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## The Many Ways You Can Support Our Pets!

Set up a recurring monthly donation through our website

Donate your vehicle, boat, or "big kid" toy

Host a supply drive at your school or workplace

Include RHHS in your will and estate planning

Have your IRA RMDs (required minimum distributions) made directly to RHHS

Name RHHS as your beneficiary on your life insurance policy, IRAs, and other accounts

Donate stocks to RHHS

Volunteer your time and expertise

Offer a training to our staff and/or volunteers

Mention us when you shop at J&M Aquatics

Shop through AmazonSmile.com

Order from our Amazon WishList and have it sent to the shelter



Shop on Chewy.com

Designate RHHS as your City Market Value Card charitable organization

Install the Walk for a Dog app on your smartphone

For more information about these and other ways to support, contact Anna Stout at 434-7337, ext. 107 or [anna@rhhumanesociety.org](mailto:anna@rhhumanesociety.org).

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## Happy Tail

Linda McArthur and Nancy Greene are cousins who have lived together for more than 25 years. Over the years they always had pets, but after their last three dogs eventually passed away, they made the difficult decision not to adopt any more pets. It was becoming more difficult to care for them as they aged.

One morning, Nancy awoke with puppies on her mind. She went to the kitchen and Linda soon emerged from her room. "I just got off the phone with Roice-Hurst. They have a sweet little dog there right now. How would you feel about going and meeting her?" Nancy looked at her cousin in bewilderment—it was as if she had read her mind. **They made their way to Roice-Hurst and knew immediately that the sweet little Chihuahua, Nina Lee, would find her forever home at their house.**



About a month later, Linda arrived home feeling unwell. The whole day she had felt something was not quite right, so she took two aspirin and went directly to bed. Around midnight, Nancy awoke to Nina Lee bouncing all over her, barking and scratching. She wouldn't stop, so Nancy got up to let Nina Lee outside to go potty.

**But instead of running toward the door, Nina went down the hall to Linda's room.** Nancy followed her and found Linda lying on the floor. "Something's wrong. I can't get up," Linda said to her cousin. Nancy immediately called 911 and the paramedics arrived in time to get her the critical care she needed before lasting damage could be done.

As Nancy would tell it later, she suddenly found herself on the ground and could not get back up. She tried to yell and throw whatever was in reach at the door, but her room is on the other side of the house from her



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cousin's so the effort was futile. **If it hadn't been for Nina Lee, Nancy's right brain stem stroke would have left her severely paralyzed, or worse, dead.**

"That's the reason that God sent us to get that dog," Nancy reflects. **"She saved Linda's life."**

## Lillipuss Finds a Home

After Evelyn Haley read Lillipuss' story in our December newsletter, she couldn't get the shy gray kitty out of her mind. Finally, she went to the shelter to meet her and, knowing that Lillipuss would need a patient and loving home,

she adopted her. Evelyn works weekly with our cat care staff on a training regimen for Lillipuss and their progress, while slow, is uplifting. Evelyn won't give up on Lillipus. For the first time, Lillipuss has a forever home.

**Have you thought about what happens to your pets after your passing? See inside for tips from our Executive Director...**

**We have switched to a new donor management system. If you have previously asked to be removed from our mailing list or wish to update your contact information, please email [info@rhhumanesociety.org](mailto:info@rhhumanesociety.org) or call 434-7337.**

## Volunteer

Did you know? We have revamped our volunteer program! We're excited to offer classes and hands-on training for our volunteers. If you haven't volunteered yet this year, please contact Laura Taylor to sign up for an orientation and learn about the new program.

### Upcoming volunteer orientations:

June 22, 4:30pm  
July 11, 4:30pm  
July 15, 9am  
July 20, 4:30pm  
August 1, 4:30pm  
August 12, 9am  
August 24, 4:30pm

Email [laura@rhhumanesociety.org](mailto:laura@rhhumanesociety.org) to register for an orientation.

### Upcoming volunteer trainings (must have attended an orientation first):

June 24  
V-2 Cat Class (10am)  
July 8  
V-2 Dog Class (10am)  
V-3 Dog Class (11am)  
July 18  
V-2 Dog Class (4:30pm)  
July 22  
V-2 Dog Class (10am)  
V-3 Dog Class (11am)  
July 29  
V-2 Cat Class (10am)  
August 19  
V-2 Cat Class (10am)

Classes are added regularly. Check our website for current listings!

To learn more about our Level 2 and 3 (V-2 & V-3) volunteer requirements, call Laura at 434-7337, ext. 102.

## A Forever Fund for Forever Homes

Roice-Hurst is thrilled to announce the creation of a charitable endowment that will support the animals in our community in perpetuity. An endowment is a permanently restricted diversified fund that pays out interest in dividends to the organization. It is a part of our long-term funding strategy and provides a permanent source of funding while allowing our donors to leave a true legacy through their giving.

Thanks to generous year-end donations in 2016, we have set up an initial endowment of \$50,000 with the Western Colorado Community Foundation and hope to build it to over \$1 million in the coming years.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Grande River Vineyards Concert June 24

Join us once again against the backdrop of the vines of Palisade for the Grande River Vineyards benefit concert with Stray Grass! Tickets are \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door). Bring a picnic or enjoy food from one of the food trucks. Gates open at 6:30, concert starts at 7:30. No outside beverages or pets allowed. Don't forget a blanket or lawn chair!

### GJ Dog Fest September 10

Bring your pup to Lincoln Park for the first annual GJ Dog Fest! We'll have adoptable pets, games and contests, and food trucks. General admission is only \$3, which includes entry into the grand prize, or \$20 (\$25 at the door) for VIP access, which includes a commemorative glass and bottomless beer. Visit [gjdogfest.com](http://gjdogfest.com) for more information or to buy tickets. And don't forget to stop by the Lincoln Park Pool beforehand to let your dog swim at Dog Days of Summer!

The best way to help us grow this fund is to consider including Roice-Hurst in your will and estate plans. Your contribution gives year after year, long after you are no longer here to support the shelter.

Roice-Hurst works to provide forever homes for homeless cats and dogs. Now we have a forever fund that will support our mission of promoting bonds between pets and their people, now and well into the future.

For information about how to leave a legacy gift through the endowment, call Anna at 434-7337, ext. 107.



### Party for Paws August 11

It's almost time for another celebration of the life-saving work that you make possible! Our fifth annual Party for Paws is August 11 at the DoubleTree Hotel from 6-9pm. This year, we will feature four-legged guests from search and rescue programs and learn about these incredible rescuers! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and has one of the best animal-themed silent auctions in town, so you won't want to miss it!

For more information about these and other events, visit our website or call Laura at 434-7337, ext. 102.



King is still available for adoption! Come meet this cool dog!

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## From The Executive Director's Desk: Planning for your Pet

When my neighbor passed away in her home in November 2015, her only daughter came in from out of town to handle her estate. After a few weeks of flurried activity in and around the house, it sat empty for over seven months. At one point early in the spring, I ran into a neighbor who asked me if the black cat that was hanging around was mine. We soon figured out this cat had been overlooked in the days following his owner's passing and had been left to survive outside all winter long. He was scrawny and had become unsocialized. After a few days of earning his trust, I was able to catch him and bring him to Roice-Hurst, but he was almost 10 years old and the lack of care had taken a toll. **After weeks of care and rehab, Meow-Meow was adopted and has never looked back.**



While this case is obviously extreme, the story is one we hear all too often at the shelter. Neighbors arrive to surrender cats that have been hanging around their house because someone in the neighborhood passed away. Grieving family members come to surrender their loved one's dog or cat because they don't know what else to do with it. **And when those animals come to the shelter, they come with little—or sometimes no—history, making it extremely difficult for our staff to ease the transition to the shelter and then to a new home.**



Planning for your pets should be an integral part of your estate planning process. Just as you would identify heirs, caregivers for children, an estate administrator, etc., **you should also identify the future caregiver of your pets and leave as much information for that person as possible** so he/she knows your pets' medical history, food preferences, daily regimen, and anything else that will help them bond.

Don't simply assume that a family member will take your pets—in my case, my family members already have full houses, and none of my friends are able to take all five of mine. But I have identified friends willing to take them in pairs. In the event those homes fall through, I have left instructions for what to do if the best option is a shelter. I also have filled out the **Pet Information for Future Caregivers form (available at Roice-Hurst)** for each animal and left it with my will so that the moment something happens to me, my family knows what to do.

We are honored that our community chooses Roice-Hurst to care for and rehome pets and we will always expedite animals that come from homes where an owner has passed away. **We hope the worksheets we have created will help bring peace of mind in those final moments, knowing a beloved pet will be cared for after you are gone**, whether through the shelter or with a loved one.

No pet should live the experience Meow-Meow went through, and it just takes some dedicated planning in advance to avoid. **If you need any help planning for your pets, please call or come to the shelter and we will be happy to work with you throughout the process.**

## Animal Resource Center Classes

Having problems with your pet? Questions about why your pet does that thing he does? Or do you just want to know more about your furry family members? The ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER is here to help you strengthen (and sometimes repair) the bond you have with your animal. Register for a class today!

### JUNE

June 24  
What Your Cat Wants You to Know About the Litter Box (3pm)  
June 29  
Basic Obedience (10am)  
June 29  
Feline Nutrition 101 (5:30pm)

### JULY

July 6, 8, 10  
Kitten Kindergarten (5:30pm)  
July 15  
Basic Dog Obedience (10am)  
July 15  
Bottle Babies (3pm)  
July 16  
Understanding Your Tiger (2pm)  
July 21  
Clicker Training for Cats (5:30pm)  
July 23  
Taming Your Tiger (2pm)

### AUGUST

August 3, 5, 7  
Kitten Kindergarten (5:30pm)  
August 12  
Bottle Babies (3pm)  
August 26  
What Your Cat Wants You to Know About the Litter Box (3pm)

To learn more about the ARC, call Jodi Summers, Cat Care Specialist, or Joy Ahiers, Dog Behavior Counselor at 434-7337, ext. 103 or 104.