

# Best Friends' NEWS



ANIMAL WELFARE & PROTECTION SOCIETY  
~ COLORADO'S NO-KILL SHELTER

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## Who's Who At The AWPS Shelter

GO to [www.puebloawps.org](http://www.puebloawps.org)  
and click on the link to the dogs

— or —

GO to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and put in  
"Pueblo, CO" to find all the dogs  
at our shelter.

### Gypsy, a female lab mix

In December Gypsy,  
along with her 6  
puppies, came to us  
from Pueblo Animal  
Services. They are  
all weaned and she  
is now spayed. She  
is about 5 years old.  
She is a very gentle,  
non-aggressive dog.  
She is friendly and  
obviously likes people  
and other dogs.



There is no psychiatrist in the world  
like a puppy licking your face.

— Ben Williams

### Our Mission

AWPS's mission is to take in lost or unwanted animals; to return lost ones to their owners whenever possible or after having them spayed or neutered, place them in good homes; and to educate the public about intelligent and humane treatment of animals.

## WISH LIST

Carpet  
Blankets  
Canned Dog Food  
Treats  
Bleach  
Collars  
- all sizes  
Writing Pens



## Please Mail Donations to P.O. Box

In each newsletter is a donation envelope that has a P.O. Box address on it. Most of you making donations use that envelope but we do receive some regular donations mailed to the shelter. The shelter does not have a "real" office space (If you've called the shelter and heard barking dogs you know that.) and AWPS's "office staff" are all Board members who volunteer to handle mail including all donations. We have a system for handling and recording all donations that was suggested by AWPS's auditor and that meets the general rules for non-profits. Mail coming through the P.O. Box is routed directly to the proper volunteer. Donations coming through the shelter may have to pass through several hands to get to the proper person. Help us make things more efficient by using the P.O. Box address.



**2007  
ANIMAL WELFARE &  
PROTECTION SOCIETY**

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**The Animal Welfare Shelter**

3420 W. 8th Street  
Pueblo, CO 81003  
(719) 543-6464

[www.puebloawps.org](http://www.puebloawps.org)

**ADOPTION HOURS**

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Monday - Sunday  
Closed Holidays & Bad Weather

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**Dog Walks**

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
OTHER  
Anytime we are open.

**Key Personnel**

*Shelter Staff*  
Don Apadoca  
Brenda Bovill  
John Komornic  
Elizabeth Mata

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animal shelter

**Shelter Happenings**

*by Chris Comins, Shelter Director*

In November and December, we took in 34 dogs including 18 owner surrenders, 4 strays and 12 transfers from Pueblo Animal Services. During that same time 30 dogs were adopted. On Jan. 1, we had 56 dogs and 9 puppies at the shelter. Three of the dogs adopted had been with us a few months.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to **Animal Kingdom Grooming** for discounted grooming for two very severely matted toy poodles and free grooming on another poodle, and to **Aspen Grooming** for a

free grooming of Lady -who did not like being groomed at all but really needed it! Lady was featured in our last newsletter.

**Veterinarian Rodney Seal** came to the shelter on Jan 8 and gave 31 dogs their rabies shots. We appreciate not having to transport the dogs anywhere for this and thank Dr. Seal for his discounted services.

If you have been worried we want

you to know the dogs have come through the cold, snowy weather just fine. All dogs that are kept outside have been acclimated. On days that are very cold the staff feed all the outside dogs in both the morning and late afternoon. (Normally most dogs get fed once in the PM.)

Those outside dogs get both canned and dry food so they have the calories to stay warm. The staff always keep carpet and blankets in the dog igloos and make sure the igloos are in a protected part of the

run. We also bring inside as many dogs as we can. During the long cold spell in January, **Chris Comins** and staff members **Liz Mata** and **Linda Leech** each volunteered to take home a dog so runs could be freed up to bring more dogs in. Fortunately 5 dogs also got adopted right before the big freeze. That meant we had room to move dogs together and ended up with a lot more dogs inside. They were crowded but warm!



**2006 Shelter Statistics**

AWPS took in and adopted out more dogs and puppies in 2006 than we have in quite a few years. We took in 269 dogs which was 58 more than 2005. Owners turned in 119 and good samaritans brought us 31 strays. We also took in 119 dogs that were transferred from **Pueblo Animal Services** and we know some of them would have been euthanized. Only 11 of the transfers are still at our shelter.

We had 256 dogs go out of the shelter with 233 adopted directly and 16 more adopted after being transferred to rescue agencies. That total of 249 adoptions was 72 more than in 2005. Of the 31 strays brought in only three were reclaimed by owners and we had four dogs die. We are very excited about our 2006 numbers and

hope you are too.

Thanks so much to **Pueblo Animal Services'** (City/County Shelter) **Director Donna Straub** and **Manager Jackie Harvey** for their wonderful cooperation.



## A Letter From Blackie

Hi - My Name is "Blackie" I dictated this in dog language to a two-legged person who understands your language and my language. Let me tell you my story . . . such a life I've had. At two years old, I ended up at the Animal Welfare & Protection shelter located off Pueblo Boulevard. In retrospect, that was good thing because my stay there, although long, was good. I stayed at the shelter for four years until this past summer when I finally got adopted. I was very good at my new home. . . never destructive, no messes in the house, lived inside with two Westies who tolerated me. I learned to tolerate them — even though I would rather be the only dog. I didn't get to meet any of the feline residents of the household because I'm not used to being around cats; they tend to make me a little nervous. I always stayed in the fenced yard and didn't climb or dig. This past Christmas, my two-legged companion who gave me lots of treats became very ill and was unable to keep me any longer. I was very sad. I spent some time in a foster-care home where I learned about leash training. Ugh! My Mom & Dad were a mixed lot, if you know what I mean. Maybe part cattle dog

because my face and personality show that. I think there was a border collie in the neighborhood because I have one of their traits, a tail that stands up. There are undoubtedly some secret genes; a girl has to keep some secrets, you know. But I



will tell you I have had all my shots; I can no longer have puppies — whew; I am very healthy; I love to play ball and run. You'd have to watch

me very carefully because I can get lost sometimes when I run. Please let me know very soon if it sounds like there is room in your house for me. My current address is the Animal Welfare and Protection Society shelter, 3420 West 8th Street. I don't have a telephone in my pen but any of the humans that answer the office phone (while I answer in "bark-ese") will be most happy to take a message for me. Call real soon. My heart is breaking because I miss my two-legged family.

Love and Slobbers and Kisses,  
Blackie

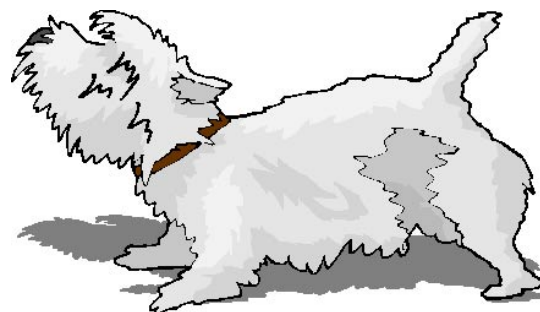
### In Recognition with our Sincere Thanks

Barbara	Dog food & cat food
Sandra Bradley, CPA & Staff	Ongoing bookwork
Carolyn Christopher	Dog food pick-up & delivery
George Clementi	Dog food
Amanda Clerkin	Dog food pick-up & delivery
Colorado Bluesky	Newsletter mailing
Chris Comins	Dog food, Quick Stop & battery charger
Debbie	Dog food
Debra	Dog food & cat food
Carol Hoats	Dog treats, kennel & flower pots
Leslie Klausung	Dog bed & treats
Linda Neilson	Dog food pick-up & delivery
PDQ Printers	Newsletter discount
Pueblo School of Arts & Sciences	Blankets & sheets
Pueblo West High School	Toys & misc. items
Lewis & Peggy Quigley	Blankets
Erin Ragulsky	Type setting discount
Karri Richardson	Dog food & cat food
Mark & Carol Rickman	Dog food
Ed Riddell	Dog food
Samantha & Darrel Rolando	Dog food
Deb Romano	Dog food & cat litter
Sam's Club	Dog food
Ruth Ann Sproul	Raffle prize
Target Distribution Center	Pet products
Sandi Terwilliger	Pet carriers
Angie Vigil	Blankets
Wal-Mart	Dog food

### AWPS Memberships

We appreciate the following individuals & businesses who have new or are renewing their memberships:

Suzanne & Robert Adams	Doris J. Morgan
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Gloria Mackie	Ruth Zabukovic
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# In Memoriam

**In Memory of Everett Singley,  
friend of Lois Morini.**

Donation received from  
Grant and Bettye Anderson

**In Memory of Joe Trujillo.**

Donation received from Aldea Sabo

**In Memory of Stanley A. Sulima.**

Donations received from

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Redfern Construction,

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Faternal Order of Eagles No. 145

Bonnie and Gene Bacon

**In Memory of Dr. Ron Applbaum.**

Donation received from  
Beth Davis

**In Memory of Carolyn L. Passero.**

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Wes and Joanna Moore

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**In Memory of Linda Fredicks.**

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Carl and Judy Koehly

**In Loving Memory of  
Shirley M. Book,  
dear mother of Terry Book  
and family.**

Donation received from  
Doug and Jane Sawvell

**In Memory of Nancy Jackson.**

Donations received from  
Estelle, Marcie and Wayne Bartley  
Ben and Shirley Weindling  
Jerome and Sue Crane

**In Memory of Ed Terlep.**

Donation received from  
Marilyn James Rhoades

**In Memory of Dick McDonald,  
Terry Fonda and**

**In Memory of Judy Wertz.**

Donation received from  
Rogene Armstrong



## Memorial Donations

*If you are making a memorial donation for a person or a pet, please remember to give us both your address and the address of anyone to whom you want an acknowledgment letter sent. Giving a memorial donation is a great way to honor a person who loved or loves animals and helps AWPS fulfill its mission. The memorial appears in the next issue that comes out after receiving the memorial.*



# Thank You for Your Contributions

As always, our monetary needs to care for injured, neglected, abandoned and abused animals continues. We are truly grateful to the following individuals & organizations for their continued support:

<i>Joan Adair</i>	<i>Clara M. Di Chellis</i>	<i>Stephen McLaughlin</i>	<i>Bonnie Skaggs</i>
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## A Ho-Ho-Huge Thank You to Santa Paws and His "Yelpers"

Pet photos with Santa Paws at the PETSMART store in December was a big success. AWPS volunteers showed up with the holiday spirit to take photos the weekend of Dec. 9 and 10, the only weekend for which AWPS had volunteered. Santa Paws, also known as Bob McClelland who is the best Santa Paws ever, was photographed with many beautiful dogs and cats and even one teeny hamster and some glowing owners with their children. Photographer Bob D'Andrea did an amazing job of capturing the spirit of the season and the smiles of the participants.



After that weekend, the volunteer group who had signed up for the next weekend was unable to participate so AWPS raised all four paws and woofed right in to also take the next weekend.

Dogs and cats in their Christmas finery lined up with delight and sometimes fright to wait for their turn with Santa Paws.

This fundraiser is one of the most enjoyable and fun that AWPS participates in during the year.

Thanks to all the "yelpers" who helped Santa Paws Bob and photographer Ben. Carol Warner, Bev Kachel, Heather Riley, Ann Chesson, Andrea Crockenberg, Sandra Young, Lee Liljegren, Linda Neilson, Chris Comins, Carolyn Christopher, and Jane Sawvell. They did everything from soliciting potential customers to come get a photo with Santa Paws to cleaning up messes left by various excited pets to clicking and clacking to get the dog's attention

to, well, you name it, they did it.

Put photos with Santa Paws on your calendar in December 2007! You'll be glad you did and so will AWPS!

### AWPS IS GRATEFUL

to the following businesses which have cash collection boxes. Every penny collected works for animals.

#### Animal Kingdom Grooming

*Barking Beauties*

**Big R**

*Camera Craft*

**Fox's Garden Supply**

*Gold Dust Saloon*

**Mesa Liquors**

*The Pantry Restaurant*

**Pets & Friends Animal Hospital**

*Pet Paradise*





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# Yes!

I will support Animal Welfare & Protection Society and help to give homeless animals a second "leash" on life. Members receive a membership card and newsletters. *(Membership is renewable annually and is tax deductible.)*

My **MEMBERSHIP** dues are enclosed. \_\_\_\_\_New \_\_\_\_\_Renewal  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Senior/Student \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Family  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Benefactor \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 or more Guardian Angel

Here is my **DONATION** to be used for:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ current shelter operations.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ the Emergency Vet Care program for injured or sick animals unable to receive vet care without help.

Here is an additional donation to be used for the **NEW SHELTER**: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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