



Roice-Hurst Humane Society

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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.

Executive Team

Anna Stout, CEO
Carl Hughes, President
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Peter Bacich, Treasurer
Directors: Dr. Cathlin Craver,
Hon. Lance Timbreza, Dean Harris,
Jeff Kuhr, PhD, Julia McHugh, PhD,
Bill Wade, Elaine Johnson-Craig

Support Our Impact

All of us at Roice-Hurst Humane Society are profoundly grateful for your support this year. Whether you joined us for a paw-some time with your pup at last month's 5th annual Wüffstock Music Festival, opened your heart and home to an adoptive or foster pet during the busy summer season, volunteered your time at our shelter or events, or supported our work through a crucial monetary or in-kind gift – *thank you*.

As our community feels the direct effects of the pandemic – a looming eviction crisis, a severe housing shortage, and financial hardship – people and their beloved pets are at risk of separation, and we anticipate an influx of pets needing our assistance. **Helping pets find loving homes is our specialty, but just as important is keeping pets in those homes with the people who love and need them.**

As a non-profit, we rely on donations from animal lovers like you to meet the needs of more than a thousand pets and people who use our services each year – whether through our adoption or foster programs, short-term emergency boarding, the pet pantry, low-cost veterinary services, or pet behavior help.

When you make a gift to Roice-Hurst, you keep families together and make second chances possible. Please consider a gift today.



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From the CEO's Desk

As I reflect on the past year-and-a-half, it feels like the long-awaited emergence into a "new normal" is slowly coming to be. Seeing so many you (and your dogs!) in person at our Wüffstock Music Festival last month filled me with gratitude at being able to finally reconnect with our incredible supporters (and did I mention your dogs?) in this community.

Through the hardship and uncertainty of the last 18 months, many positive changes and heartwarming stories have emerged. During the thick of the pandemic, I asked each of our staff members to write lists of what changes from the pandemic they wanted to keep, eliminate,

or welcome back once we emerged on the other side.

Unanimously on the "keep" list was the extraordinary growth of our foster program. **The shelter is now a last resort for homeless pets** - our superhero network of foster families grew to allow us to now place many homeless animals directly into loving foster homes upon their arrival. **This expanded the total capacity of our shelter and allows us to take in more pets at a time.**

We empower our foster families to adopt our their foster pets directly from foster care, meaning **some pets never even have to set a paw in a kennel before going to their forever homes.**

Our focus now in the 'pandemic emergence' is on strengthening the core functions of our organization - getting pets into loving homes, building enriching experiences for the pets within our walls, and promoting bonds between pets and their people.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you health, resilience, and a better "new normal."



CEO Anna Stout and Bella

Roice-Hurst in Delta

We're celebrating six months at our new satellite facility in Delta!

We partnered with the City of Delta and Delta County to provide safe and loving shelter for stray and impounded dogs while they await being reunited with their owners.

Since the facility's opening, we've helped dozens of lost dogs reunite with their families and provided a safe place for vulnerable kittens (and even a turtle!) until they found their forever homes.

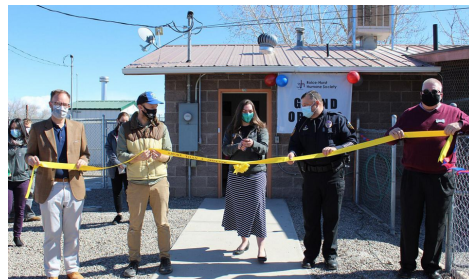
Maverick the puppy



One of those dogs was Maverick, a 3-month-old Australian Shepherd puppy who was found by a park ranger in the Escalante State Wildlife Area in Delta after going missing from his home in Fruita - over 50 miles away - just four days earlier.

Maverick's owners learned he was at our Delta facility after the pup was posted to our Facebook page. The family was joyfully reunited within hours of Maverick's arrival.

"I have no idea how he ended up in Delta. My son and I were astonished and in disbelief," Maverick's owner says. **"It was a huge sigh of relief."**



Roice-Hurst opens its doors in Delta at 720 W. 4th Street.

Our Delta facility offers services like low-cost microchipping and pet licensing, and features a fully-stocked Pet Pantry for those in need of assistance with pet food and supplies.

Foster homes are needed in the Delta area to house pets that are not reclaimed and ultimately enter our adoption program. You provide a loving temporary home, we provide the supplies and vet care!

For more information, please visit our Delta website at delta.RHhumanesociety.org

Giving Corner

How can you support Roice-Hurst's impact in our community? Count the ways!

Recurring Donations

Make supporting the pets at Roice-Hurst easy and mindless by setting up a recurring donation to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account monthly. Visit RHhumanesociety.org or enclose your donation in the enclosed envelope and mark as recurring to get started!

In-Kind Donation

The many pets in our shelter and in foster care rely on donations of food, litter, and other supplies. View our full wish list at RHhumanesociety.org/wish-list.

Time

Give your time by volunteering on site or signing up to temporarily care for a foster pet! Sign up on our website.

What's Your Legacy?

Leave a life-saving legacy by remembering Roice-Hurst in your will or trust. These gifts save the lives of thousands of pets *in perpetuity* and ensure Roice-Hurst's long-term, loving, innovative presence will continue in our region for years to come.

Other types of planned gifts to consider are retirement assets, charitable IRA rollovers (like RMDs), naming Roice-Hurst as a life insurance beneficiary, or an outright gift of cash or appreciated property.

For more information about planned giving, please mark the legacy box on the enclosed envelope or contact our development team by calling 970-434-7337 ext. 135.

Community Transformation Through Spay/Neuter

This summer, Roice-Hurst hosted two public low-cost spay/neuter clinics for Clifton residents as part of the Community Transformation Initiative, a coalition of organizations working to improve social connectedness in Mesa County one neighborhood at a time.

We deployed our mobile veterinary clinic to Central High School and spayed and neutered 10 dogs and 30 cats between the two clinics.

Thank you to PetSmart Charities, Lucky Day Animal Rescue, and C.A.R.E. for supporting this initiative!



Roice-Hurst volunteers Victoria and McKenna monitor dogs as they wake up from surgery at Central High School



Three Kitten Siblings Get Jobs!



Spud, Chip, and Hash Brown hard at work at Green Junction Farmstead

Spud, Chip, and Hash Brown were found in a box outside our Delta shelter at only five weeks old, along with six other siblings. They quickly entered loving foster homes. Once ready for adoption, they moved to our partner adoption center at J&M Aquatics.

Within hours, all three siblings were adopted together and were on their way to their new jobs chasing mice and being adored at Green Junction Farmstead!

"They are the most amazing, friendly cats. They are super companions," says their new owner. **"So many kids come here and their favorite thing to do is play with the cats."**

If you would like to welcome a cat (or three!) to your business or barn, please contact us!



The kittens and their siblings upon arrival at Roice-Hurst



Mark Your Calendar!

Every other Wednesday, 2-6pm

Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic*

October 8 & October 29, 9-11am

Community Coffee Bar at Timberline Bank

October 10, 9am-12pm

Low-Cost Microchip Clinic*

November 13, 6-9pm

Wine & Whiskers Gala

*Low-cost vaccine and microchip clinics are by appointment only. Sign up on our website.

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A Mile in our Paws



We wish we could tell you every story of the thousands of animals who have been cared for in our shelter. Here are a couple of our favorite life-saving stories.

Felix the Survivor

Felix Felicis, a 10-month-old pup, came to our Delta satellite facility as a stray after being found by Delta Police. **Our staff quickly noticed that Felix wasn't feeling well and tested him for parvovirus, a dangerous and often fatal infection. The test was positive.** Our team sprang into action and quickly transferred Felix to our Grand Junction facility for life-saving treatment from our veterinarian, Dr. Craver.

After two weeks of daily intensive care, Felix was able to safely leave his isolation kennel and was finally cured!

"Felix Felicis is the good luck potion in Harry Potter, so I named him Felix because he needed some good luck!" says Justin McCoy, one of the RHHS team members who cared for Felix through his treatment.



Felix Felicis survived parvovirus!

A couple weeks later, a graduate student visited the shelter to meet a different dog, but once she saw Felix, she knew he was the one.

"He just ran straight up to me and was so affectionate. It was an immediate connection," his new owner says. **"I would have never guessed he had ever been sick. He's so healthy and happy now!"**

Wobbly Best Friends

Lacy the kitten was born in foster care after her mom came to us pregnant in January. A few weeks after birth, Lacy's foster mom noticed that Lacy struggled with keeping her balance. She was diagnosed with cerebellar hypoplasia, a neurological condition that causes wobbly, jerky movements.

Not long after, another kitten named Isabel Magoo entered our care with the same condition. Despite being nearly three months younger than Lacy, Isabel joined Lacy in her foster home, where they are both still awaiting adoption!

"Watching these kittens enjoy life, despite their handicaps, is both heart-warming and entertaining," their foster mom says. Lacy and Isabel eat and drink on their own, keep



Lacy (left) and Isabel Magoo (right) both have cerebellar hypoplasia and have become best friends in their foster home!

themselves clean, and use scratching posts and litter boxes. Their favorite hobbies are playing with toys, birdwatching, and cuddling.

"While Lacy's gait may be wobbly and awkward, she gets where she wants to go, sometimes with surprising speed."

To meet Lacy and/or Isabel, give us a call or visit our website!

Socially Conscious Sheltering

As a leader in animal welfare, Roice-Hurst is proud to have played an integral part in passing Colorado's latest animal welfare bill (HB-1160), ensuring pets have safer, happier, and shorter stays in animal shelters state-wide.

The law, which went into effect in August, encompasses the principles of Socially Conscious Sheltering and ensures **every pet in every rescue and shelter in Colorado will receive individualized medical and behavioral care and that their needs will be thoughtfully and individually addressed.** That means pets cannot be left to languish in a facility without a plan or be euthanized for time or space reasons.

Our own Anna Stout, as co-chair of the Advocacy Committee of the Animal Welfare Association of Colorado, was on the front lines for over a year working to get the bill passed and stood proudly by as the governor signed the bill into law.



RHHS CEO Anna Stout and Dr. Apryl Steele, CEO of Denver Dumb Friends League, look on as Colorado Governor Jared Polis signs the bill. Photo courtesy of DDFL

"I'm thrilled that Colorado is the first state to formally adopt this framework of animal sheltering. Socially Conscious Sheltering is the future of animal welfare and has already raised the standard of care for pets throughout Colorado," said Anna.

Learn more about socially conscious sheltering at scsheltering.org.

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