around Town program. In a short 24 hours she was adopted!

You paved the way for Gertrude’s road to recovery. Because of you, she is now happy & healthy in her new home with a feline brother, Zidane, who was also adopted from Animal Humane.

Thank you for the unconditional love & life-saving care you give to pets like Gertrude every day.

2,546 Total Adoptions

655 Pets in Foster Care

95 Pets Receiving Behavior Support

3,313 Total Surgeries including Spay/Neuter

Numbers reflect 2021 statistics through October.

Don’t miss the opportunity to celebrate a special person or pet in your life with a custom engraved brick!

Don’t miss our special holiday pricing! Purchase a large brick for $200 and a small brick for $150 now through December 31st.

Contact our Donor Relations Team at 505.938.7938

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