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2014
Annual Report



Message from the Director

Dear Supporter,

While reflecting on the past year, I realized some things never change at Animal House. Every year we recognize our accomplishments and celebrate our incredible core of staff, volunteers, and supporters. And 2014 was certainly no different! I am pleased to present our 2014 annual report, which will offer you a glimpse of some of those accomplishments and the businesses, foundations, and individuals we would like to recognize and thank.

While many things remain the same (our community of supporters and our consistent lifesaving results), many things do change. Every year the number of lives saved grows; the end of 2014 marked 4,115 families united with their new best friend. Every year our programs grow, providing more outreach, education, animal assistance therapy, and community resources. Every year we increase the number of animal shelters we are able to assist. In Colorado, we've been part of an increasing number of collaborations with other organizations, quickly making Colorado one of the best places to be a pet owner and a pet!

It is only with your ongoing support that we will be able to continue providing deserving dogs a second chance at life. On behalf of all of us here, I thank you for your commitment to giving every dog a second chance, now and in the years to come!

Sincerely,

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Our Mission

The mission of Animal House is to decrease the euthanasia rate of adoptable animals by:

- Collaborating with overpopulated and underserved shelters.
- Providing the community with education, information, and outreach.
- Providing adoption opportunities for homeless animals and giving them what they need most – time to find their forever homes.

Services

ADOPTIONS

At Animal House, we believe in life matches. We take the time to learn about our dogs so both pets and people find their forever matches.

GROOMING

Let your pet save other dogs. Through our professional grooming facility, we give the community a great way to support our shelter.

MICROCHIPPING

To help pets find their way back home, we offer low-cost microchipping identification. It's quick and easy, and gives you and your pet a lifetime of security.

Programs

Shelter Services

– Animal House is an adoption-guarantee dog shelter. We provide relief to other animal shelters, both statewide and nationally. Many of the more than 30 shelters we collaborate with have little choice but to euthanize dogs due to constraints of time, resources, and space. We provide those dogs and puppies in need with the necessary care and time they need to find a forever home through our adoption services.

Foster Care Program

– Since the environment of an animal shelter is not suitable for all dogs, we recognize that we are fortunate to have an extensive foster care program. This program enables us to house puppies, senior-aged dogs, dogs with special needs, and dogs for which we simply may not have space at the shelter. By utilizing our network of foster homes, we ensure that all dogs in our care get the best chance at finding their forever homes.



Griffin

As a volunteer at Animal House, I walk the dogs and work on training with them. One day I came in and saw that Griffin was in need of a walk. I took him on a long hike, and he did awesome! I immediately fell in love with him. He was very responsive outside the shelter and had all the qualities I was looking for in a dog. I brought Griffin home at the end of December, and he and I started our adventures. Griffin settled in right way. I discovered that Griffin loved to cuddle more than anything. All that crazy, excited energy he had at the shelter was replaced by a calm, loving, cuddly dog.

Griffin enjoys lounging around the house, playing with his stuffed toys, and spending afternoons running and playing at the dog park. Griffin loves the dog park and does great with all the dogs he meets. He has also discovered that playing fetch is the best thing EVER! He loves to chase the ball and always hopes that other dogs will join him. Griffin has also become a great hiking partner. He proudly puts on his hiking backpack as we hit the trail. He is amazing off leash and never goes too far ahead. He has even earned the trail name of "Prancing Deer," which shows his excitement and prance-like jump that he does through the snow on the trail. He and I continue to work on training and obedience, and he is responding quickly.

I am so happy I was able to meet and adopt Griffin. He has brought so much joy and companionship to my life. I know that he and I will have many, many happy years to come and lots of new adventures. It's amazing how different a dog can be once they settle in to their forever home. Griffin is a great example of how a dog should not be judged on first glance in the shelter setting.

-Rebecca Rannow

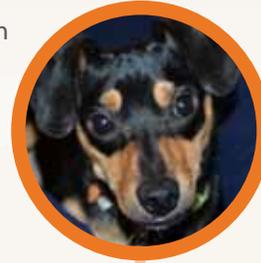


Volunteer Program – Volunteers are the foundation of our shelter and one of the reasons we’ve been able to build a successful organization. From dog walking, animal care, and adoption counseling, to fundraising, outreach, and transport, Animal House has many opportunities for volunteers. In 2014, our volunteers donated 7,178 hours of service. With thanks to our many dedicated volunteers, we simply ARE because of them!

Canine Coaches – Behavior enrichment is a priority for every dog that comes to us. We have developed a program for our advanced volunteers that provides our dogs with one-on-one enrichment, as well as the skills to help them transition into their new homes with ease. Adopters and their dogs are also invited to attend follow-up workshops with one of our coaches.

Education/Outreach – Empathy and compassion are two of the most important things we can inspire in our youth and our community. Through hands-on volunteer opportunities, informational tours, and outreach booths, Animal House invites people to become more involved in general, and better canine companions in particular.

Rescues for Retirees – We recognize the importance of the human-animal bond at Animal House. Adopted dogs and their handlers are certified through Pet Partners and become part of the Rescues for Retirees team that provides one-on-one animal-assisted therapy to local nursing homes and assisted living facilities.



Effie

Just over a year ago, we adopted a tiny little girl from Animal House. We drove over two hours through the snow to pick her up. My two boys held her the entire ride home while we decided on her new name. By the time we got home, we all agreed on the name Effie.

Effie was my birthday present, and I have never received a better gift. The love I get from her is unconditional. She has grown from a tiny 4 pounds to 16 pounds. She is eager to learn new tricks and has taught herself to get in her crate when we get ready to leave the house. As soon as I put my shoes on, she happily runs to her pink cage.

Effie has brought so much joy to our lives. Every time I look into her brown eyes, my heart melts. Thank you for saving her life and bringing us together.

- Wendy Veselka

Community Involvement & Outreach Events

Bath Nursery Dirty Dog Wash
Blue Sky Marathon
Camp Bow Wow
Collindale Golf Course
Colorado State University
Doggie Olympics
Earthwise Pet Supply
Fast and the Furriest 5K
Fire Hydrant 5
First National Bank
FOCO Girls Gone Derby

Hank’s Pet Food Market
La Luz Mexican Grill
Lucky Joe’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade
Mulligan’s Pub & Restaurant
Natural Pet Market Place
New West Fest
Odell Brewing Company
PetsMart
Petco
Phantom 5K
Poudre Pet & Feed Supply

Snooze A.M. Eatery
Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner & Craft Fair
Spirit of Lutheran Church
Sustainable Living Fair
United Way Make A Difference Day
Verboten Brewery
The Vet’s Animal Hospital
We Are Family Super Adoption Event
Wilbur’s Total Beverage



Fundraising and Development

An anchor to our fundraising efforts is Colorado Gives Day. This philanthropic day that encourages donors to give where they live raised more than \$31,000 from 240 donors for Animal House. This is a 46% increase from the amount raised in 2013!

In addition to our annual events, community fundraisers hosted by local businesses raised an additional \$5,880 to help us continue our mission and lifesaving work!

Choice City Comedy Nite

On April 12, 2014, more than 250 of our supporters gathered at the 3rd Annual Choice City Comedy Nite...Indiana Bones and the Raiders of the Lost Bark! Comedy Nite featured a silent auction, musical entertainment, heads or tails game, paddle raiser, and of course, the very popular comedians! Together we raised \$19,968.17 to continue our compassionate work.

Run Fur Fun 5K

A few hundred people and their pups enjoyed a morning of sunshine and fun at the 2nd Annual Run Fur Fun 5K on May 18, 2014, at Spring Canyon Park in Fort Collins. After the race, participants enjoyed post-race food, entertainment, prizes for overall finishers, biggest dog, smallest dog, and a dog pie-eating contest! \$5,375.83 was raised to benefit our Foster Care and Behavior & Enrichment programs.

Phantom 5K

On Saturday, October 25, 2014, almost 550 runners and walkers and 200 dogs enjoyed beautiful weather for the Phantom 5K and 1,000 total attendees dined at the Bone Chilling Breakfast, all while raising funds to support Animal House Rescue & Grooming, Denkai Sanctuary, and Larimer Humane Society. Each nonprofit received \$6,000! Special thanks to the Embassy Suites in Loveland for hosting the event, and all sponsors, attendees, and booth vendors!



Hunter

We had known about Animal House for several years through a friend, Pete Stevenson, who volunteers and takes the dogs for runs and hikes. When we were looking for a new pup, we immediately thought of Animal House.

We adopted Hunter (formerly Peyton) from Animal House in November. He is doing great! He is the happiest and friendliest little dog, and we just love him. He loves to play with other dogs, is the fastest pup racing around the dog park, and loves adventures. Hunter has been hiking and snowshoeing, and is looking forward to a summer of camping.

Hunter's brother Eli was also at Animal House and lives close by. We have gotten the pups together once and it was a happy reunion!

- Erin & Bryan Bibeau



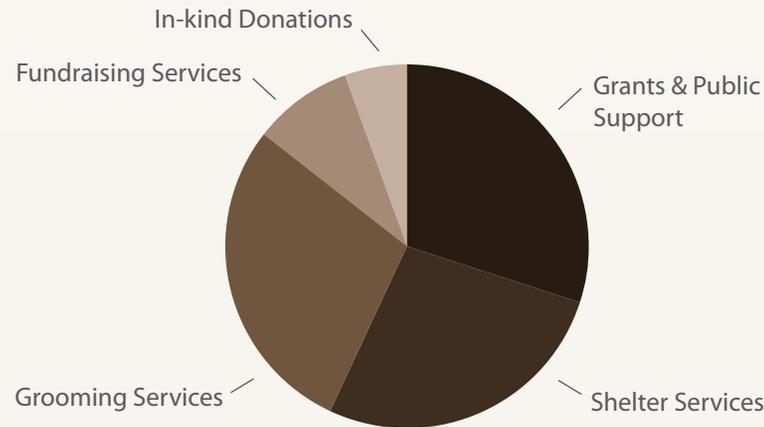
Second Chances by the Numbers

Animal House provides each animal with important medical care, such as vaccinations, heartworm testing, spaying/neutering, and microchipping; taking responsibility for these homeless animals means securing the right health for all of them, both physically and emotionally, to the very best of our ability. We proudly accomplish this by operating with an efficient budget. A steady increase in revenue in 2014 allowed us to increase the services we were able to provide, establishing us as a healthy organization with a strong future in which more dogs will be given second chances.

Support

Grants & Public Support	\$159,924
Shelter Services	\$143,973
Grooming Services	\$152,310
Fundraising Events	\$46,697
In-kind Donations	\$30,213

Total Support \$533,117



Expenses

Program	\$414,235
Fundraising	\$52,025
Administrative	\$33,147

Total Expenses \$499,407

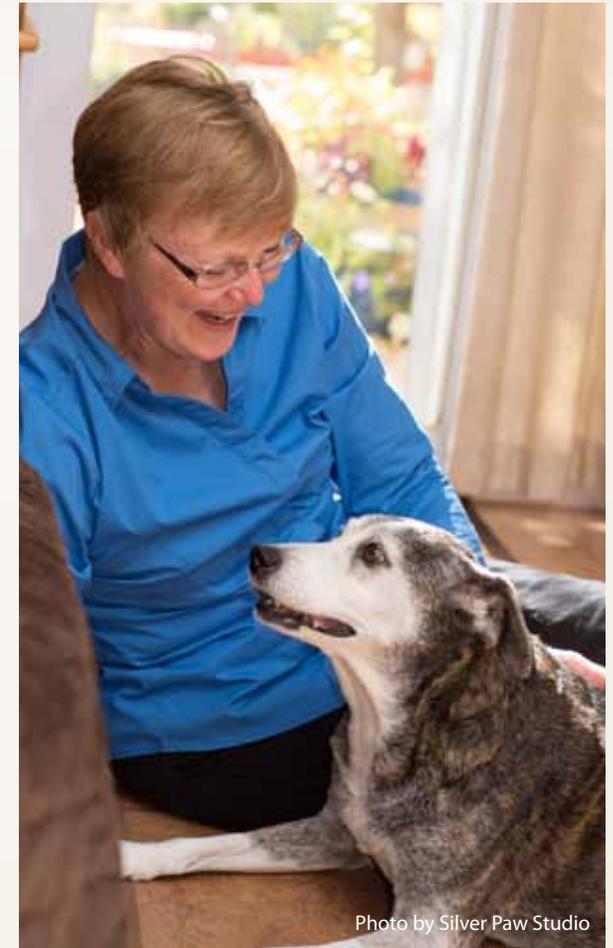
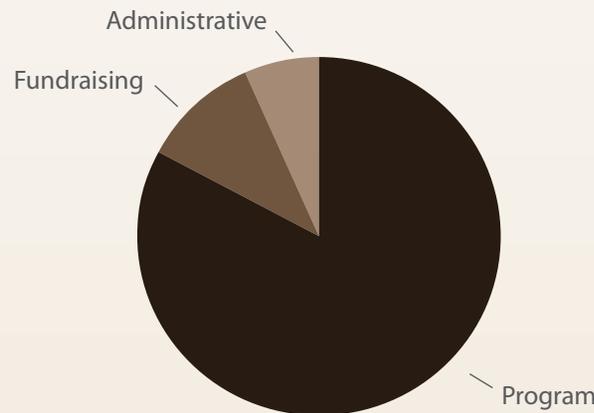


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Intakes 705
Adoptions 724

Transferred out 1
Euthanasia 1 (Ethel, adult hospice dog diagnosed with metastatic cancer)

Grants & Fundraisers

As with most shelters, adoption fees cover just a small percentage of our operating costs. Shelters need strong donor-support programs to operate successfully, and Animal House, relying on support from grants, fundraisers, and donations, is no exception. Through workplace matching gifts and our monthly donor program, The Fur-lanthyropy Club, and by participating in the Colorado Combined Campaign, we are able to save more dogs and puppies every year. We are grateful to each and every donor who makes our work possible.

Grants

Alice N Jenkins Foundation	\$1,200
ASPCA	\$500
OtterCares Foundation	\$500
Tess Evans Charitable Foundation	\$500

Total Grants **\$2,700**

Fundraisers

Choice City Comedy Night	\$19,968.17
Fall Harvest Brewfest	\$13,938.73
Phantom 5K	\$6,000.00
Run Fur Fun 5K	\$5,375.83
Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner & Craft Fair	\$3,384.83

Total Fundraisers **\$48,667.56**



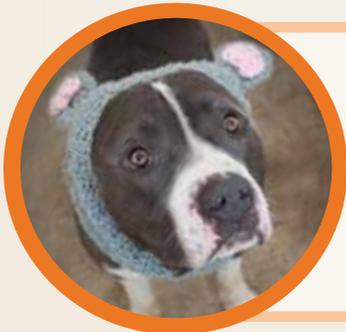
Missy

I adopted Missy in June of 2012, when she was 10 months old, and I could not be happier! When I first adopted her, she was as sweet as could be, but she was shy, especially around men, and would not look me in the eye.

That changed quickly, though! After some training and lots of love and attention, she has become a confident, sweet, loving pup that is a huge part of my life! I got her while in college, and she stayed with me and even moved to Utah with me after graduation! She now loves being outside, playing with other dogs, treats (of course), and taking up as much of the bed as she possibly can!

I could not be more grateful for Animal House and how they took care of my sweet girl, and I recommend everyone looking for a pup to adopt from there!

- Kelsey McCallister (Proud mama of Missy)



Nelson

Nelson is a beloved dog at Animal House, as his journey to us has been a rough one. Nelson was rescued after falling through the ice in a Denver pond. After a heroic rescue, Nelson nearly met with death again, coming up against the Denver Pit Bull Ban. Thankfully, this sweet guy was transferred out of Denver and into our care. Nelson's ears are cropped, likely the result of a home crop job.

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The Group Guaranteed Title
The Mayor of Old Town
The Pet Club
The Pet Wellness Clinic
The Team at Berkshire Hathaway
Timberline Animal Hospital
Verboten Brewing
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