



Friends of Charlie's Place Holiday Chat

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2013



Dear Animal Lover....

Well, another year has come and gone and Friends of Charlie's Place (FOCP) had a great year supporting the Clear Creek/Gilpin County Animal Shelter - aka, "Charlie's Place." With your help and community support, we are thrilled to say we have been instrumental in saving over 180* lives and finding new homes for shelter animals this year!! Some of FOCP's accomplishments in 2013 are:

- 🐾 Redesigned "Charlie's Corner" (the exercise park for shelter dogs) to facilitate training, socialization and canine fun!
- 🐾 Planned numerous pet adoption events and networked with rescues to assist the shelter in placing homeless animals in our community.
- 🐾 Helped with training of shelter dogs with behavioral issues to increase the success rate of adoptions.
- 🐾 Assisted low income county residents with veterinary expenses in exchange for volunteer time.
- 🐾 Partnered with other community organizations by: donating cat food, dog food and supplies to the local food bank; promoting healthy habits by encouraging folks to walk shelter dogs and earn "miles" with the Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District's Walking Club; participating in the Georgetown July 4 Parade; accepting assistance from the young men at the Mt. Evans Qualifying House with events and shelter support; staffing water stations at the Slacker Races; strutting our stuff at the Idaho Springs Summer Kickoff Parade
- 🐾 Organized and/or assisted in tons of fundraising events such as the: WestMUTTster Dog Show, Howl at the Moon, Georgetown Christmas Market, Canine on the Creek 5k Race, and Gilpin County Fair.

* as of 10/31/13

Saving Lives

All FOCP profits go directly to support the needs of Charlie's Place and local animals. When there is space at



Charlie's Place, adoptable dogs and cats that are at high risk kill shelters are taken in. **In 2012, the lives of over 100 dogs and cats were saved.** If it weren't for FOCP, the shelter would not be able to help so many animals. FOCP pays for all of the medical care necessary for the transferred dogs and cats, including spay/neuters, vaccinations, heartworm tests, and dentals. Our limited number of volunteers work hard to fundraise, walk dogs, pick up food donations, foster, groom and train shelter animals to make them more adoptable. Please show us your support and help us keep our shelter's EXTREMELY low euthanasia rate.

A Big Thanks



In the spirit of the season and counting our blessings, FOCP would like to recognize and express heartfelt gratitude to:

- 🐾 Our dedicated and hardworking volunteers and staff at Charlie's Place
- 🐾 The foster parents and families who care for cats and dogs in their homes
- 🐾 Individuals, groups and businesses who support our efforts through fundraising, donations of food, pet supplies and monetary gifts
- 🐾 The doctors and staff of area veterinary clinics who treat our animals and provide for their care
- 🐾 The wonderful people and families who have adopted a pet from Charlie's Place

Success Stories...



Keta (above) is a German Shepherd mix puppy who came to the shelter with a deformity in his vertebrae. He was barely able to walk or stand, and without surgery his prognosis was grim. Keta was able to get the surgery he needed and is now walking and will soon be able to play like other puppies.

Little Joe (r.) is a Shepherd mix that was abandoned in Gilpin Co. FOCP volunteers spent a lot of time with Little Joe, getting him socialized. Eventually Little Joe became very comfortable with people and ended up being adopted by a family with children.



Poyka (above) is an older kitty who developed diabetes. Through donations from FOCP, the shelter is able to provide Poyka with the special diet he needs to remain healthy.



Making Life Better



Susan (l.) is a Shepherd mix who was out of time at a kill shelter. FOCP helped with the costs of getting Susan to safety at Charlie's Place. Susan, now Bella, was adopted by a volunteer and is on her way to becoming a therapy dog. Susan is one of many dogs FOCP was able to save from euthanization.



Sasha (above) is a young female Pit Bull that was rescued from a fighting ring by a county resident. Sasha came to the shelter very afraid of people. FOCP volunteers worked with Sasha to help socialize her. She has made great strides and is currently doing very well in a foster home and is now ready for adoption.

Volunteers Wanted

Friends of Charlie's Place is an organization run completely by volunteers. We always welcome new volunteers to assist our program.

Stop by the Shelter to start helping today! Or visit www.friendsofcharliesplace.org to sign up.

FOCP 2014 Events

We're still finalizing our event schedule for 2014 as we go to print with the holiday newsletter. We will post upcoming dates on www.friendsofcharliesplace.org, so please check in frequently.



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Check out our current cats and dogs up for adoption at www.charliesplaceshelter.org ...and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charliesplaceshelter

We need your help and support to continue our great work in 2014. Don't forget, **all funds** go directly back to your local shelter!!! Please help us if you can by mailing in the attached coupon with your tax deductible donation!

Thank you so much!!! Happy Holidays and may all of your good come back to you full circle.

Yes! I want to support our local animal shelter! Please find my tax deductible donation for medical expenses for the local homeless, injured and abandoned pets of Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties.

\$5.00 \$10.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 Other Amount?

MAIL TO: FOCP, P.O. Box 292 Dumont, CO 80436 OR donate online via our website and Paypal!!!

Want to volunteer? We desperately need YOU! We need someone to run our yard sale, foster homes, write grants, walk/handle dogs, and much more.

Contact us at our website: www.friendsofcharliesplace.org or through the shelter at **303-679-2477**
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