



# Friends of Charlie's Place Chat

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Happy Holiday Greetings,

Friends of Charlie's Place (FOCP) had a good year supporting Charlie's Place, the Clear Creek/Gilpin County Animal Shelter. With your help, we saved over **200 dogs and cats** from euthanasia at kill shelters, including hurricane-ravaged Houston. Friends of Charlie's Place makes this possible by covering **all** of the transfer costs and medical care necessary for the transferred dogs and cats, including spays/neuters, heartworm tests, vaccinations, and dental care – at no cost to county citizens.

All proceeds from FOCP fundraisers go directly to support the needs of Charlie's Place and local animals. In 2017, year-to-date, FOCP spent more than \$5,600 on the spaying and neutering of shelter animals and \$27,400 on their medical needs. Additionally, \$6,500 was spent on training to help make the animals more adoptable. FOCP also contributed over \$7,800 of assistance to citizens using our spay/neuter voucher program. No animal coming into Charlie's Place has ever had to go without needed medical care, thanks to FOCP.

FOCP and Charlie's Place work with other community partners, like the Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District (CCMRD), to sponsor fun, family events, like the Canine on the Creek 5k and Hike With A Shelter Dog. We also donate pet food to Loaves and Fishes for families in need. And we continue to work together for the good of all of our counties' residents. The Gilpin Arts Festival, Saratoga Casino, Friends of Empire Fall Festival, Chrome Salon, Gilpin County Fair and many more local organizations and businesses work with FOCP to keep Charlie's Place the wonderful state-of-the-art facility that it is.



## Our Warmest Gratitude

Friends of Charlie's Place and Charlie's Place would like to express our sincere thanks to:

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

## 2017 Success Stories



**Kimba** was surrendered to Charlie's Place with a badly torn ACL (left knee). FOCP was able to get her the surgery she needed to live a pain free life, (pictured top right).

**Buster** was originally abandoned near Lawson and was a long time resident at the shelter, understandably, he had trust issues. He found his forever home and is now living happily in Idaho Springs.

**Blue** came to Charlie's Place as an untrained, energetic puppy. Volunteers and staff worked with him and he is now a mild mannered adult. Quite a transformation!

**Flannigan**, a young black Lab mix, came to Charlie's Place as a rescue from a kill shelter. He is the first Charlie's Place dog to become a certified service dog with *Freedom Service Dogs*, (pictured top left).

**Dora**, an elderly cat was treated for jaundice and anorexia.

**Archer**, a young Aussie Shepherd, came to Charlie's Place with two broken legs. FOCP helped with the medical care he needed to heal.

**Robinson** came to Charlie's Place as a rescue from a kill shelter after being hit by a car. He received the follow-up medical care he needed thanks to FOCP.

**Spuds**, a young abused Pit Bull Terrier, received the training he needed to become adoptable.

**Thelma & Louise** (surrendered senior dogs) and **Frick & Frack** (surrendered senior cats) found their forever homes, allowing them to stay together.

**Arthur, Rocky, and Blanca**, all senior dogs, were saved from death row.

