



# Friends of Charlie's Place Chat

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Dear Friends,

Friends of Charlie's Place (FOCP) volunteers have met many new community members this year, several unaware of our mission. FOCP was incorporated in 2007 to support your animal shelter, Charlie's Place, the Clear Creek/Gilpin County Animal Shelter. FOCP provides funding for medical and dental procedures, food/treats, behavioral evaluation/training, and enrichment items.

This year we assisted Cable, a husky, recover from a horrific auto accident. We also provided the means to diagnose and treat Trina, a boxer/Dane mix and shelter favorite, as she dealt with intestinal issues. Several of the current shelter dogs are on special diets that are funded through FOCP. Aries, another volunteer favorite, is benefitting from laser/light therapy. Monthly shot clinics are also sponsored by FOCP providing a low-cost vaccination option to our community members. All are made possible by your donations.

All proceeds from FOCP fundraisers and donations go directly to support the needs of shelter and community animals. Over the last twelve months, FOCP paid **\$3,896** for all spay/neuter procedures at the shelter and **\$40,611** for the medical care of the shelter animals. In addition, FOCP paid **\$16,919** to assist local citizens using our spay and neuter vouchers. This total also includes several community medical assists. A total of **\$16,956** was spent on training shelter animals with social and behavior challenges, helping them become more adoptable. FOCP spent **\$33,174** for food and pet supplies. Finally, **\$10,697** supported our foster care animals and **\$325** was invested in transportation costs.

FOCP and Charlie's Place, along with our community partners, plan family friendly events and fundraisers, like the annual Canine on the Creek 5K Fun Run. The Gilpin County Fair is another favorite. Our partners include the Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District, Gilpin County, Black Hawk City Council and the Elks Lodges in Idaho Springs and Central City. The Central City Elks Lodge directly sponsored four dog adoptions and two cat adoptions this past year. Beau Jo's restaurant in Idaho Springs, donated 20% of proceeds from hosting a family friendly night out. Many more local organizations and businesses help to get our shelter animals noticed, keeping Charlie's Place the wonderful no-kill facility that it is today.

## Thanks to All of our Animal Lovers!

Friends of Charlie's Place and CP Shelter want to sincerely thank all who help make saving the lives of our companion animals happen. A special thanks to those who continue to support us.



- 🐾 Our dedicated, hardworking staff and volunteers at Charlie's Place.
- 🐾 Rescuers, transporters, foster parents, and families who care for cats and dogs in their homes.
- 🐾 Friends, groups and businesses who support our efforts through fundraising, donation boxes, donations of food, pet supplies and monetary gifts.
- 🐾 Dedicated doctors and staff from area veterinary clinics who treat our animals and provide for their care.
- 🐾 A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Pam from *Companion Vet Health Services* for continued support to Charlie's Place
- 🐾 Special thanks to Lisa Bossert for her dedication in finding and writing grant proposals to support FOCP
- 🐾 Adoptive families who have welcomed a new family member from Charlie's Place into permanent and loving homes.

## Home Sweet Home ~ 2024 Success Stories

Every animal placed is a success story: here are some of this year's favorites! **Junior**, a black lab/terrier mix was surrendered and overlooked at our shelter. He was transferred to *Summit County Animal Shelter* where he found a loving home. **Little Joe's** owner fell on hard times and surrendered him to the shelter. He found the perfect home where he is doted on. **Magee**, a 200+ pound mastiff found a foster home after his owner could no longer care for him. Sadly, he passed away from neurological issues, but he knew he was loved. **Cleo**, a pitbull mix, was surrendered because her owner had too many dogs. She found a loving couple in Georgetown who spoil her rotten. **Clyde**, an unclaimed stray, received the necessary

surgery to remove a cancerous tumor and is now with his forever family. **Rana**, a very smart shepherd, met her match with a loving couple who are shepherd savvy. She now enjoys frisbee and learning new tricks. **Jake**, a two-year-old Carolina dog, finally found his special someone. **Mr. Patch**, a seven-year-old kitty whose owner passed away also found a new home. The box of kittens that were left by the shelter's front door in May were nurtured back to health and all found new homes. The transfer dogs from our Arkansas partner: **MoonStar, Lucy, Ace, Lady, Patches, Blue Eyes, Scrappy, Coach** and **Duke**; all found loving homes or are safe in foster homes as they wait for their special someone.

