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CEO'S NOTE

"Everything from our foundational documents to this newsletter are in the process of transforming."

Dear CAS friends,

We started in April with 64 dogs from the largest hoarding case in a decade. From there, we went on to the height of kitten season, bringing in more than 700 cats and kittens from the community in just under 90 days. We re-launched our foster home program to provide life-saving care for more than 400 of those fragile babies, had nearly 40 puppies born into other foster homes, hosted a new, major fundraising event and an older one too, renewed our sheltering contracts with the city and county, bid goodbye with appreciation to some long-term board members, brought on new board members, revisited our bylaws, underwent a major software conversion, finished the fiscal year and wrote a new budget, launched a new website, improved some key processes, and had our most successful adoption month (over 320 animals!) ever.

Frontier Days lasted for just ten days, but the Shelter's rodeo has been in full swing since the early Spring! I said to our team that it feels as though we've been run through the washing machine. Another person said we're undergoing a metamorphosis. I like her idea better.

It's true that things are changing here at the Shelter. You may have already noticed our new website and if you've come into the building itself you'll notice a cleaner, more welcoming space (pretty soon you'll notice some amazing new artwork, too)! Everything from our foundational documents to this newsletter are in the process of transforming. Because, let's face it, the world is changing too - and our mission is to be here as a resource and help to you no matter what those changes might bring.

Nationwide, the animal sheltering and welfare industry is undergoing its own metamorphosis. No longer are Shelters gauging their success by the number of animals they admit to their care and the number they adopt out as a result. Rather, the focus is shifting in order to prioritize existing human-animal bonds. **Rather than a place of separation, the Shelter should be one of unification.** Organizations are taking steps to keep people and pets together, to reduce the burdens of housing restrictions and expensive veterinary care, and to reserve their limited physical, financial, and human resources for the in-shelter care of only those animals who need it most.

With help from the Million Pet Challenge Team and leading animal welfare partners at Maddie's Fund, we recently underwent a comprehensive review of our operations, looking for the opportunities we have to better serve our community, eliminate unsuccessful programming, and redirect resources to programs that will help keep families together. By placing pets at the center of people and community, we have the opportunity and the ability to understand and support each other through any challenges we face. I'm looking forward to the journey, and welcome you to be a partner in it.

Together in transformation,



Britney Tennant, CEO

HOARDING CASE WRAP-UP

April 2022 caught us all by surprise as the volume of dogs in our care more than doubled in a week's time. Hoarding cases have happened frequently over the history of the Cheyenne Animal Shelter but this instance felt so much different because of the outpouring of community support and the camaraderie of our staff. What might have been a crushing situation instead became a story of triumph and efficiency. Even though several of the dogs stayed in our care for nearly three months, we are elated to report that everyone has found a loving home where they will start the next step in their journey. Learning how to just be a dog. Learning to embrace the love of their people.

While we can't highlight every dog in this article, we're sending a warm hug to all of the new families for their patience and understanding as they brought these big droopy dogs into their homes.

Chance



"When I first adopted Chance his name was Squige. He was not really a fan of that name, and after trying to call him several different dog names, his ears actually perked a bit at Chance, and it made sense that he's getting

another Chance at a good home. When we first got him he was very much a lesson in patience...

He would find a corner, and stay there, and he's a strong dog too! If he got in a corner outside, he would not move for hours on end. This worked decently when we tried to kennel train, except then he wouldn't come out of that either. Now he is out of the kennel and has a whole room to himself (most of the time). Chance would not eat when someone was watching and now he will take a snack from my hand. We worked with walking, and he pulled like a freight train. Now Chance actually mostly walks nice, with little forceful pulling unless he's scared.

He's scared of far less than he was before. He can be outside



in the wind now, he avoids other loud dogs, but he doesn't cower in fear like he used to. He has even made a new friend! My mother's service dog trained for help with anxiety has done wonders for Chance. He has started actually coming out into the common area to say hello and sit with his friend. He even showed signs of wanting to play a few days ago, and actually had his first bark that we have heard out of him. He has started going outside to do his business without needing a leash to guide him away from the door, which may seem like nothing, but it's a big step for him. He used to never step away from the door and if he did his only goal was to get back to the door. Now he actually wanders and paces back and forth like "Hello! I want to go back inside now, I'm done!" Chance has had great improvements in the last few months that we have had him. He still has a long way to go but we are both about as stubborn as they come, so I am sure we will figure it out with time."

Mabel

When the first wave of dogs came to the Shelter in April, Mabel (Mamacita at the time) stuck out like a sore thumb. She was the smallest dog of the group as a boxer-mix of sorts and she was extremely pregnant and seemed about ready to pop at any moment. The other thing about this sweet girl that captured our hearts was that she seemed to trust we were here to help. One of our adoption counselors took sweet Mabel into her home as a foster and ended up falling head-over-heels in love.



"The rewards of taking Mabel into our home have been many. From the moment she entered our home with her very large, very pregnant belly, her appreciation and love was apparent and big! She wanted to be as close to a person as she could get and is the ultimate snuggler. After the puppies left our home and we decided to adopt Mabel, that's when it really got fun to watch her unfold into a dog that is free of her old life. The first time she went into the backyard she was scared by a bird and wouldn't go back out the rest of the day. Now, she goes outside looking up at the birds and squirrels with absolute wonder. We went out to a family member's large property to allow the dogs to run and at first, she was hesitant and needed constant reassurance from me. Now, she hops out of the car and runs off into the field with her

mouth wide open like she's smiling the whole time! She's been introduced to many different foods like peanut butter which is her absolute favorite and she'll always be found at your feet in the kitchen. She's affectionate, loving, and the most special girl. This has been a truly beautiful experience! Taking a dog from a situation like this is challenging in many ways and requires a great deal of patience but the rewards are endless."

Baron

This big, handsome boy was the last to be adopted. While he spent months in our care, our team got to know him and watch as his personality began to blossom. He learned the joys of playing with other dogs, having a food bowl of his own, going for walks, and that being touched actually feels really great.

When Baron was brought to the Shelter, he was completely shut down. At nearly 200 pounds, this gentle giant would not walk on a leash, was completely pancaked to the floor, and was very concerned about every move we made. His fur was matted and yellowed from his filthy living conditions—he was an absolute mess on so many levels. Yet, he had a look in his eyes of curiosity and gave hope to the team as they continued to work with him day-after-day. After an extended period of time, Baron finally learned to walk on a leash and began to explore the world around him for the first time. Doggy playgroups were introduced and gave us all a glimpse into his soft, puppy-like personality.

Eventually, Baron was the last dog left from the original group of 64. We began to wonder what else might be done to help the gentle giant find his forever home at last. That help came in the form of the Bissell Empty the Shelter promotion. In mid-July, a week into the adoption promotion, he finally found his forever home. Congratulations, big boy!



ADOPTION HAPPY TAIL: GEORGIA



Georgia is the epitome of a perfect, fluffy puppy! He gives big sloppy kisses, trips over his oversized feet, and could play all day. Who wouldn't want to adopt such a cutie?! After being in foster care for several months, Georgia came in for his neuter surgery where our medical team discovered that he had developed a heart murmur. The murmur was set as a higher grade but would need to be fully examined by a specialist to determine what medical intervention was needed. Our team

believed Georgia would find a family willing to take on his medical needs. We were right, but we never could have imagined just how great that home would be...

A sweet family stopped by the Shelter to meet this handsome boy in April and fell head-over-heels in love. His puppy eyes drew them in, but his damaged heart is the thing that sealed the deal. As fate would have it the whole crew shared something in common; both of the parents also had heart murmurs! They said they completely understood his medical needs and were fine with any special

appointments, because they also need special appointments. We're absolutely sure that this family was meant to be.

Georgia is doing great and has since been diagnosed with a level six murmur that will need to be surgically corrected. His family says that he is such a well-mannered boy, he loves learning new things, and they're excited for the next steps in his journey. Georgia currently spends his time mostly with his stay-at-home



mom and family where he plays with his favorite Bullwinkle toy and eats his favorite treats (bananas!). His murmur does currently limit his physical activity and Georgia seems to understand how far to push his limits. Keep this sweet pup in your thoughts and thank you so much to his wonderful family for giving him a life full of love!

CAT ADOPT MURAL

What better way to create a fun sense of place and excitement than a mural project? The stark, blank walls of the cat adoption room are soon to be bursting with color and faces of the many dogs, cats, and critters who call our community home.

Desiree Brothe, owner of Magpie Creations, is honored and excited to complete this project and bring your pet's portrait to life while also helping to raise funds for the Shelter. The current plan is to sell 24 to 30 available portrait spots, bringing the faces of our community's pets right into the heart of the Shelter.

We know how much our supporters love their pets! This fun project is a unique chance to celebrate them and help other animals in our care at the same time. Envision that cute floppy ear photo you have on your phone becoming a work of art!



To get involved and reserve your spot, contact Niki at nharrison@caswyo.org or 307-278-6195. Mural spots will range between \$500 to \$1,000. We will continue to keep you updated as the project progresses and update you as spots are filled. Help us transform this drab part of the Shelter into a vibrant, colorful centerpiece!

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM NEWS



Each day, I walk around the building several times to give my mind a quick break, visit some animals and get a look at everything that's happening. My new favorite thing is seeing all of the bright green shirts with "volunteer" across the back – evidence of hard work on the task at hand. Sometimes the task is giving a little extra love and attention to a shy cat or dog, or helping

clean kennels at the start of a new day –no matter what, I can tell you the staff here are so excited to have the help.

At the start of the year, there were a handful of dedicated volunteers who'd been with the Shelter since before the pandemic but not much outside of that. Our team had forgotten how great it was to have an extra set of hands, eager to fold laundry or fill a bowl. Bringing the volunteer

program back on board seemed like a daunting task. It's been a bit of trial and error but the community has shown up big time, ready and eager to give us a hand.

How can you get involved? *Simple!*

1. **Fill out an application on the volunteer page at cheyenneanimalshelter.org**
2. **Attend an orientation**
3. **Get hands-on area-specific training**
4. **Pick and schedule the jobs you'd like to help with**

With the program in full swing, the opportunities and positions available are fairly limitless. You can spend your time hands-on with animals, helping front desk staff, assisting with veterinary duties, or even helping with the latest fundraising event –maybe a combination of everything! *Welcome!*



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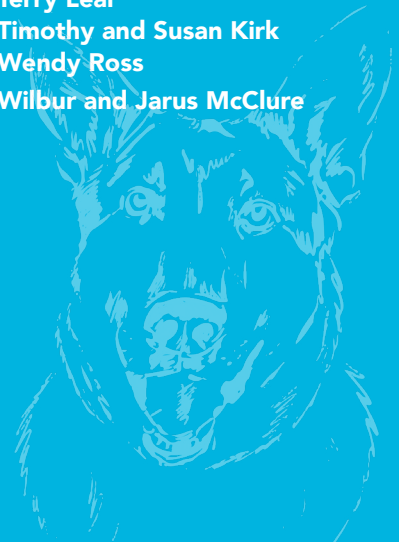
Steady Sidekicks are monthly donors to the Shelter. To join our Steady Sidekicks, visit cheyanneanimalshelter.org and make a recurring donation, or give us a call at 307-278-6195.

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FROZEN FUN IN THE SUN

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR DOG



NUTTY MONKEY

Ingredients:

- Frozen bananas
- Peanut butter
- Plain yogurt

**Make sure your peanut butter and yogurt are xylitol free*

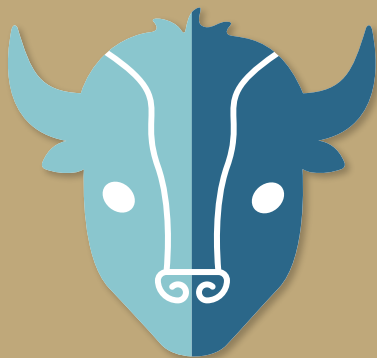
Place one spoonful of peanut butter into a hollow chew toy. Holding the toy upright, tap the bottom against the countertop until peanut butter drops to the bottom of the toy. Place frozen banana chunk into the toy; push and force if needed. Then place one more spoonful of peanut into toy and tap again until it drops further in. Top with 1-2 spoons of plain yogurt, then on last spoonful of peanut butter. Place in your freezer for a few hours or give it to your pup right away!

ICIES

Ingredients:

- Diluted beef broth, chicken broth, or apple juice
- Dry dog food
- Soft dog treats or biscuits

Fill your freezer with empty containers of varying sizes. Pour enough dry food into each container so that the bottom is covered, but the food forms a layer no more than 1" thick. Add either 1-3 soft dog treats or one biscuit to each container. Fill each container with the broth or apple juice of your choosing and let freeze overnight. Give your pup this frosty treat on a hot summer day!



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*The generosity
and support of our
community are
so amazing!*

Wish List

Purina One Cat & Dog Food
Kitten Milk Replacement
Kitten feeding bottles and syringes
Laundry detergent
Bleach
Clorox wipes (or similar brand)
Washcloths
Pate cat food
Paper towels
Large breed dog toys

ELLIE'S GARDEN

- End of Life Services
- Cremation
- Memorials

Call 307-278-6195 for more information.

"When my precious dog had cancer and got too sick to even get up off the floor my regular vet did not have an open appointment to help him cross the rainbow bridge. The Cheyenne Animal Shelter was available and could see him right away. The staff was so thoughtful and kind. Both the tech and the vet sat on the floor with us and Bear, our dog. He left this world with kindness and gentleness. Afterward the staff made us an imprint of his paw, and they had a very nice and inexpensive selection of urns for us to bring him home in. The front desk gal who helped us with payment and selecting an urn was also super kind and thoughtful. Even though we were there for a very sad reason, the CAS made our experience the best they possibly could. They are a class act and we are so grateful to them." - Emily Smith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spay Day:

August 27th

Dogtoberfest:

September 17th at Freedom's Edge Brewery

Vaccination Clinic :

September 24th

Fur Ball 2023:

April 29, 2023

Cheyenne's Got Talent:

Announcements Coming Soon!



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Monday-Saturday: 12pm – 6pm

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