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Humane Society, Inc.



A No-Kill Shelter

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Inside Scoop: **The Choice is Yours**

By Michele C. Wayland, Executive Director,
AVHS

Choice: (definition) an act or instance of choosing; selection.

We make hundreds if not thousands of decisions every day, from what to wear, what to eat, how to get from point A to point B, how to achieve our goals and dreams, whether to remain in a situation or leave. Some choices we make seem easy, almost automatic and others are life-altering. Making a choice sometimes has an impact on others that is unintended and undesirable and the power to choose is one undeniable right and responsibility every living being with a brain on this planet has. How we handle an unhappy client, what resources are reasonable to utilize for a sick shelter pet, how we support each other when an adoption is returned or when an animal's suffering must end are just a few of the many challenging choices that must be made by shelter staff on any given day at Ark-Valley Humane Society. We are often faced with consequences of the choices that others have made such as buying a pet from a breeder or taking in a stray animal. When that pet bites due to lack of supervision, training and support, when that pet has an unintended litter, when that pet has extraordinary or expensive medical challenges, somewhere down the line that person has a choice to provide what is needed - or not. One of the most difficult choices a guardian must make is when to let a beloved pet go, whether it's

“over the rainbow bridge,” (Is my my pet suffering or ready to die?), to a friend, relative or ex (Will they take care of my pet the way I think they should?), or to a shelter or rescue (Will my pet feel abandoned or have a chance at another home?). Sometimes that choice is taken out of our hands because animals have choices, too. A pet may die suddenly or run away. When we consciously make decisions in the best interest of others, especially our beloved pets, we truly demonstrate selflessness which is essential to our humanity and being ‘humane’. This statement seems simple and yet these choices are not easy. The most critical and wholly personal choice that we can make in any given circumstance is **how** we choose to respond. The choices here are seemingly endless: anger, defensiveness, indifference, acceptance, gratitude, or understanding. The attitude we choose in the present moment makes all the difference between a positive outcome or emotional turmoil and suffering. That is powerful. It requires constant and thoughtful effort. It's not easy, and they say that nothing worthwhile ever is, but today, and every day, you have the power of choice. And that choice is yours...



Happy Tails

Sadie-Marie's Big New Adventure!



Hey, AVHS!

It's Sadie Marie. I just wanted to let you know that I LOVE MY NEW HOME! My people got me a HUGE bed and even put my own blanket on the couch so I can lay there whenever I want. My first night was just fine. I slept and

woke my people when I had to go out. I've been for 2 rides already, and one walk. I have an appointment with the vet today at 4 pm because my owners just want to have me checked out and see about my diet. I'll bet you didn't know I snore. Well, I guess I snore really loud! I met Cole today and his dog, Scout. Cole LOVES me already and kept giving me kisses all over. Scout liked me, too. We are both the same color and he goes to the same vet as I am going to. My owner called the groomer to see about getting me shampooed. So, I miss you all but I am going to be JUST FINE in my new home. I'm even warming up to that Ron guy who lives here, too! I still haven't eaten anything, but I think I will just need a little more time.

Thanks for keeping me and taking such GOOD care of me until I found a new home. HAPPY EASTER to everybody, and I will be up to visit you real soon.



Fondly,
Sadie-Marie (and Suzie and Ron Held)

PS... I escaped yesterday, but only made it up the street a few houses away, so my people now know to make sure the door is closed when they go outside! It was really funny to see them coming up the street after me... LOL



Did You Know?

Your adoption of an AVHS animal includes spay or neuter, vaccinations, micro-chipping, free 30 days of pet health insurance, a free local vet exam, an adoption goodie bag, and training tips and support provided by knowledgeable staff.

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AVHS Mission Statement

The Ark-Valley Humane Society, Inc. was formed in 1991 for the purpose of:

- Maintaining a compassionate no-kill animal shelter for homeless, lost and unwanted pets without regard for time or space.
- Reducing the number of unwanted pets through spay/neuter programs.
- Connecting homeless pets with adoptive homes.
- Offering support services for the prevention of cruelty to animals.
- Presenting public education for responsible pet ownership.



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Poncha Springs, CO 81242
(719)239-2001
12:00 pm to 5 pm

Happy Tails

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Hi, AVHS!

It's been almost a full year since Norman has come to stay with us and wanted to give you all an update!

He's been doing great! He and my shepherd, Amos, are best buddies. Amos has been a great influence, since he's a social butterfly, helping Norman get a little more comfortable with strangers. Norman still prefers to be ignored by new people and be the one to approach them when he is ready. I finally had to put him on a bit of a diet/food restriction. He was getting a tad pudgy :) But, he has completely surpassed his food aggression issues. He's truly an established family dog with his buddy Amos, my son and the cat! We love him!



~Melissa Arnold

Shelter Voices: Staff Spotlight

~by Tammy Kavanagh, AVHS Animal Care Tech and Multi-Dog PlayGroup Leader



**Tammy and Jillaroo,
a healthy, grateful
pup**

I came to join the AVHS staff/family 2 years ago. My mom is the Animal Control officer here in the town of Buena Vista, and has been for many years now. In 2009, we moved here from Indiana to be closer to family and the shelter. In the Spring of 2010, my girls and I became volunteers. I applied for a position with AVHS and it took a year and some reminders :) but, finally, in March of 2011, I became a staff member! I have learned so many things in the two short years I've been here. Now, I'm in charge of the Multi-Dog PlayGroups. It's so amazing to see 5 or even 10 or 11 dogs out at one time all playing and getting along. The dogs really benefit from the playgroups, learning to meet each other, correct each other, and expend energy to alleviate frustration associated with shelter life. I learn something new almost every time I am involved in playgroup. The dogs have so much to tell us and teach us. My favorite job of all time is *right here at AVHS*. The staff are great, a supportive "family." I look forward to being a part of AVHS for many years to come.

**To read more about the Multi-Dog PlayGroups, see
Barkley's column on page 6!**



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and Carrie Engelstadt

**Grateful
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\$150 gift received in honor of
the Double J Cross kennels
and the people of Salida for
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her owner!

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Nancy Burke



AVHS Hosts 2nd Annual Pet Health Fair

By Laura Carter, Programs and Grants Manager

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, AVHS will host its annual Pet Health Fair. Held at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds, this signature event will provide a venue for pets (dogs *and* cats) to obtain "one-stop-info" on everything pet-health-related. With generous participation from local veterinarians hosting screening stations with topics ranging from pet dentistry to behavior, it promises to be a veritable feast of information for pet owners in the area. Attendance is free and canine blood testing will be available for the exceptionally low price of \$35 per dog. AVHS will also be offering income-qualifying veterinary visit/voucher coupons to help offset costs associated with keeping pets up-to-date on core vaccines and wellness checks.

We take pet health very seriously. The AVHS Pet Health Fair aims to help identify potential health issues in dogs and cats whose owners would then see their local vet for detailed diagnosis and treatment. We hope many plan to attend with their dogs (on leash, please) from 12:30 to 4pm, or, earlier in the day with pre-registered cats (in a secure pet carrier, please) from 10 to 11:30am.

Visit with the vets, have your pet micro-chipped, chat with us about our Community Assistance Spay/Neuter program. Do you have a dog of questionable heritage? Canine DNA testing will be available for \$60 at the fair. We'll even have a vital signs check-station.

Pre-registration with payment is required for blood draws (dogs only) and preregistration is required for all cats. All other services, information, and screenings will be available on-site at the Health Fair on a first-come, first-served basis. Check our website for further details at www.ark-valley.org

We hope to see you and your pets, THERE! It's where all the cool Chaffee County Critters go.

I support the work of Ark-Valley Humane Society and would like my gift of \$ _____ to be used... 

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Event Update: *Dear Barkley*



Barkley is AVHS' doggie mascot and authority on all things canine.

Dear Barkley,
Tons of new stuff going on at AVHS for the dogs! I must confess...I haven't been paying attention. I keep hearing faint "meows" coming from another room, which makes it hard to concentrate. Can you bring me up-to-speed on the doings in the Adoptable Dog Room?



~Rowdy



Write to Barkley with your questions at avhsnewsletter@gmail.com

Dear Rowdy,

Dude, you gotta pay attention! Don't let those conniving cats distract you from the important business-at-hand. There are two new "perks" for the pooches at AVHS. The first is **Multi-Dog PlayGroups**. Our good friend, Tammy K. (love her!) has become our resident ringleader of recreation! With volunteers and staff, she's put together a plan to promote positive perpetual play. Par-tay, Rowdy! Volunteers sign up to learn the ins and outs of PlayGroup facilitation, and then, it's ON, my friend.

You still with me, man? Read on: The second stupendous strategy is the **C.L.A.S.S. program**, developed and directed by the dedicated diva of dog obedience, Deb S. (adore her!). It's a 5-week **free** course involving shelter dogs and volunteers to promote obedience, manners and general good-dogginess. Wow. We're on the eve of greatness, pal.

Here's my advice: Try to ignore those subliminal feline messages. And, by all means, **HAVE FUN!** Your forever-home is right around the corner.

~Barkley

AVHS to Participate in the Paddlefest to Benefit the Chaffee County Boys and Girls Club and BV Dog Park

~by Laura Carter, Programs and Grants Manager



Colorado Kayak Supply will be hosting the 13th annual PaddleFest, May 24-27th in beautiful Buena Vista, Colorado. PaddleFest is the "Kick Off" for summer fun in Chaffee County, drawing in over 1,500 river enthusiasts to our community. The weekend is filled with activities for all ages, on-water instruction, free demos, competitions, river seminars, sales, local micro brews and spirits, night life entertainment and **fundraising for our local not-for-profits**. PaddleFest is proud and excited to announce that the beneficiary for 2013 will be the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chaffee County. **AVHS will be hosting a booth at this event!** We hope you'll join in the fun. Please drop by and talk to us about our collaborations and learn more about the Ark-Valley Humane Society, its Mission, and community connections!



AVHS is pleased to announce our support of the Buena Vista Dog Club's BV Dog Park! In fact, we're offering a "Matching Grant"!



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AVHS will match donations to the shelter up to **\$1,000 to be granted to the BV Dog Park Project**. PaddleFest promises to be a wonderful kick-off for a summer of fun-filled adventure, for humans and animals, alike. We'll have volunteers showing off adoptable dogs, t-shirt sales, informational materials, and doggie-goodie-bags. Stop on by. Show your support. Soak up the sun!

Shelter Voices: AVHS Launches March Pit Bull Awareness Campaign

~By Laura Carter, Programs/Operations Manager

In March, AVHS launched a humane education-based “Pit Bull Awareness Campaign,” a series of articles and initiatives to promote information and support for our Bully friends. In an effort to assuage stereotyping, clarify facts, promote spay/neuter, and provide identification tools, AVHS took the following proactive approach to develop awareness in our region:

- **“Yes to Bullies”** article/continuous ad in the Mountain Mail and Mountain Guide, included factual information and statistics, with an emphasis on the plight of the American Pit Bull Terrier (APBT) in shelters. The article included pictures and happy stories from AVHS Pit Bull adopters!
- **Free APBT micro-chipping** at the Buena Vista Facility and The Sunshine Shelter.
- Invitation to participate in the **Community Assistance Spay/Neuter Program** for owners of APBT’s.
- **“Bullies are Not Bullies”** article (Mountain Mail and Mountain Guide) by Shelter Operations Manager, Marissa S., emphasizing positive traits and responsible pet ownership.
- Links, articles, announcements on the AVHS **Facebook page**.
- And, of course, we hugged every Pit Bull we could find; we dub them **Hug-a-Bulls**. ☺



AVHS Events Update

(see back page for upcoming events)



The AVHS annual **Valentine’s Adopt-a-Thon** found homes for 6 critters and loads of love was dispensed to our furry Valentines. ❤️

AVHS was named “Business of the Month” for the entire month of March by the Heart of the Rockies Chamber of Commerce! Nominated by fellow community business members, in recognition of the valuable services we provide to homeless animals and citizens in our region, AVHS is grateful for this special honor. Thanks, Chaffee County!



Hoas

(pictured left)

An incredibly handsome APBT adopted from Ark-Valley Humane Society in November 2011, he is regularly described by his owner and all who know him as the best dog in the world!



Moses

(pictured right)

Adopted from AVHS in June 2010, Moses is considered by his owners to be the laziest Pit Bull in Chaffee County. He’s frequently found at home in Buena Vista, taking power naps with Dachshunds.



Houston

(pictured bottom left)

Adopted July 2012, “as it’s said in the movies, “He had me at ‘hello’...”

~AVHS volunteer and Houston’s owner, Jean W.



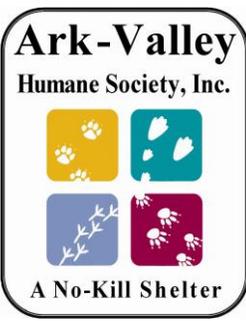
The Sunshine Shelter Celebrates its 2nd Birthday!



The Sunshine Shelter celebrated 2 years of operations on March 1st, 2013. Since opening its doors, this facility has taken in 660 cats and 419 dogs (as of this writing) for a grand total of 1,079

critters since “day-one” in the south-county area. We’d like to thank staff, volunteers, donors, local veterinarians, businesses and community members for everything they have done, are doing, and will continue to do, to make this facility such a success. For full statistics, including a big-picture look at how AVHS is fulfilling its mission by improving the lives of homeless animals in our county, go to our website at www.ark-valley.org and click on the home-page link, **“AVHS 2012 Annual Report.”**





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UPCOMING SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

- The **2013 AVHS Pet Health Fair** will be held at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 27th.
- **PaddleFest 2013** to be held in Buena Vista on May 24th through May 27th. (see details on page 6)
- The **AVHS Furry Friendly Adopt-a-thon** will be held on June 8th. All adoption fees will be sponsored through our Pet-Placement Program.

Check our website www.ark-valley.org for more information on upcoming events.

Did someone say MOUSE?



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\$10 feeds a shelter animal for a week



\$25 fully vaccinates a shelter animal



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\$100 returns a feral cat to its habitat sterilized and vaccinated



\$150 spays a female dog

