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2016 Annual Report

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 lifelong 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 salon, we give the community an opportunity to support our mission and receive compassionate grooming services for their pets.

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 50 shelters we collaborate with have little choice but to euthanize dogs due to constraints of time, resources, and space. We provide each dog and puppy with the necessary care and time they need to find a forever home through our adoption services. *In 2016, we welcomed and placed 983 dogs and puppies into loving forever homes.*

Veterinary Program

– Each year we welcome nearly 1,000 dogs and puppies and each arrival needs compassionate care, shelter, food, and medical attention. They may need a general exam, vaccines, and spay/neuter surgery, or they may need more extensive care, such as dental work, treatment for illness or injuries, x-rays, or a cast. *In 2016 our shelter veterinarian and her team of volunteer veterinary technicians, CSU veterinary students and community volunteers performed 497 spay and neuter surgeries, 74 dentals, 19 other surgeries, processed 248 fecal exams, treated 14 heartworm positive dogs, 159 upper respiratory infections, and more than 1,450 exams.*



Apollo

My boyfriend and I adopted Apollo back in 2012 when he was 8 months old, and the runt of what the AH staff called “The Basset Boys.” I stopped at his kennel just cooing at him nonstop, so your staff let me go in there to visit since his big brothers were out on a walk. Apollo curled up in my lap and gave me those big, dopey eyes and I knew I couldn’t stand the thought of him NOT being our dog.

My boyfriend picked him up a few days later. He was a little shy at first and stayed right by the door for half of adoption day 1. Finally, he came into our living room by the end of the day.

Four years later, he runs the place. We have since moved to Seattle, where he loves to sniff the seawater with his big basset nose. He’s not as crazy about the rain as he was the snow, but he gets a ton of attention out here, which he loves. He was SO good driving across the country in a U-Haul, and we are so lucky he decided to keep us after that!

Thanks for everything, Animal House!

- Elisha N.



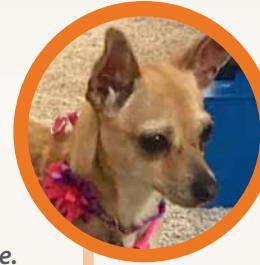
Foster Care Program – Since the environment of an animal shelter is not suitable for all dogs, we recognize that we are fortunate to have an extensive foster care program. This program enables us to house puppies, senior-aged dogs, dogs with special needs, and dogs for which we simply may not have space 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. *In 2016 we welcomed 60 new foster care homes (for a total of more than 230) which assisted with fostering 533 dogs and puppies! In 2016 we also launched the foster ambassador program in which some of our foster homes are trained to facilitate Meet N Greets and adoptions of the dogs in their care.*

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, adoption counseling, to fundraising, outreach, and transport, Animal House has many opportunities for volunteers. With thanks to our more than 380 dedicated volunteers, we simply ARE because of them! *In 2016, our volunteers donated 9,585 hours of service.*

Education/Outreach – Empathy and compassion are two of the most important things we can inspire in our youth and our community. Through hands-on volunteering opportunities, informational tours, and outreach booths, Animal House invites people to become more involved in general, and better canine companions in particular. *In 2016 we attended 49 community events, adoptable Meet N Greets, and festivals.*

Grooming Services – Community members that have their pets groomed at our professional and licensed salon help the shelter provide well-deserving animals a second chance. Every grooming service financially supports our shelter. Our groomers also provide baths, haircuts, nail trims, and ear cleanings to shelter dogs that need to look their very best to find a forever home. *In 2016, the salon groomed 3,141 animals, performed 1,224 nail trims, 88 spa packages, and 18 teeth brushings.*

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 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. *More than 60 volunteers have completed the Canine Coaches training program.*



Dixie

Hello!!

We adopted Dixie on Monday, March 7th, and I just wanted to let you know that we love her so much! She gets along great with everyone in our family, even my husband who she was a bit cautious of the first day.

She is still learning that the baby's feet are not chew toys (though I understand her confusion when the baby has socks on), but we just make sure to keep her feet covered by a blanket and Dixie just sniffs her, gives her a good kiss, and goes back to playing with the big kids and one of her many new toys.

I just wanted to let you know that we couldn't be happier with our decision to adopt her and be her fur-ever home!

Thank you so much for facilitating this wonderful opportunity to gain a new, but much loved, addition to our family!

- Sarah Vlcek-Wetzberger

Fundraising and Development

An anchor to our fundraising efforts is Colorado Gives Day. This philanthropic day encouraging donors to give where they live raised more than \$66,976 from 369 donors for Animal House. This is a nearly 80% increase from the amount raised in 2015!

In addition to our annual events, community fundraisers hosted by local businesses raised an additional \$15,114.86 to help us continue our mission and life-saving work!

Choice City Comedy Nite

On April 9, 2016 more than 320 supporters gathered at the 5th Annual Choice City Comedy Nite...Hawaii Fid-o raising more than **\$21,964.62!** Comedy Nite featured a silent auction, musical entertainment, heads or tails game, paddle raiser, mystery boxes, adoptable dogs, and comedians!

Run Fur Fun 5K

Sunny weather welcomed nearly 200 runners and walkers and their pups on June 12, 2016 for the 4th Annual Run Fur Fun 5K at City Park in Fort Collins. After the race participants enjoyed visiting sponsor booths, munching on post-race food, and viewing the awards ceremony for overall top finishers, biggest dog, smallest dog, and more! **\$6,788.64** was raised for our Foster Care and Behavior & Enrichment programs.

Phantom 5K

A beautiful fall morning greeted 475 runners and walkers and more than 200 dogs for the Phantom 5K on Saturday October 30, 2016. Over 1,200 attendees dined at the Bone Chilling Breakfast and visited sponsor booths all while raising funds to support Animal House Rescue & Grooming and Larimer Humane Society. Presented by the Embassy Suites in Loveland, each nonprofit generously received \$11,274.00.

Fall Harvest Brewfest

Drink a beer and save a dog! On Friday, September 16, 2016, over 900 attendees and volunteers celebrated an evening full of brewery and micro-distillery tastings, food trucks, live music, drawings, and a silent and live auction at the Lincoln Center in Fort Collins. More than **\$18,500** was raised for Animal House to continue our life-saving work.

Bath Nursery Dirty Dog Wash

On Saturday July 16, 2016 Animal House volunteers' bathed nearly 100 adorable dogs for a suggested \$10 donation per dog. Those donations, combined with 5% of sales from Bath Nursery & Garden Center and Palisade Peaches, raised **\$1,552.14** for the shelter.



Gus

Just thought we would give you an update on our overly loved Gus that we adopted from you a little over a year ago! How he had so many homes, we will never understand. He is such a lover and guardian! (Even though he thinks he's a lot bigger than his little legs prove) he is so beyond loved not only by us, but all his "cousins" that he gets to run all over the farms and mountains with!

We could not be more blessed to have had such an amazing dog child fall into our hands and he is anxiously awaiting the birth of his new "sister" he gets to protect!

Thank you all so much for allowing us to find him and not giving up on him after his long run in the shelters and multiple homes!

-Zoe Reece

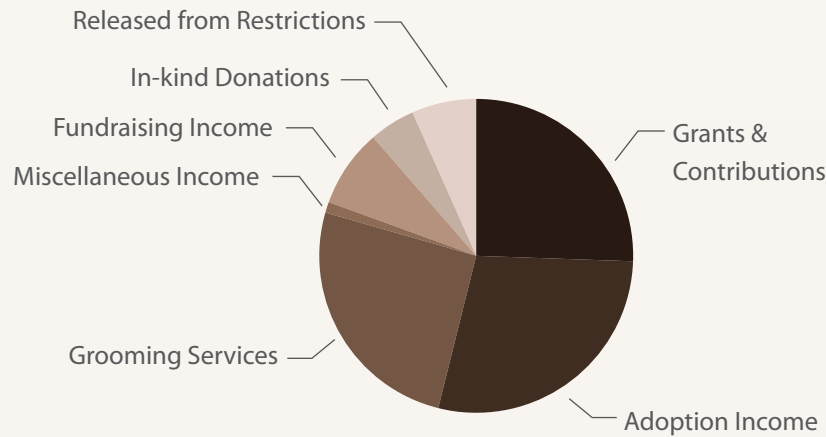


Second Chances by the Numbers

Animal House provides each dog and puppy with necessary medical care, such as vaccinations, heartworm testing, spaying/neutering, and microchipping. Taking responsibility for these homeless animals means securing the funds to care for them both physically and emotionally. This part of our mission is accomplished by operating with an efficient budget. An increase in revenue over the last several years, including 2016, allowed us to increase the services we were able to provide, purchase our new property, and continue to establish ourselves as a healthy nonprofit organization with a strong future, in which more dogs and puppies will be given second chances. Between 2015 and 2016, our intakes and adoptions increased by **25%**.

Support

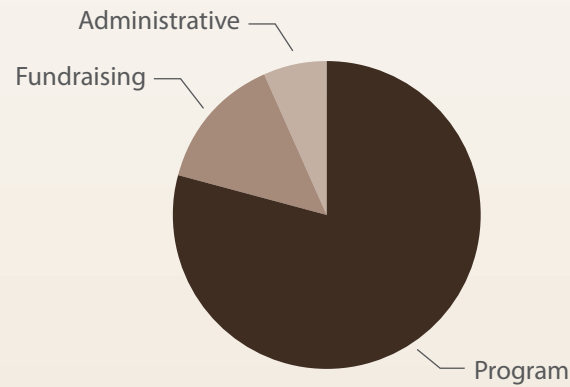
Grants & Contributions*	\$178,513
Adoption Income	\$197,975
Grooming Services	\$176,469
Miscellaneous Income**	\$9,425
Fundraising Income	\$55,455
In-kind Donations	\$33,383
Released from restrictions	\$44,697



Total Support \$695,917

Expenses

Program	\$518,959
Fundraising	\$92,706
Administrative	\$43,000



Total Expenses \$654,665

*Includes Follow Us Home donations and pledges

**Includes volunteer fees, micro chipping, retail and interest



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Intakes 981
Adoptions 983

Transferred out	3
Euthanized	6
Died in our care	4



Grants & Annual 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, annual 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 and Federal 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

MacPherson Fund, Inc.	\$1,000
Petco Foundation	\$10,000.00
ASPCA	\$2,000
Maddie's Fund	\$1,000
Vanguard Charitable	\$500
Community Foundation of Northern Colorado	\$350
Ottercares Foundation	\$1,500
The Olsen Family Fund Bank of America Charitable Gift Fund	\$500
Schwab Charitable	\$250
Fidelity Charitable	\$1,000

Total Grants \$18,100

Annual Fundraisers

Choice City Comedy Nite	\$21,964.62
Dirty Dog Wash	\$1,552.14
Fall Harvest Brewfest	\$18,500.00
Phantom 5K	\$11,274.00
Run Fur Fun 5K	\$6,788.64

Total Annual Fundraisers \$60,079.40

Community Involvement & Outreach Events

Art for Animals/Colorado State University VTH	Phantom 5K
Bentley's Pet Stuff: Adoptable Meet N Greets	Polar Bear 5K & Polar Plunge
Black Squirrel Half Marathon	Popovich Comedy Theatre
Blue Sky Marathon	Super Adoption Event: Poudre Pet & Feed Supply
Bow Wowvania: City of Fort Collins	Pounds for Pups Fundraiser: Wild Horizons CrossFit
Canine Companion Consulting: Holiday Pet Photos	Quad Rock 50 Trail Race
Dirty Dog Wash: Bath Nursery & Garden Center	Snooze A.M. Eatery: Colorado Gives Day
Doggie Olympics: Larimer Animal People Partners	The Swing Station Fundraiser
Fast and the Furriest 5K	United Way Make A Difference Day
Fire Hydrant 5	The Champions Documentary Screening
FOCO Girls Gone Derby Fundraiser	The Secret Life of Pets Fundraising Screening
Fort Collins Brewery Walk-a-Thon	Vanilla Day 5K
G.Orr Construction Golf Tournament	Woodward Governor: Adoptable Meet N Greets
Horsetooth Half Marathon	
Kriser's Natural Pet Store: Adoptable Meet N Greets	
Loveland Aleworks: Pints for the People	
Maxline Brewing: Adoptable Meet N Greet	
Mutt Dog Show: Wolverine Farm & Publick House	
New West Fest	
Odell Brewing Company: Fall Harvest Brewfest Release Party	
Petco: Adoptable Meet N Greets	



Our New Home

On April 1, 2007, Animal House Rescue & Grooming held a grand opening celebration with the mission to decrease the euthanasia rate of adoptable animals through collaboration with overpopulated and underserved shelters and rescues. Shelter operations took place in a small white building at the corner of Vine and Shields in north Fort Collins. In the years since, a patchwork of additions have been tried, sheds and kennels added, to accommodate the growing number of dogs and puppies that arrive at Animal House each week, year in and year out, for a second chance.

In 2016, nearly ten years and more than 5,500 animals later, Animal House was ready to move to a new permanent location. The new shelter will encompass the many changes made in animal sheltering over the decades including air circulation, noise abatement, ventilation to promote the health of the animals, and housing that will be positive and comfortable for the dogs and the visitors considering adoption.

The new shelter will be a vital part of our mission and our community with an expanded grooming salon (proceeds of which support the shelter's life-saving efforts), indoor and outdoor adoption counseling, and a dedicated veterinary building for assessment upon arrival, spay-neuter surgeries, and ongoing medical care. There will be more room, more acreage, and as a result, more lives saved!

To accomplish this, the Board of Directors and staff launched the *Follow Us Home* capital campaign in April 2016. Building renovations, equipment, landscaping, and parking were estimated to cost \$550,000. Community donations and support were vital for construction to begin and continue through the remainder of 2016.

With an anticipated move timeline of late spring 2017, we look forward to changing the world for the dogs and puppies that are in need of, and deserve, a second chance and loving forever home. More information on our new home, and the capital campaign, are available at www.animalhousehelp.org



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Animal House Rescue

Monthly giving is so vital to Animal House's mission to help the animals entrusted in our care. Many animals that we care for have had little to no veterinary or nutritional care. By becoming a monthly donor (for a minimum of just \$10.00 a month), supporters are helping to give safe housing, quality food, important medical care, and the hope to be loved.



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Tenaya

Tenaya is such an awesome member of our family. She and Maple have quickly become best friends. Now that it's getting colder I find them cuddled up all the time. She is also so sweet and good with Solie the crazy puppy! We are so thankful that Animal House rescued her so we could adopt her!

-Anika Linde

Volunteer Support

The volunteer team at Animal House is filled with dedicated community members that donate their time and talents to help with all aspects of the shelter. Our volunteer program offers something for everyone! From families and students to professionals and retirees, we try and accommodate a variety of schedules and interests. Thank you to all our 2016 volunteers!

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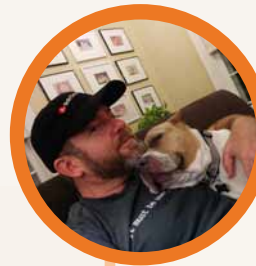
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Foster Care Homes

A part of Animal House since our founding, volunteer foster care homes open their hearts to adult dogs and puppies that need a temporary space, and time, to recover, grow, and work on manners until their forever family comes along. The impact of each volunteer foster home is immeasurable, but in 2016, 140 foster families provided care to dogs and puppies and out of our 983 adoptions, 292 were from foster care—that is 30% of our adoptions! Each unique and dedicated foster family has provided life-saving time and care for these dogs, and for that, Animal House and the animals in our care are forever grateful! Thank you to the more than 230 foster families who help us save lives each year!



Ella

Ella is doing awesome! She gets along great with everyone at our house and is a wonderful fit.

I have never met a dog who loves everyone the way she does.) She gets daily bike ride runs and/or walks and has dropped quite a bit of weight.

She is the perfect dog for all of us!!! We love her so much!

Thank you!

- Jacquie and Russ and Ella