

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.

WFCHS faced one of its biggest challenges ever this fall when 19 dogs were surrendered by their owner, who was desperate to re-home them. Ten were puppies. Board members and volunteers began a hectic, but highly organized, effort to get them all checked by a veterinarian, settled into temporary shelter, and exercised.

The dogs are sweethearts! Luckily there was no parvo. The mature dogs have been spayed/neutered and vaccinated. The youngsters have had their shots, too. Many are in foster care. Some adoptions are pending. At left is Rocky, one of the puppies being fostered by Andee Witonski and her family. (Also see "Buster", on next page).

Once again Dubois came through with overwhelming help by fostering, walking dogs, cleaning kennels, chauffeuring, and cash donations. WFCHS wants to thank all the people who stepped up to help. A special tip of the hat to East Fork Veterinary Service and Sandie Leseberg, and our amazing Beth Walsh.

Our Board of Directors

Our board of directors is **Rick Metzger** (President), **Cynthia Boyhan** (Vice President), **Beth Walsh** (Treasurer), **Deborah Witonski** (Secretary), **Mary Ellen Honsaker**, **Blair Butterfield**, **Terry Wierciak**, **Erin Hannelly**, **Becky Brazil**, and **Linda Hartman**.

Our Facility

WFCHS owns and maintains Gizmo's Park at 26 Gilliland Avenue, behind the 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 horse corrals and a shelter for emergency use by law enforcement and the general public.

2022 Statistics

As a part of our mission, we provide support for spay/neutering and conduct the "Trap/Neuter/Release" (TNR) program for feral cats to help prevent unwanted pregnancies. So far in 2022 we helped fund 19 spay/neuter applications, completed 6 trap/neuter/releases for feral cats, and 5 adoptions.

How you can help

We are always looking for volunteers at events, as well as loving homes to provide foster care for animals waiting to be adopted. Please visit www.wfchs.com for details.

Pet ID tips

We get many calls from frantic owners whose pets have strayed or gone missing. Here are some recommended options to ensure your pet has proper ID so they can be quickly returned to you:

1. Put a tag with your pet's name, your name and your contact information on your pet's collar.
2. Get your pet chipped by your vet - a rice grain size chip under the skin that can be read with a scanner.
3. Get a LifeKey pet tag (www.lifekey.com) - made right here in Dubois!
4. For lost pets, please call the Fremont County Sheriff at 800-967-2302.

2022 Events

In 2022 we sponsored and organized the following well attended events:

June 18 – Dog Wash

July 15 – Dog Wash

July 16 – Strutt Your Mutt

August 20 – Dog Wash

As we do each year, WFCHS also assisted East Fork Vet with their annual Vaccination Clinic at the Town Park on August 13.

Success Stories

What makes our mission worthwhile are stories like these. These are just a few examples of recent successes with animals in need.

Adoptions

Here are just some of the happy endings that WFCHS helped facilitate for pets who found their forever homes this year!



Holly finds a loving home



Axle heads to New Mexico with his new family



Buster is a rescue from the hoarding situation (see page 1). He is a total character and escaped with some friends and headed to a nearby church. Here he is being returned to his kennel after being discovered. His friends were also found and all are safe.

Zeus is saved

Zeus was scared and cold after being ejected from the vehicle during a car crash in which his owner died on Togwotee Pass near Dubois. News that Zeus was lost somewhere on the Pass inspired multiple folks from the Dubois area to try to find him. WFCHS board member Beth Walsh pulled off the highway into an open area, saw nothing, called his name, and up popped a head from a small depression in the meadow. It was Zeus! Zeus was turned over to friends of the owner, who reunited him with his owner's family. A vet check showed that he was uninjured. Thanks to everyone who worked to provide a positive ending for Zeus in a tragic situation.



Summer Dog Washes

WFCHS held three Dog Washes this summer, which were well attended, and enjoyed by all including the canine visitors despite some initial reluctance on the part of a few dogs, which soon disappeared with the help of treats. These are usually held on the lawn of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.



The dogs enjoy the water on a hot day



Treats convince the hesitant ones



Strutt Your Mutt Fun Dog Match

Returning for the first time since the pandemic, our annual Strutt Your Mutt event was held at the Town Park, with many attendees both human and canine, prizes donated by a long list of Dubois businesses and individuals. We thank our supporters and the attendees for making it a success!

WFCHS Doggie Treats

New from WFCHS this year are healthy, peanut butter flavored dog treats, created by WFCHS Board Member Deborah Witonski and her family. They were available at WFCHS events as well as the Summer Farmers' Market. By all accounts, they are a big hit, both with the dogs and their owners. At left is Lily Witonski with the treats at the Farmers' Market.

Your Donation is Needed and Appreciated!

WFCHS relies on your generous donations to continue to provide our services. There are two ways to donate – you can write a check to WFCHS and mail it to PO Box 1198, Dubois, WY 82513 or you can set up your online Amazon account so that a portion of each purchase goes to WFCHS. Setting it up is easy. Visit the Amazon charity registration link at <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/change/> and type in the search box "Western Fremont County Humane Society" and click "Select". That's it!



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