

## **2007 In Review**

### **January**

- Transferred eight dogs to Boulder Valley Humane Society.
- Trapped eighteen cats/kittens from one home by request of Archuleta County.
- Remodeled Thrift Store - new dressing rooms, enlarged check out area.
- Completed Sale of shelter and land to Pagosa Area Water Department.
- Received approval by the Archuleta County Planning Dept on new shelter. project.
- First grant application of the year sent off to the El Pomar Foundation.

### **February**

- Visited by Talent Search's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students and teachers walked dogs and socialized cats.
- Held training session on Homeward Bound Campaign.
- Cupid Classifieds raised \$400.
- County Commissioners approved conditional use permit for the new shelter campus.
- Submitted new shelter building plans to Building Department.
- Awarded \$500 toward education from the El Pomar Foundation.
- Submitted grant application to John G. Duncan Foundation.

### **March**

- Transferred nine puppies and two dogs to Denver Dumb Friends League.
- Of the 18 cats and kitten trapped in January all but five have been adopted.
- Six cats were adopted out at the thrift store.
- Humane Society enters and takes 1<sup>st</sup> place for Best Float in the Chamber St. Patrick's Day Parade.

### **April**

- Ground-Breaking Ceremony held at the new shelter site on Cloman Blvd.
- Thrift Store Participated in the Builders Association Home and Garden Show with new furniture displays.
- Chamber SunDowner and Annual Chocolate Auction raises over \$8,850!
- First cocktail party held to help raise funds for Homeward Bound Campaign.
- Executive Director spoke at Kiwanis and Rotary clubs on Homeward Bound Campaign.

### **May**

- Trapped five cats outside of local business.
- Building permit issued for Phase I shelter building.
- Annual Thrift Store Summer Parking Lot Sales sets new record with over \$9,296 in sales!
- Thrift Store starts the "Buy a Paw" effort to raise funds for new shelter campus.
- First Annual Fashion Show Brunch raised \$8,086 toward the Homeward Bound Campaign.
- Foundation poured for new shelter building.
- Submitted grant application to the Hershey Foundation.

### **June**

- Four Adopt-a-Thons held at City Market.

- Humane Society shelter visited by a group of special needs youth students.
- Fred Harman Museum hosted cocktail party for Homeward Bound Campaign.
- Site work for utilities, driveway and parking lot started at new shelter.
- Awarded \$2,000 toward spay & neuter program from the Hershey Foundation.

## **July**

- Adopt-a-Thon held at City Market.
- Shelter Manager educated young children on approaching a strange dog during Park Fun Days.
- Trapped six more cats at local business; all of the cats/kitten have found homes.
- Local Library donated 300 boxes of old books left over from book sales to the Thrift Store.
- Pagosa Area Water Department gives extension on move out date from old shelter.

## **August**

- Transferred five dogs to Denver Dumb Friends League.
- Adopt-a-Thon held at City Market.
- Annual Adopt-a-Thon and Sidewalk Sale held at Thrift Store.
- Thrift Store staff prepared Board meeting room to become temporary shelter office and cattery.
- Shelter moved out of old building into temporary quarters.
- Annual Auction for the Animals raises \$46,143!

## **September**

- Dogs are in outside kennels at new shelter site daily and returned to night quarters in afternoon.
- Adopt-a-Thon held at City Market.
- Department of Agriculture checked on progress of new shelter and inspected and approved temporary quarters.

## **October**

- Thrift Store helps out with annual San Juan Outdoor Club Sport Swap. Unsold sporting goods donated to Thrift Store.
- Thrift Store held 1<sup>st</sup> Annual End of Summer New Furniture Sales.
- Onsite Visit by Charles Wolfe of Bates Foundation.
- Grant application submitted to the Bates Foundation.
- Waiting on completion of new building and Shor-line kennels.

## **November**

- Annual Volunteer and Staff Thank You Party.
- Moved into new shelter!!!
- Temporary kennels are set-up, still waiting on Shor-line.
- Wish Trees and Wreathes put up around town.
- Executive Director worked with District Attorney on two felony dog abuse cases.

- Awarded \$6,000 from Bates Foundation for spay & neuter programs and \$2,000 for Homeward Bound Campaign.
- Direct Mailer for \$1,000 Club sent out for Homeward Bound Campaign.

## **December**

- Kennels finally arrive from Shor-line, but order is incomplete and some items incorrect.
- Adopt-a-thon held at Pagosa Nursery.
- Working with contractor to complete “fix-it” list at new shelter.
- Incorrect heating system at shelter forces use of space heaters in the kennel area during extreme cold weather.
- Met with Planning Department off and onsite signage for the shelter.
- Have received over \$40,000 to date from the \$1,000 Club Mailer sent out in November.

## **Education:**

HSPS has implemented a community awareness program to educate the community in animal care and overpopulation concerns. We are attacking the problem on two levels by working with children and parents. School-age children are being educated in the proper care of their pets. (Teach the children, teach the parent.) The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs has also adopted 14 classrooms in Pagosa Springs to receive KIND (*Kids In Nature's Defense*) News.

## **Community Programs**

The Humane Society worked with Archuleta County Court Volunteers to create an education workshop – Dog Owner Responsibility Class (DORC), held six times a year. The classes instruct pet owners on local animal laws, health concerns and behavior tips and guidelines. **Fewer animals are being picked up by Animal Control officers than in previous years. This can be attributed to pet owners being more responsible due, at least in part, to the Humane Society's workshops, education in schools and public awareness efforts. In addition, the Humane Society's spay and neuter program continue to show success and fewer animals are out there breeding.** In 2007, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Pet Overpopulation Reduction Program sterilized 672 pets. The organization's Emergency Medical program and local veterinarians contributed over \$7,500 to mend animals in need.

## **Volunteer Hours for the Year**

The Humane Society has over 125 active volunteers who contributed over 10,000 volunteer hours. This is the equivalent of 5 full time employees!

## **Financial Audit**

Mike Branch, C.P.A., conducted our Fiscal Year 2007 independent audit and reported the HSPS is in good condition though HSPS faces challenges with the increased costs of the new shelter building(s). He noted that our overhead percentage (the burden of having an administrative office) was only 8%. On the accounting side, all documentation and postings are correct.

## **Humane Society Thrift Store**

In 2007, the Thrift Store showed a profit of over \$101,097 due to the hard work of the Thrift Store Manager, staff and volunteers. These funds are used to offset the operating costs at the animal shelter.