



Friends of Charlie's Place Chat

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Dear Friends,

With another year behind us, Friends of Charlie's Place (FOCP) celebrates our accomplishments as we look forward to achieving new goals in 2026! In 2025, we welcomed several new volunteers and added a new event - Ales & Tails.

Your donations have benefitted numerous shelter and community animals. Shelter dog, Baloo, was able to have eyelid surgery to ease his suffering. Otter, a foster dog, is benefitting from custom leg braces and water therapy in lieu of having surgery. Blossom had a successful TPLO surgery. Trina, a volunteer favorite, underwent eyelid surgery to remove a non-cancerous growth. Long-time resident Aries enjoyed two nights away from the shelter, getting one-on-one time, and allowing him to decompress. Our low-cost shot clinics have been increased to two times per month. To date, **95 spay/neuter vouchers** have been issued to community residents. All of this is possible through FOCP funding from your generous donations – THANK YOU!!

All proceeds from FOCP fundraisers and donations support the needs of shelter and community animals. During the last twelve months FOCP has provided funds for:

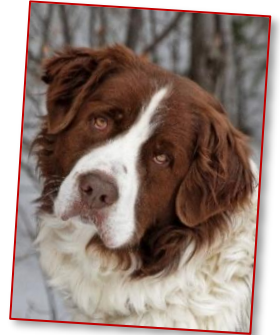
- **\$2,033** spay/neuter procedures for all shelter animals
- **\$16,496** assisting local citizens with spay/neuter procedures, eye & leg surgeries
- **\$43,792** medical needs for shelter animals
- **\$9,897** training of shelter animals, helping them become more adoptable
- **\$25,811** food and pet supplies for shelter animals
- **\$12,675** supporting shelter animals in foster care
- **\$1,150** transportation for foster or adoption commitments

Our community partners help make our family-friendly events successful. They bring adoptable dogs together with potential families. Each successful match gives a special dog or cat a second chance at a new life and home. Special thanks to: Ameristar Casino, Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District, Gilpin County, Black Hawk City Council, Elks Lodges of Central City and Idaho Springs, Beau Jo's, Tommyknockers, Very Nice Brewing Co., Smoking Yards BBQ, Taysia Blue Husky Rescue and No Animal Left Behind Search & Rescue. We are also grateful to Central City Elks Lodge for sponsoring eight dog and four cat adoptions, and Tommyknockers for their social media reels featuring adoptable dogs.

We would love for you to join us as a volunteer or as a member of our Board. If you love animals and want to make a difference in your community, please reach out to Kathleen at focp292@gmail.com or 419-464-6361. Let's talk!!

Heartfelt Thanks!

Friends of Charlie's Place and the shelter want to sincerely thank all who support our mission to provide the best care for the shelter animals and support our community's animal family.



- 🐾 Our dedicated, hardworking staff and volunteers at Charlie's Place.
- 🐾 Foster parents and families who care for cats and dogs in their homes.
- 🐾 Carlson Elementary 6th Grade class for yearly fundraisers.
- 🐾 Our wonderful dog trainer, Gina DeSteffany, from *The Joyful Dog Co.*
- 🐾 Doctors and staff from area veterinary clinics who care for our animals.
- 🐾 A huge thank you to Dr. Pam Scudder, DMV from *Companion Vet Health Services* for continued support to shelter animals and for staffing our shot clinic twice a month.
- 🐾 Local restaurants for providing food donations for our fundraising events.
- 🐾 The *Weekly Register-Call* for featuring our adoptable animals every week.
- 🐾 All the paw-parents who have welcomed a new fur member from Charlie's Place into their homes and hearts.

Home Sweet Home ~ 2025 Success Stories

Otto the cat had bladder stone surgery and was adopted by his foster family. **Ivan** and **Siouxie**, young hound mixes, both found active families who love them dearly. **Yuki**, a very shy husky/ malamute mix, came to the shelter pregnant and has blossomed in her foster home along with her two puppies, **Doug** and **Carrie!** **Grumpy** the shelter cat found a wonderful home. **Pumba**, an abandoned husky, found a great home with a husky savvy owner! **Trouble** the feline, now **Annie**, found a wonderful home and steals her canine brother's bed. **Monty**, a young Belgian Malinois who had severe injuries, recovered and now lives with an expert Malinois trainer. **Olaf**, a shepherd mix who is a sweet deaf boy who knows sign language, was

adopted during the Gilpin County Fair. **Alice**, now **Allie**, is an older German shepherd, who came to Charlie's Place rather beaten down and very nervous. She has a wonderful home now, where she can play and do zoomies!! **Scotty**, a 6-year-old FIV positive kitty found roaming the streets of Idaho Springs, is settling into his new home. **Rocco**, a pit bull terrier surrendered by his owner, found a loving home with his sibling sister. **Daisy**, a shy 10-year-old pittie who is smart and loyal, was adopted by her foster family. Approximately **20 homeless cats** from the east end of Idaho Springs were captured, spayed/neutered and were released, adopted as working barn cats, or are currently at the shelter being socialized and awaiting their forever home.

