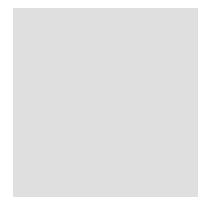




**Roice-Hurst Humane Society**

PO Box 4040  
Grand Junction, CO 81502



A special thanks to  
our partners...



## Mission

Promoting bonds between  
pets and their people

## Vision

We envision a community  
that celebrates pets

## Values

We are guided by  
compassion, collaboration,  
stewardship, leadership,  
and excellence.

## Board of Directors

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## Our Impactful Programs

### ● ADOPTIONS

We provide individualized behavioral  
and medical care for dogs and cats  
while working to match them with  
new families.

### ● FOSTER

Shelter pets are lovingly cared for in  
volunteers' homes prior to adoption.

### ● VOLUNTEER

Volunteers assist with animal care,  
events, transports, veterinary tasks,  
and more.

### ● PET PANTRY

We provide pet food and supplies  
while pet owners get back on their  
feet.

### ● CRISIS BOARDING PROGRAM

We provide up to one month of pet boarding in  
crisis situations to prevent unnecessary goodbyes.

### ● PET BEHAVIOR COUNSELING

Our talented behavior counselors assist owners  
with solving their pet behavior challenges.

### ● DELTA SATELLITE FACILITY

We provide sheltering services for stray and  
impounded pets for the City of Delta and  
Delta County.

### ● LOW-COST VET SERVICES & MOBILE VET CLINIC

We offer low-cost pet vaccinations  
and spay/neuter, regularly deploying  
our mobile vet clinic in conjunction  
with human health partners.



Look inside to learn what makes Roice-Hurst **more than a shelter**,  
save the dates for our **2022 events**, and read heartwarming  
stories about the **lives transformed by your support!**



## From the CEO's Desk

Spring is right around the corner! As the rest of the country prepares for budding flowers and sandal weather, those of us working in animal welfare are preparing for the beginning of our busiest season of the year – kitten season.

**Each spring, we see the first of hundreds of tiny kittens trickle through our doors.** Each of these kittens moves directly into the home of a kind foster volunteer (and occasionally my spare bedroom!) until they're ready for adoption.

Purring, goofy foster kittens have brought me many giggles and joy over the years. And the two litters I cared for in 2020 truly helped

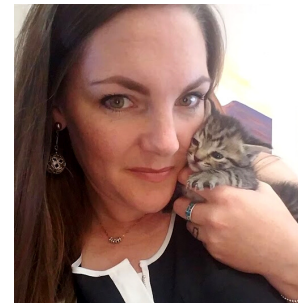
stave off the pandemic burnout so many of us struggled with. **If you have a spare room or bathroom and some love to share, I invite you to join me in taking home a litter or two of foster kittens this season** by signing up on our website or stopping by the shelter. (If kittens aren't your thing, we have adult cats, dogs, and puppies, too!)

And when you do, I can't wait to hear all about your foster pet at our upcoming events!

We are thrilled to bring the **Bow Wow Film Festival** back to the Avalon Theatre on Sunday, March 13. Our annual **Kitten Shower Donation Drive** is Saturday, April 2

to benefit our many kittens in foster care. And don't miss rock band **Eve 6** at the dog-friendly **Wüffstock music festival** at Las Colonias Amphitheater on Saturday, May 14!

As always, I am grateful for your unwavering support for the pets and people in our community. **Thank you for being by our side.**



CEO Anna Stout

## More Than A Shelter

When you imagine an animal shelter, you may simply think of a place you go when you're ready to pick out a new furry friend – and while that is what we do, **Roice-Hurst is so much more than a shelter.**



The best place for a pet to be is not in an animal shelter – it's at home with a person who loves them. **We believe that a loved, wanted pet should never unnecessarily become a shelter pet.**

That's why we offer a variety of programs through our Animal Resource Center designed to alleviate challenges that put pets and their people at risk of separation – **from supplying pet food and vaccines, to troubleshooting behavior issues, to providing boarding for a pet while its owner navigates a personal crisis.**

"Pets are so important for mental and physical health," says April Schlauger, Roice-Hurst's Animal Resource Center Coordinator. "When we can give someone the resources they may not otherwise have access to, **keeping the pet in that home is a huge benefit to the pet, the owner, and us as the shelter.**"

When we help pets stay healthy, cared for, and well-behaved, their owners reap the benefits of the human-animal bond and the pet remains in a loving home.

**Roice-Hurst is more than a shelter – we are a crucial part of keeping our community well and healthy.**

To learn more about our programs or to access services, visit [RHhumanesociety.org](http://RHhumanesociety.org) or call us at 970.434.7337.

## March is Write a Will Month!

March is Write a Will Month, which means it's as good a time as ever to ensure that your end-of-life directives are in place and up-to-date — and that includes planning for your pets.

Much like children and other assets, **care should be taken to leave directives for pets to ensure future caregivers have all the information and tools necessary to take over care for your pet(s) with the least amount of trauma and disruption to the pet possible.**

Visit [RHhumanesociety.org/planning-for-your-pets](http://RHhumanesociety.org/planning-for-your-pets) to find simple instructions and sample directives to plan for your pets.

Now is also a great time to consider the legacy you would like to leave behind. **Remembering Roice-Hurst as a beneficiary in your will is a generous way to ensure the pets in our community are cared for in perpetuity.** To learn more about legacy giving, please call Kara at 970-434-7337 ext. 113.



## Recurring Giving

Support Roice-Hurst all year long by setting up an automatic recurring monthly, quarterly, or annual donation! **Make your support effortless and mindless as your gift is automatically deducted from your bank account.** Simply mark your donation as recurring on the enclosed envelope or visit our website at [RHhumanesociety.org](http://RHhumanesociety.org).

## Supporter Spotlight: Kris Valentino

After moving to Delta last year, Kris Valentino was looking for a rewarding volunteer experience in retirement and started volunteering at our Delta facility.

Kris dedicates eight hours each week to walking dogs and improving the shelter. When she noticed that not every kennel had a comfortable, elevated Kuranda bed, **Kris generously donated eight new beds!**

"I wanted to offer my abilities and energy to help and care for stray dogs and keep the facility clean," Kris says. **"I enjoy giving back to animals and my community."**

Are you looking for a rewarding way to give back like Kris? Sign up to volunteer at [RHhumanesociety.org/volunteer-program](http://RHhumanesociety.org/volunteer-program)



Jasper, a stray pup at our Delta facility, is enjoying his comfortable Kuranda bed donated by Kris!



## Homeward Hounds

In December, we unveiled our latest collaboration with our friends at HomewardBound of the Grand Valley — Homeward Hounds!

**Homeward Hounds is a village of nine climate-controlled, secure Pallet shelters designed to provide temporary dignified shelter to people experiencing homelessness with their pets.**

This first-of-its-kind project ensures people don't have to choose between avoiding extreme temperatures and dangerous situations on the streets or keeping their beloved companion animals. Now people have an option to keep themselves *and* their pets safe.



Roice-Hurst foster dog Ginger poses in front of the Homeward Hounds shelters.

No other homeless shelter in the country allows pet owners to sleep securely in a private room with their pets. **As this program develops, we intend to use our experience as a model for other collaborations across the country.**

**Thank you, PetSmart Charities and the Abram & Ray Kaplan Foundation, for funding this groundbreaking endeavor!**



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## Lives Transformed

Each day, pets and people find the help they need at Roice-Hurst Humane Society. These are just a couple of our favorite stories of pets we met recently.

### Tiny But Mighty

Three days before Christmas, newborn puppy Patches and her two fragile siblings arrived at Roice-Hurst when their mom sadly passed away shortly after giving birth. Tragically, Patches' siblings passed away not long after, leaving Patches as the sole survivor.

But Patches wasn't all alone in the world — **her compassionate and talented foster family, the Buckovics, cared for Patches around-the-clock**, including bottle feeding her every two hours.



Patches survived thanks to her amazing foster family!

"Each day we have her, it's just amazing to see her survive, and now she's a ball of energy," Dawn Buckovic says. **"When they're that little, it's a lot of work, but it is so rewarding when you see them thriving. It's what keeps us fostering again and again."**

Now two months old, Patches is ready to be adopted into a family of her own, **all thanks to the many hours, sleepless nights, and endless compassion the Buckovics spent caring for baby Patches.**

### You Can Transform Lives, Too!

Some of the most dramatic transformations we witness are of animals that were lucky enough to receive the love and comfort only a foster home can provide, like Patches and Stripes.

All types of pets benefit from foster care – from bottle babies and medical cases to pets simply wishing for a more comfy or quiet place to stay while they wait for a new family to find them.

Join us in transforming the lives of the pets who need it most by becoming a valuable Roice-Hurst foster home!

[RHhumanesociety.org/foster](http://RHhumanesociety.org/foster)



### Saving Stripes

When Stripes the kitten was just three months old, he fell from a second-story window and suffered a broken hind leg before arriving at Roice-Hurst. Stripes required a major surgery costing \$1,500 to repair the injury — and **thanks to our generous community of donors, Stripes had his life-changing procedure!**

But undergoing the surgery was only the beginning. In order to regain function of his leg, Stripes requires six weeks of daily physical therapy exercises and strict bed rest — which is a lot to ask of a bouncy young kitten!

Luckily, Stripes found himself in foster care with Mikaela Sullivan, a longtime Roice-Hurst volunteer with impressive animal care skills and veterinary experience.



Stripes is healing from his major leg surgery in his foster home.

"He is a very loving kitten who loves pets, being around people, and snuggling on the couch," Mikaela says. **Despite all he's been through in his short life thus far, Stripes remains sweet as can be.**

Keep an eye on our social media pages to follow along as Stripes heals and finds his forever family!



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