



PawsCo

2023 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

OUR MISSION

To give vulnerable animals an opportunity to thrive by engaging the passion of our Colorado Community.



We achieve our mission by focusing on the 3 pillars:

VOLUNTEER

We are a volunteer-run organization that runs like a business. Our network of passionate and enthusiastic volunteers support our community on a daily basis.

ADOPT

We partner with shelters to assist with animals who are not thriving in a shelter setting. We are an all-breed rescue and support our foster pets with love, training, and medical care.

OUTREACH

We are committed to education and community outreach. We work on collaborative spay/neuter efforts and manage Spay-Neuter>Returns with several local shelters.



THE IMPACT OF A YEAR

PawsCo had another incredible year of impact - we saved more animals than ever before - all thanks to the generosity of donors and volunteers like you! We were able to provide a safe foster home, medical care, training, and more to 537 dogs and cats.

These deserving animals come to PawsCo for a variety of reasons. Often the animals that come have extensive medical needs, are shut down in the shelter environment and need a loving home to show their true personalities, need individualized training, or may come from shelters in rural areas that don't have many options for animals that end up in their care. We welcome animals who have nowhere else to turn and stand by their side for as long as it takes for them to find their forever families. PawsCo shelter partners know they can count on us when it matters most.



In the past few years, we have seen a shift in the needs of our shelter partners in Colorado. Prior to COVID, PawsCo provided an outlet for shelters with animals that needed more care than the shelter could provide. With the urban shelters, space hadn't been a concern. In recent years, we have seen this landscape change. For the first time in decades, we are hearing that shelters are full. PawsCo continues to help with the challenging cases as we always have, but we are also focusing on growing our capacity to help offload our shelters. Every kennel that we can free up, tremendously improves outcomes for animals in the front range. In 2023, we saw 33% year-over-year growth in our animal intake as we work to continually pivot and meet the ever changing needs of shelters and animals in the Colorado community.

Donor support is critical to fueling our mission to give vulnerable animals the opportunity to thrive. All PawsCo animals are micro-chipped, spay/neutered, vaccinated, and receive any needed training or additional medical support. Last year, PawsCo spent \$140,535 on medical expenses which ranged from necessary dental work to life saving orthopedic reconstruction surgeries. With rising vet costs, and the increased animal intake, we are able to maintain our low adoption fees only through donor support, ensuring that adoption of a dog or cat into a loving home is accessible for everyone.

Thank you for helping PawsCo provide the opportunity for these worthy dogs and cats to find safety and love!

With love, compassion, and gratitude,

Katie Marshall,
Board President



HERE'S HOW WE MADE OUR MARK.

Thanks to our donors, volunteers, and community, 2023 was one of our best yet.

DOGS SAVED

131



CATS SAVED

406



AVERAGE COST PER ANIMAL

\$348



MEDICAL EXPENSES

\$140,535



PAWSCO STORIES

14 DOGS FIND SAFETY *and* LOVE

On November 30, 14 dogs joined the PawsCo family from a federal holding facility and made history as our largest single in-take. The dogs were seized by the government due to extreme animal cruelty violations. PawsCo volunteers helped shepherd them through veterinarian examinations and showed them love for the first time in their lives. While some arrived shy and terrified coming from unimaginable circumstances, all expressed joy from the comfort and affection of our volunteers. The traumatic stories shared about each dog varied, but it was inspiring knowing that from that day on they would all know safety and love.



One of the dogs, Julian, came to PawsCo from a heartbreaking hoarding situation. He is heart worm positive, has physical deformities from abuse, and is emotionally very shut down. At a little over two years old and just 33 pounds, he has some serious growing to do with his loving foster family until he is ready to find his forever family.



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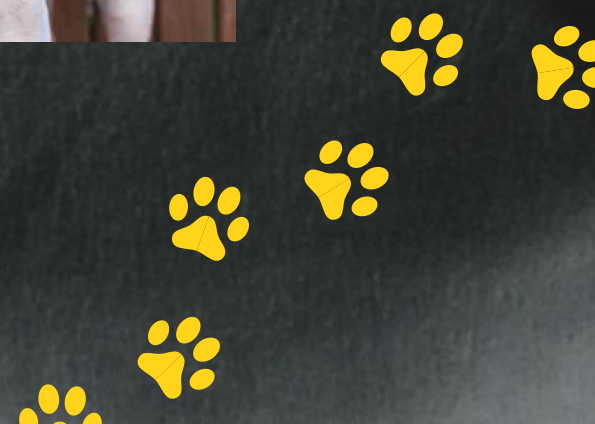
a BRIGHT FUTURE for PATRICK

Patrick came to PawsCo with chronic left tibiotarsal luxation and chronic right femoral malunion, or more simply, two very broken legs. Over his 210 days with PawsCo, our volunteers worked with the surgical team at Colorado State University to stabilize his right leg by surgically adding a plate, and provide biweekly post-op bandage changes. These dedicated volunteers drove Patrick from Denver to Fort Collins multiple times a month for four months. Thanks to the generosity of PawsCo's committed donors, Patrick had access to all the medical care needed to make a full recovery and find his forever home.



DEDICATED to NYLA'S TRAINING

After not thriving in a shelter and earning the reputation of an escape artist, Nyla came to PawsCo. She spent over 200 days with us during which time her foster and volunteer team were dedicated to her training. This curious, bold, and brave girl learned and grew so much with her foster family, and once she was adoptable, quickly found the perfect home. Her adoption family is patient and equally dedicated to her high energy needs to ensure she is living her best life.



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SASHA'S HEARTBREAKING START *and* RECOVERY

At seven weeks old, Sasha came to PawsCo after being shot and in need of immediate medical attention. Unfortunately, she was the only survivor out of her litter. Due to her young age, size, and the extent of her injuries, her foster monitored her closely for signs of infection before she was seen by a veterinarian and evaluated for surgery. After a thorough assessment of her condition, it was recommended that her leg be amputated to ensure the best opportunity for a long life. Sasha is on the road to recovery and was adopted by her foster family.



EMMY was adopted after 200 days with PawsCo. She was able to do multiple meet and greets thanks to our partnership with Teddy's Cat Cafe.



DOLLY, KENNY, MILLIE & TACO were all quickly adopted after coming to PawsCo from a local shelter that was unable to accommodate all 60+ animals from a hoarding situation and needed immediate help.



ALFIE was adopted rather than euthanized after PawsCo provided the necessary surgery to remove his injured eye. After meeting Alfie's medical need that the shelter couldn't, he received tons of applications.



BISCUIT was adopted after spending 150+ days with PawsCo fosters before we found the perfect adopter. Biscuit needed someone patient with his separation anxiety. He now has a home with space where he can explore and be himself.

WAGS *and* WHISKERS 2023

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

210 PawsCo donors came together on September 16, 2023 to celebrate ten years of saving animals! Guests also had the opportunity to hear several inspirational success stories from volunteers and adopters, as well as learn about PawsCo's vision for the future. Our biggest fundraising event of the year raised \$75,000, which directly impacts the animals who come to PawsCo and allows our volunteers to provide them the opportunity to thrive.



SAVE *the* DATE and join us for Wags and Whiskers on September 21, 2024 at the Curtis Hotel in downtown Denver!

Attendees heard from PawsCo co-founder, Tiana Kennedy, about the history and the impact of the organization for the past ten years, and she shared her gratitude for the volunteers, fosters, and donors that make the life-changing impact possible. Tiana reminded supporters that we come together to ensure there are “no more bad days” for the animals PawsCo saves.




Guests in attendance were greeted by Hugo, Roosevelt, and Patrick, who volunteered to represent their fellow adoptable dogs and cats who are looking for their forever homes.



A photograph of two women sitting on a table in a clinical or veterinary setting. The woman on the left is wearing blue scrubs and has a stethoscope around her neck. She is holding a small white and brown spotted puppy. The woman on the right is wearing a dark grey top and is holding two small brown puppies. Both women are smiling warmly at the camera. The background shows a white cabinet and some medical equipment.

GRATEFUL *for* PAWSCO'S VILLAGE *of* VOLUNTEERS

CARING FOR MORE THAN
500 ANIMALS TAKES *a* VILLAGE

A close-up photograph of a tabby cat's face, looking directly at the camera with large, expressive green eyes. The cat's fur is a mix of brown, black, and white. In the upper right corner of the image, there are several yellow paw prints of varying sizes, some overlapping the cat's head and others floating in the background.

Our volunteers are a vital part of our community. From animal in-take to training, marketing and events, fostering, adoptions, and more, our volunteers give their time and talent to ensure every dog and cat that comes to PawsCo has the opportunity for a better life. Unlike many other rescue organizations, PawsCo does not have a physical shelter and relies on foster homes to care for our animals. By welcoming these animals into their homes, whether they simply need a temporary place to call home or if they have unique medical or behavioral needs that need to be addressed before adoption, our fosters provide individualized care and make a lifesaving difference.

"I started volunteering with PawsCo two years ago because I wanted to surround myself with people who truly care about animals. I first joined the foster team where I helped support and grow our amazing network of fosters, and now am in a new animal relations role where I support all of our team leaders. I'm constantly impressed and inspired by how committed all the teams are to PawsCo's success, and we are all volunteers!"

HAIFA SWEENY, PAWSCO SENIOR DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL RELATIONS

PawsCo's impact in 2023 and all that's ahead in 2024 is made possible thanks to you — our generous donors, sponsors, volunteers, and community. You share in every success and every life that is saved. **Thank you!**

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