

# 2023-2024 Gratitude Report

Weston, Adopted from Animal Humane

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# Mission

Our mission is to support and improve the lives of New Mexico's cats and dogs through sheltering, adoptions, humane education, and veterinary services.

Filberto, Adopted From Animal Humane

Mural Artist: Jacque Fragua

# **Being Partners in Hope**

While the last year provided a variety of challenges to animal welfare organizations across the country, we are proud of the support, relief, and hope Animal Humane gave to pets and people from each corner of New Mexico—**all made possible by you.** 

Despite a year of low adoptions and higher than average intakes, Animal Humane remained a guiding light for homeless pets. Through our Project Fetch program, we transferred hundreds of cats and dogs from rural, underfunded shelters into our care, giving them a second chance at finding happiness.

This year, Animal Humane assisted in the rescue and rehabilitation of over 100 Chihuahuas found living in a small trailer. From tick infestations and broken teeth to chronic illnesses and even a gunshot wound, these terrified pups were in need of urgent help. Your support allowed our team to provide these Chihuahuas with the loving care they always deserved. Today, every pup has found their forever home.

There was little time before the next call came, as the city of Ruidoso, New Mexico was ravaged by wildfires. Animal Humane cleared the local shelter, transporting dozens of homeless pets away from the blaze. Finally safe, each pet received the behavioral, veterinary, and emotional support they needed, just in the nick of time.

Your dedication to pets in need has allowed Animal Humane to remain a Partner in Hope to countless lives across the state. We have accomplished so much together this year, and we cannot wait to see what else your generosity, love, and support makes possible.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Val Wilson Executive Director

James T. Reist Board of Directors President





#### **Board of Directors**

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# A Day at Animal Humane

Every day, the staff and volunteers of Animal Humane work diligently to better the lives of our shelter cats and dogs. Here's a look at a typical day at Animal Humane New Mexico!



The Animal Care Team arrives bright and early to prepare morning meals.



Queso is prepped for dental surgery, the first in a day full of exams and procedures at our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic.



Our shelter pets tuck themselves into bed, another full day at Animal Humane complete!



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Animal Care makes their final rounds of the day, dispensing medicine and treats.



Great news! Jacky found her forever home.



Our Behavior Team takes Baxter to the dog park for some with extra training and enrichment.



Our Humane Educator heads to a local elementary school to teach students how to care for and love all

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> Cyrus, one of our Page Pal volunteers, reads Tom Tom a midday story.



The tired family takes a much-needed nap in the Foster Office.

Buttercup and her puppies were just transferred in from a partner shelter!



# Animal Humane Success Stories 2023-2024

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# Lucky Levi

On a dark Friday night, Levi, a young brindle puppy, was struck by a car. His owner, Luis, rushed the bleeding pup to an emergency vet clinic. Unfortunately, the cost of Levi's care was far beyond what Luis could afford. A trip to a second clinic proved the same, and they ultimately suggested euthanasia as Luis could not afford Levi's cost of care.

Thankfully, a family friend referred Luis to our Safety Net program, which provides emergency veterinary care to at-risk pets with little to no cost to their owners.

Our Clinic Team found that Levi's jaw was broken, causing massive amounts of pain and inhibiting his ability to eat. Levi was sedated while we repaired his jaw and removed some broken teeth. After, his mouth was wrapped in tape to ensure it healed properly.

With such a delicate injury, Levi visited the Clinic multiple times to ensure his liquid diet was going well and his jaw was healing. Your support ensured that Luis did not pay a dime for Levi's care.

Levi is now thriving, spending his days with the person he loves the most: his dad. "It means everything that your help saved my dog's life." Luis says, "Thank you for everything."











261 pets aided through Safety Net

# 340

vaccinations provided to community pets at Pet Health Fairs

488,152 individual meals provided to pets in need

Levi during treatment **1,890** pets transferred in through Project Fetch

2,505 total pets adopted

**95%** Live Release Rate

Cyan and Sepia, all grown up!

### Fleeing Floods Saffron and Her Kittens

Last Summer, Animal Humane took in over 30 shelter cats from Las Vegas, New Mexico, as flash floods ravaged the city's water supply. The journey was especially hard on Saffron, a young calico that had given birth only days before. **Huddled in a carrier with her kittens, Saffron was clearly stressed and overheated.** Our Team knew this mama cat needed help –and fast.

Saffron and her kittens were moved into our Foster Care Building, where they were all examined by our Clinic Team for any signs of injury or disease. Thankfully, they were perfectly healthy and were sent to live in a Foster Home.

Now safe, this young family finally had the space and love to thrive.

With the aid of her Foster Caregiver, Saffron nursed her kittens, and herself, back to health. After a few weeks, Saffron's kittens were big enough to begin eating on their own, and Saffron returned to the shelter, ready to find her family.

Your support provided these pets with the urgent transfer they needed to survive. Today, all five cats are living happily in their forever homes!

Saffron and her kittens in the Foster Care Office

## Deal of a Lifetime

Our Team first met Thrifter, a bubbly Pitbull mix, and his owner at our previous Thrift Shop location. Living without housing, Thrifter's owner used a shopping cart with an umbrella attached to keep Thrifter cool and often visited the store for extra supplies for his companion. Even when the store relocated down the street, the pair continued to stop by.

Unfortunately, caring for Thrifter became too difficult, and his owner made the decision to surrender his pup. Wanting to ensure Thrifter was well cared for, his owner brought him to their safe haven: Animal Humane's Thrift Shop.

Our Thrift Team immediately took Thrifter in. While they waited to move him to our Main Campus, they created a makeshift pen for him behind the sales counter to give Thrifter a much-needed place to relax.

At the shelter, Thrifter visited our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic where we discovered sunburns on his nose and paw pads. He was also in need of his vaccinations and neuter surgery. Despite his burns, Thrifter's shining personality never dulled, and he greeted every new person with joy.

\$16,033 made at the grand opening of our new Thrift Shop location

Over 250,000 items sold

\$1,206,046 Thrift Shop revenue

Thrifter at the Thrift Shop



491 cats assisted through TNR

**2,132** sterilization surgeries performed, including owned and sheltered pets

8,455 health exams performed, including owned and sheltered pets

# **Caring for Community Cats**

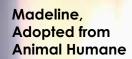
While Mike and Val Bukaty always had feral cats around their home, last summer the number of cats and kittens seemed to double. Knowing the population would only continue to grow without intervention, they reached out to Animal Humane for help.

Animal Humane's Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program is a lifesaver, helping reduce community cat populations while also keeping local kitties healthy. Each cat brought to Animal Humane receives their vaccinations, a health exam, and sterilization surgery before being released back where they were found.

**Only a year in, Mike and Val have saved over 50 cats**, continuing to care for them after they are released. With feedings twice a day and constant care, cats of all types now call the Bukaty front yard home.

To Mike and Val, the choice to help was based in love, "Someone has to take care of them."

For the Bukaty's, Animal Humane has been vital to their TNR success. "We couldn't do it without the Clinic," Mike says. Through your support, our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic can help dedicated animal lovers like Val and Mike keep their beloved community cats healthy.





#### Support Pets in Need

These success stories are only a glimpse of the amazing work we have accomplished this year at Animal Humane. Through whatever challenges the pets and people of our community face, they always have someone to rely on—you. Your dedicated support allows us to provide urgent, lifesaving care to thousands of cats and dogs every year. Thank you for making Animal Humane a safe place for pets and the people that love them.

# 2023-2024 Financials

Animal Humane New Mexico is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that receives no city, state or federal funding. We earn or raise 100% of our annual operating budget. If you have questions about vital programs and services, or our financials, we would love the opportunity to speak with you at any time.

All figures are based on Fiscal Year 2024 financial statements audited by Pulakos CPAs, PC, an independent firm that has given Animal Humane New Mexico a clean opinion. Our full report and IRS 990 are available at AnimalHumaneNM.org/Financials-2024.

#### **EXPENSES**

#### **Program & Services**

Animal Care Programs	\$4,203,029	44.6%
Community Outreach and Education Program	\$1,888,923	20.0%
Thrift Shop Operations	\$1,531,048	16.2%
Program Expenses	\$7,623,000	80.8%
Support Services		
Donor Development and Fundraising	\$957,007	10.1%
Management and General	\$848,705	9.0%
Support Expenses	\$1,805,712	19.1%
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$9,428,712	100.0%

#### INCOME

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$8,961,242	100%
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	\$(18,573)	-0.2%
Investment Interest/Dividends	\$681,612	7.6%
Special Events	\$254,321	2.8%
Retail Revenue	\$1,277,862	14.3%
Adoption/Training/Animal Care Fees	\$1,264,771	14.1%
Estate Gifts	\$1,105,507	12.3%
General Contributions (including temporarily restricted funds)	\$4,395,742	49.1%



We would like to acknowledge the individuals, businesses, foundations and estate donors who made donations during our 2024 fiscal year. Our work is only possible with help from compassionate community members like you.

In order to direct more funding to the pets & people who need it most, we have listed all our lifesaving donors digitally! Just scan the QR code.



Blackberry, Adopted from Animal Humane

### **Our Locations**

#### Main Campus

615 Virginia St. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108 505.255.5523

#### Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic

615 Virginia St. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108 505.217.0300

#### PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center

350 Eubank Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123 505.298.4122 Ext 9

#### Westside Adoption Center

10141 Coors Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114 505.323.PETS (7387)

#### **Thrift Shop**

5341 Menaul Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 505.938.7915 GREETINGS from

Scarlette, Adopted from Animal Humane

Mural Artist: Victor Ving