



## 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 is healthier for and  
thanks to its pets.

### Values

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

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## Join the Mesa County Foster Pet Challenge!



### 100 new foster homes in 100 days!

Have you seen one of these foster pet yard signs in your neighborhood? If not, **be the first of your neighbors to accept the Mesa County Foster Pet Challenge!** This summer, we partnered with Mesa County with a goal of finding 100 new foster families in 100 days (June 13–Sept 21).

**Mesa County's animal shelters are approaching capacity**, due primarily to a lack of affordable pet-friendly housing in the valley and financial struggles worsened by the rising cost of living — plus, kitten season is still upon us, which means **we welcome new batches of kittens almost every week.**

Fortunately, there is a fun, effective, community-based solution that greatly expands the capacity of our shelters at no cost to you: **fostering!** When a pet walks out of Roice-Hurst with a foster family, a kennel opens up for another pet in need.

We've made it over 75% of the way to our goal — help us make it across the finish line! **We challenge you to open your heart and home to a foster pet. Learn more and sign up at [RHhumanesociety.org/foster](http://RHhumanesociety.org/foster)!**

If fostering a pet simply isn't an option in your household, look inside this newsletter to learn other ways that you can help pets in our community!

970.434.7337 [RHhumanesociety.org](http://RHhumanesociety.org)



## From the CEO's Desk

"The dog days of summer" takes on a whole different meaning when you work in animal welfare! **Every summer, we stay extremely busy** — and this year, that has proven especially true.

**The truth is that this year has been especially challenging** — not only for Roice-Hurst, but for shelters everywhere. Across the country, animal shelters are seeing long waiting lists, full kennels, and new arrivals daily. **The cost of almost everything (including running an animal shelter) has increased**, and more people are facing the heartbreaking decision to rehome a beloved pet.

To compound our challenges, **the United States is facing a shortage of veterinary**

**professionals** that the American Veterinary Medical Association expects will persist, and **there are more unaltered pets in our community than spay/neuter appointments available.**

Like many nonprofits and businesses in this labor market, **we've also faced chronic short-staffing**, which means our team is working extra hard to meet the growing needs of our community and keep pets and their people happy and united.

Our **Pet Pantry** is providing crucial pet food and supplies to those who can't make ends meet. Our **Homeward Hounds** collaboration with HomewardBound is providing dignified shelter for people experiencing homelessness with their pets. Our **crisis boarding**

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program is allowing pet owners time to get back on their feet without having to worry about losing a beloved pet during a time of crisis. And of course, we're **providing safety and compassionate care to hundreds of pets in our community that need it most.**

Despite the challenges we've faced this year, the impact we're making would not be possible without you: our donors, fosters, volunteers, and adopters. **Your support is changing and saving lives.**



CEO Anna Stout & Former Foster Bindi



## Found kittens? Here's what to do!



With warm months comes kitten season, which means all summer, kittens have been popping up in the strangest places — under porches, in sheds, bushes, fields, you name it! **If you spend time outside during kitten season, you're bound to find a kitten somewhere** (or know someone who will!)

If you're an animal lover, your first instinct will likely be to scoop them up and take them to safety. But wait! **Assess the situation and make a plan before intervening.**

So, you've found a kitten. What now? **Your next step depends on the kitten's age, condition, and the overall situation.**

### AGE

#### 0-5 weeks old

These tiny, uncoordinated kittens are dependent on mom and should stay with her until weaned.



#### 6-11 weeks old

These bouncy, independent kittens are the perfect age to join a foster program!



#### 12+ weeks old

If feral, these large, lanky kittens are difficult to socialize and may need to be Trap-Neuter-Returned.



### CONDITION & SITUATION

If a kitten looks to be clean, alert, plump, and not in distress, mom is likely nearby and has been doing a great job! **Newborn kittens have the best chance of survival when being cared for by mom.** If the kittens are safe where they are and mom is feral, it's best to **simply monitor the family until the babies are weaned around 6 weeks old.** At that point, you can bring them home or find placement for them. **And don't forget to get mom spayed!**

However, if you find newborn kittens and **it's clear that mom is not coming back, or if kittens of any age are sick, injured, or in danger, it's time to intervene.** Contact Roice-Hurst for further instruction and assistance.

**GET  
HELP**

Every situation is different! When in doubt, reach out to us for guidance or to join our foster program at 970-434-7337 or [foster@rhumanesociety.org](mailto:foster@rhumanesociety.org). Find excellent resources about caring for kittens at [KittenLady.org](http://KittenLady.org).

**Tip: Keep this paper so you can reference it when you stumble upon a kitten outside!**



Unable to join the  
**MESA COUNTY  
 FOSTER PET  
 CHALLENGE?**  
**Here's another way  
 you can help!**

If you read about the Mesa County Foster Pet Challenge on the first page of this newsletter but simply aren't able to open your home to a foster pet right now, **you can still help us reach our goal of finding 100 new foster homes in 100 days!**

**Every \$150 donated to Roice-Hurst Humane Society until September 21** specifically mentioning the Mesa County Foster Pet Challenge will offset the cost of caring for one pet in foster care, and will therefore **count as one foster home toward our goal of 100!**

**You can make a donation at [RHhumanesociety.org/donate](http://RHhumanesociety.org/donate).** Thank you for supporting our foster pets!



**Become a Volunteer!**

If you need more dogs and cats in your life and want to make a difference hands-on, volunteering is a great way to make that happen!

As a Roice-Hurst volunteer, you can do tasks like walking dogs and socializing cats, cleaning, building maintenance, gardening, veterinary assistance, transporting pets, and even at-home tasks! **No matter your skills and interests, you can help shelter pets!**

Sign up to volunteer at [RHhumanesociety.org/volunteer](http://RHhumanesociety.org/volunteer).

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Wine & Whiskers Gala  
 Saturday, September 24  
 6:30-9pm  
 Two Rivers Winery**

Join us for the "come-as-you-are" gala, even if you're covered in pet hair! Sip local wine, enjoy heavy appetizers from The Cowboy and the Rose, bid for treasures in our silent and live auctions, and meet some of the pets you help support! Grab your VIP, general admission, or gala-at-home tickets at [RHhumanesociety.org/gala](http://RHhumanesociety.org/gala).



**Stray Grass for Stray Pets  
 Saturday, October 1  
 5-9pm  
 Western CO Botanical Gardens**

Bring your dog and enjoy an evening of food, drink, and live acoustic Americana music by popular local band Stray Grass at the beautiful Botanical Gardens!

**Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics  
 Monthly  
 Registration Required**

Get your pet up-to-date on vaccinations at our monthly low-cost vaccination clinic! We offer core vaccines and microchipping at an affordable cost to keep your pet safe and healthy. Register at [RHhumanesociety.org/clinic](http://RHhumanesociety.org/clinic).

**A Match Made at Kids Camp!**

In July, a group of 22 animal-loving kids between the ages of 6 and 12 years old spent a week at our annual Furry Friends Kids Camp. Campers learned about dog and cat body language, mastered clicker training, experienced the inner workings of an animal shelter, and of course, spent plenty of time providing enrichment to puppies and kittens!

**Kids Camp was extra memorable for one repeat camper, 9-year-old Greta Funk,** who has attended camp for several years. This year, Greta felt a special connection with 8-week-old puppy, Chleo.

**"I felt connected to Chleo because of how playful she was,"** Greta said. "When she would sit in my lap, she would lick my face and it was just the cutest and sweetest thing."

Chleo was born in a Roice-Hurst foster home after her mom, Prego, was abandoned outside of the shelter, ready to burst with 10 puppies.



Greta and Chleo playing at camp



9-year-old Greta met Chleo at our Furry Friends Kids Camp and knew she had to convince her family to adopt the puppy!

For Greta, the highlight of camp was spending time with Chleo – and **each day, Greta would go home and tell her family about this amazing puppy she met.** On the last day of camp, Greta convinced her mom to meet Chleo in person, but she still went home empty-handed.

But just a few days later, **Greta's dream came true when her family returned to RHHS to officially add Chleo to the family!**

"She means a lot," Greta said. "She's brought a lot of love and joy and laughter to the family."





## 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.

### Mad Eye Moody

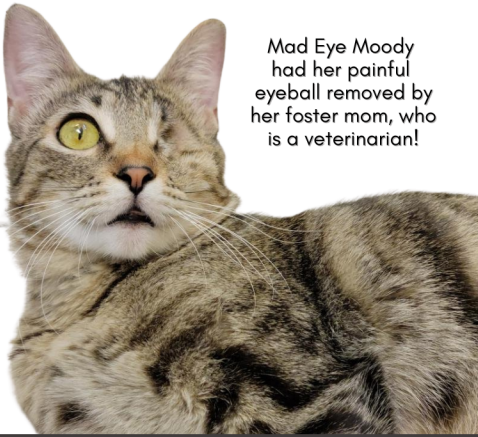
**With a bulging, blinded eyeball and a litter of newborn kittens in tow, Mad Eye Moody arrived at Roice-Hurst in need of compassion** – and that's exactly what she found when she entered foster care with Dr. Carmin Bieberly from the All Pets Center veterinary office!

Dr. Bieberly skillfully removed Moody's painful eye, opened her home to the little feline family as they grew up, and **even found homes for several of Moody's kittens among the All Pets Center team!**

"Fostering is incredibly rewarding for our family, and this little crew was definitely a special one," Dr. Bieberly said.

After saying goodbye to motherhood for good, 2-year-old **Moody (now Willow) was adopted into a loving home**, where she sleeps under the covers with her human and has more toys than she knows what to do with!

**"I have a new reason to get up every morning or look forward to coming home,"** her adopter, Jordyn, said.



Mad Eye Moody had her painful eyeball removed by her foster mom, who is a veterinarian!



After learning Roxie was allergic to grass, she made a fantastic transformation in her dream home!

### Resilient Roxie

When 2-year-old Roxie arrived at our Delta satellite facility as a stray, **her petite frame was scaly, itchy, and nearly bald**. Through time and testing, it became clear that **Roxie's hair loss was attributable to significant grass allergies** – a playful pup's worst nightmare!

After this revelation, Roxie's skin slowly began improving. Roxie bounced between adoptive homes as **the real challenge proved to be finding a home that wouldn't trigger her allergies**.

Serendipitously, **the same day that Roxie returned to the shelter, a family living on 15 acres of gravel and dirt fell in love with her at first sight!** Now, you'd never be able to tell that Roxie was once pink and scaly.

These days, Roxie spends her time lounging in the dirt, going on road trips, watching wildlife, and playing fetch.

**"We love her very much. She is part of our family!"** her adopter, Troy, said.



Roxie and her new family, Troy and Ace!

### We Offer Pet Behavior Counseling!

Does your cat scratch your furniture, have litterbox issues, or start fights with your other pets?

Does your dog jump on guests, bark excessively, or simply need to learn some manners?

When your pet's behavior strains your bond with them, **our behavior counselors can help you troubleshoot a variety of behavior challenges in dogs and cats!**

Behavior is one of the top reasons pets are rehomed, and **our goal is to keep pets happy and together with the people who love them**. Whether you adopted your pet from Roice-Hurst or not, we are here to help you work toward a peaceful coexistence with the furry friends you share your life with.

**To set up a behavior consultation, call 970-434-7337!**