thank you for helping the most vulnerable pets roar like lions

They’re tiny. They’re adorable. They’re newborn kittens!

Unfortunately, in addition to being adorable, newborn kittens are also extremely fragile and thousands of them enter animal shelters every summer.

At Animal Humane, we are lucky to have the support of compassionate individuals, like you, who want to give these tiny balls of fluff their best chance at living happy, healthy lives.

Gummy Worm, Gummy Bear and Gum Drop are three kittens whose lives you have saved this year. They came to Animal Humane New Mexico from a partner shelter. Only seven days old when they arrived without a mother, our Foster Care Team knew these sweet kittens had a long, potentially dangerous road ahead of them.

“Even our comprehensive sanitation protocols and careful attention aren’t always enough to keep neonatal pets safe in the shelter environment,” explains Foster Care Manager, Samantha Montgomery. “Kittens like the Gummies have no immunity and are much too small to safely vaccinate. That’s why we are so grateful to our foster volunteers and our donors. Their support makes it possible for very young pets to grow & develop in safe, quiet spaces while still receiving exemplary veterinary care.”

Our Foster Care Team was able to provide the foster family with everything they needed to care for these young felines. Three months later, these delicate kittens were finally strong enough, and big enough, to receive the appropriate immunizations before they all quickly found their new families. Thank you for ensuring that Gummy Worm, Gummy Bear, Gum Drop, and the other 296 kittens who were successfully cared for at Animal Humane this summer, are ready to roar like lions in homes of their own!
many hands. many hearts. thank you for being one of them.

Each day I have the privilege of experiencing the heartbeat of our shelter from countless angles. Seeing our passionate team transform lives is a constant; and witnessing their work that ensures the growth, recovery and contentment of our pets is a treasure.

Animal Humane’s devoted team is greatly complemented by ardent volunteers — hundreds of people who comprise the backbone of our organization. Our staff is truly grateful for their devotion to us, to you and to the pets & families we serve. But what is equally heartening is their devotion to one another.

I’ve had numerous volunteer jobs in my life. This is the only one where I’ve NEVER had a day that I didn’t want to go in. I always look forward to my shifts. On the way home, I may be glad to be out of the heat or cold or rain, but there’s a feeling of accomplishment in knowing that I’ve made life a little better for a handful of dogs that day. I’d like to look back on my life some day and think that the world was a little better because I was here. This volunteer job helps me do that.

—Anne Brown, with Jackie

I want our supporters to know what a family Animal Humane is. The shelter itself breathes. It has a life of its own that is made up of passionate people, especially volunteers, proudly doing what they know is right by these animals…and they love every minute of it! It’s a privilege to be a part of it.

—Suzanne Byrd, with Tallulah

This group of marvelous pet lovers, some of whom have been walking dogs together for nearly a decade, is just one of many who have banded together at our three locations to ensure our comprehensive services continue year-round. Like you, their unfailing dedication guarantees we can serve our community today and tomorrow.

From day one — when Colonel Edmund and Thelma Evans began building our shelter, they knew volunteers would be a crucial part of our success. This month, as our shelter marks 53 years of saving lives, our team rejoices in their collective devotion.

It’s miraculous to think of everything we have accomplished and will continue to achieve, together. Animal Humane is truly a family and I thank all of our volunteers and each of you, our precious donors, for being an important member of our team!

Donna M. Stumpf
Executive Director
love on the run: 
Megan & Louie’s Dash tale

In 2001 I met my best canine friend, Louie; we locked eyes at an adoption event and I knew my world would never be the same. For 17 years he has been my best friend and my partner, providing cherished comfort in hard times and a willing conspirator in good ones. Louie inspired me to give back to homeless pets as he taught me the significance of the unconditional love of a furry companion.

We wanted every person and pet to know the same joy and friendship, so Louie and I started fundraising for Animal Humane’s Doggie Dash & Dawdle. Dash is not only a great way to fundraise for homeless pets, it’s also a fun event with lots of different activities! Louie certainly had his favorites. He loved the agility course, getting his picture taken (with or without me!) and walking/running with the other dogs.

During our first few years together, we just raised a few hundred dollars. But each year the generosity of those close to us grew, and in 2017 Louie helped me raise over $23,000! Sadly, this February I lost Louie. I knew the best way to honor his memory would be to raise over $32,000 this year — hopefully bringing our contribution to homeless pets to a grand total of over $100,000.

I encourage you to be a part of this year’s Dash. Every dollar raised makes a difference for the cats & dogs at Animal Humane, so I’ve included a few tips on easy ways to up your fundraising!

See you on November 4!

-Megan Edwards

Megan & Louie’s tips for fundraising success

set a goal

Be creative. Your goal doesn’t have to be a dollar amount...are you turning 25 this year? Set a goal to find 25 people to contribute $25. That $625 will make a huge difference to homeless pets.

ask everyone

It doesn’t matter how small a donation is, every dollar counts! Don’t be afraid to spread the joy of giving by asking everyone you know for a small donation.

be on the look-out for matching funds

Some businesses even allow employees to designate matching funds to alternate organizations. So, if your friend gave to a local food bank, her employer may match those funds with a gift to your Dash fundraising goal.

express your gratitude

Remember, your circle may love pets but with Dash they aren’t just giving to Animal Humane — they are supporting you. Showing your appreciation is the key to increasing your fundraising every year!
The goal of the Brabson Library and Educational Foundation (BLEF) is to support bold and innovative ideas in both education and the arts. When I was first approached about Camp Humane, two concepts stood out to me as perfect opportunities in alignment with our objectives:

1. Humane education helps develop empathy, respect, and responsibility. The innovative twist at Camp Humane is that kids learn these skills with hands-on companion animal experiences!

2. Formally structured humane education programs, like Camp Humane & Learn Humane, were novelties when we first started investing in Animal Humane's programs. We have been thrilled & amazed, not only to watch these programs grow in popularity, but to witness the lasting impact Animal Humane's programs have had on our community.

Above and beyond Animal Humane New Mexico's robust education programs, I'm just so proud to have the opportunity to help support this phenomenal organization with its extraordinarily positive impact on our community!

-Jessica Brabson
Board Member, Brabson Library and Educational Foundation

The last five years, the barks and purrs that are the normal soundtrack to a shelter visit have been joined by the chatter and laughter of children during our summer educational sessions, known as Camp Humane. Joined by Junior Volunteer Counselors, our Humane Education Team works with children from ages 5-13 to instill the ideals of compassion and responsibility — not only toward pets, but toward each other as well. While the main focus of Camp Humane is on responsible and compassionate pet care, campers meet all manner of animals, from hawks to horses, as they are immersed in our engaging and interactive curriculum.

This year, thanks to the generous support of the Brabson Library and Educational Foundation (BLEF), we were able to offer scholarships to 10 students, nominated by their school counselors, who may not otherwise have been able to attend Camp Humane. With students attending from schools across the city, all our wonderful campers, not just those receiving a scholarship, are uniquely positioned to share their newfound knowledge with family and friends. With the support of forward-thinkers, like you and our friends at the BLEF, the bubble of kindness these students are helping to create will continue to spread throughout our state...making it a better place for both pets and people.

"Camp Humane is amazing! If you love animals this really is the camp for you. My favorite part is always visiting different places, like the horse rescue. There's always so much to learn."

-Angelo M.
5-year Camp Humane attendee

John Brabson, Jessica Brabson and Michael Garavaglia, members of the Brabson Library and Educational Foundation, with Rorsceh, adopted from Animal Humane
from cardboard box to loving home

When Cortez, a 9-year-old Chihuahua, arrived in our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic last May, he was lying perfectly still in a cardboard box. Two weeks earlier, a large dog had picked him up and shaken him, causing deep wounds that stretched across his entire back. Cortez had not received any medical attention since the attack and had stopped eating and walking.

“The first time I saw him,” says Kim Hamel, DVM, Animal Humane’s Chief Veterinary Officer, “I made a deal with him. I promised I’d be gentle if he would stay calm and let me examine him.” Cortez took the deal, and they have been working together beautifully ever since.

Dr. Hamel operated to remove the damaged tissue and performed skin flap surgery to replace the missing skin on his back. Unlike a skin graft, a skin flap keeps the tissue connected to its original blood supply. She remembers, “After he had the surgery, he was obviously much more comfortable. He began standing up, eating and wagging his tail.”

When Cortez met Dr. Hamel that first day, he not only had the good fortune to find a skilled veterinarian who could give him expert care, he also found his new mom. Dr. Hamel fostered the senior canine while he recovered and she quickly found herself falling in love. They finalized Cortez’s adoption the following month.

These days you can often find Cortez in our Clinic offices, staying as close to his mom as possible — at least when she is not caring for one of the thousands of other pets who are nurtured and healed by Animal Humane’s Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic Team each year.

Our Clinic can only provide state-of-the-art care to cats and dogs in need because of the support of generous donors just like you. Thank you! To become a Friend of the Clinic, please contact StephanieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org or call 505.938.7919.

Marian Sotel, changing the world one month at a time

From dogs & cats to livestock & porcupines, animals have always been an integral part of Marian Sotel’s life. Sarah, her current canine companion of 11 years, is “the most spoiled one of them all,” according to Marian. The love between the two is apparent, but the depth of their bond is the clearest when Marian talks about how she and Sarah found one another.

“It was July 5th and my sister worked in real estate. She was showing a house when she heard a small cry coming from the backyard. Outside she found a tiny pup, all alone, with no food and a dry water bowl. I can’t imagine any human being so cruel,” Marian shares. When her sister asked if Marian was interested in adding another dog to her family, she knew that yes was the only possible answer.

Marian has always been a do-er. And, just like saying an immediate “Yes!” to Sarah, she recognized the importance (and the joy) of supporting pets in need early. In fact, Marian started giving to Animal Humane in an effort to combat animal cruelty and help homeless pets almost a decade before she first looked into Sarah’s sweet face. She has generously kept giving for 18 years!!

When she received an invitation to join our Humane Heroes monthly donor program four years ago, Marian knew it was the next step in helping our team care for hurting or homeless cats & dogs. “I give because I love animals,” Marian explains, “and I give monthly to Animal Humane because I know they do a fantastic job of caring for pets.” But Animal Humane’s work wouldn’t be possible without the support of amazing individuals, just like Marian. On behalf of the thousands of lives you have saved, Marian, thank you!

To learn more about becoming a Humane Hero, please contact our Donor Relations Team at 505.938.7938 or complete and return the enclosed coupon.
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Beginning in January 2019, your wonderful memorial and honor donations will no longer appear in our quarterly newsletters. Instead, your gifts of love will be reflected in a special Tribute Album, mailed out at the beginning of each year. If you have questions about this change, please contact Erica Webb, Associate Director of Development Communications at 505.938.7883 or EricaW@AnimalHumaneNM.org.
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