# WESTERN FREMONT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

#### **Our Mission in Action**

The Western Fremont County Humane Society is committed to the health and welfare of all animals. We seek to inform, inspire, and assist people to responsibly care for their pets and treat them with kindness.

## **Our Facility**

WFCHS owns and manages Gizmo's Park at 26 Gilliland Ave, behind East Fork Vet off of East Ramshorn Drive, built with the generous bequest of Rick Schwinn in memory of his dog, Gizmo. Gizmo's includes an enclosed play area for dogs, a picnic shelter, and walking trails. The walking trails are restricted to pedestrian and equestrian traffic. At the east end of the facility are corrals and a shelter for emergency use.

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#### Summer Dog Washes

WFCHS held two Dog Washes this summer, which were well attended, and enjoyed by all despite some initial reluctance by a few dogs, which soon disappeared with the help of our young volunteers.



## Meeting an unprecedented challenge

WFCHS faced another huge challenge last Fall when we received an urgent call to help with numerous neglected dogs in Crowheart. We were able to rescue 22 dogs from the property and with the help of Petfinder, we found homes for all of them.

Dog obedience classes were provided to those who adopted the Crowheart dogs. We wanted to give the owners and dogs the best start in their new lives as we could. The class was taught by Dr. Carolyn Copeland and Lindsay Copeland. These classes were very helpful and fun for everyone. We receive updates on these dogs and get to see many occasionally around town. It has been heartwarming to see our community came together to help.



#### 2023 Statistics

As a part of our mission, we provide support for spay/ neutering, adoptions, and conduct the "Trap/Neuter/ Release" (TNR) program for feral cats to help prevent unwanted pregnancies. In the past year we funded 15 TNR's, 30 spay/neuters, and 32 dog/ cat adoptions.

## 2023 Events

In 2023 we sponsored and organized the following well attended events:

January 21 - Obedience Class June 17 – Dog Wash July 15 – Strutt Your Mutt August 19 –Dog Wash

As we do each year, WFCHS also assisted East Fork Vet with their annual Vaccination Clinic.

#### Some of our rescues who found new homes



Drover found his forever home



**Charlie with Tucker** 

## A three-legged cat is saved

Last spring a young cat was found in the rafters of a barn with a wound on his front leg. East Fork Vet determined the wound was too severe to save the leg so it was removed. A local family happened to be looking for a cat, but given that the cat only had three legs a visit was needed to make sure the family would be comfortable with looking after him. There was no hesitation—the cat was brought home, tagged with the name "Snook-ums" and quickly became part of the family.



#### Helping with our feral cat population

This year it truly seemed like it was raining CATS and DOGS!

That said, cats are more of a challenge to find homes for and to keep their numbers in check. The good news is that community outreach has helped with our feral population. One volunteer is dealing with 20 feral cats. She has tamed six for adoption (bottle feeding them). Another has an ongoing trapping operation for cats that just show up around her property. Any identified as feral are cared for.



WFCHS provides live traps, spay-neuters and a rabies shot. A volunteer traps, transports for medical care, and releases the healthier and now non-reproductive cat back into the neighborhood. Research shows that stray cats will fill an empty environment. The goal is to cut down on kitties and disease by having a healthy feline population. WFCHS pays the entire cost of the spay-neuter and a rabies shot for feral cats. So far in 2023 the number is 12. For additional information check our website. More participants in the program are needed.



## Please Donate Generously to Support Our Work to Help Animals

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