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KEEPING PEOPLE & PETS TOGETHER THROUGH THE ANIMAL RELIEF FUND: HONEY CAT'S STORY

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WHAT WE DO

- **ANIMAL RELIEF FUND:** Assistance for veterinary care for low-income families and their pets.
- **RUFF-TO-READY:** Free behavior training for dogs coming out of the shelter into their new adoptive homes.
- **PETS FOR SENIORS:** \$25 adoption fee discount for people age 60+ who adopt a pet from the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley.



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Thirteen years ago, outside Deming, New Mexico, a gentle orange tabby appeared on Carolyn's doorstep. "He wasn't feral, he just seemed lost," Carolyn recalls. "Like he didn't know where else to go." Carolyn, a senior living alone, brought the cat to her local veterinarian to check for a microchip. There wasn't one, but he was healthy and estimated to be about four years old. In that moment, Carolyn knew they had found each other for a reason. She named him Honey Cat and from then on, the two were inseparable. When Carolyn moved to Las Cruces, Honey Cat



came with her and settled comfortably into their new home where they continued their peaceful days together. Recently, Carolyn began noticing changes in Honey Cat. He wasn't eating as much, and he was losing weight. When she picked him up to cuddle—something he normally loved, he flinched, clearly uncomfortable. Worried, she made an appointment with her veterinarian. The diagnosis was pancreatitis. The recommended lab work, treatment plan, and medication were overwhelming—not just emotionally, but financially also. On a fixed income, Carolyn found herself unsure of how to give Honey Cat the care he needed. That's when her vet suggested reaching out to the Doña Ana County Humane Society's Animal Relief Fund. Carolyn applied—and qualified—for two medical care vouchers and a prescription medication voucher through the program. Thanks to this support, Honey Cat is now receiving the treatment he needs and is slowly gaining weight and strength. "I'm so very grateful for the Animal Relief Fund," Carolyn shares. "The care and kindness I received from the Doña Ana County Humane Society has meant the world to me." The Animal Relief Fund is more than just a financial resource—it's a lifeline for people like Carolyn, and pets like Honey Cat. It ensures that no one has to choose between their love for their pet and the cost of veterinary care. The program offers vouchers to help cover the cost of vaccinations, veterinary care, and long-term medications for those experiencing financial hardship.

To learn more about how the Animal Relief Fund helps keep people and pets together—or to support this vital work—please call (575) 647-4808 or visit www.dachslc.org/animal-relief-fund.

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JOIN US FOR OUR CORNHOLE FOR A CAUSE TOURNAMENT!

Get ready for another DACHS Cornhole for a Cause Tournament! Thanks to the team at Icebox Brewing Co., we will be hosting our **Cornhole for a Cause Tournament on Saturday, November 15th, 2025 at 12 p.m.** 50 teams will be able to come together and let bags fly in this double-elimination tournament. Registration is \$60 per team and information can be found on the Scoreholio app or visit: <https://share.scoreholio.com/YbnjR2HhSub> **or scan the QR code.** To learn more about the Cornhole for a Cause Tournament, or for questions regarding registration, please email dachslc@gmail.com or call (575) 647-4808.



DACHS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS, TRISTYN GETZ AND BRYANNA MOLINA!



Welcome Tristyn Getz! Tristyn graduated from Arrowhead Early College High School and received his degree from NMSU. He proudly helps run the family business as a funeral

director at Getz Funeral Home and Forever Friends Pet Services. Tristyn enjoys spending time with his wife, Angela, their two sons, Jaxson & Ryan, and their dogs.

Welcome Bryanna Molina! Bryanna graduated from Mayfield High School and has been with Citizens Bank of Las Cruces for 13 years. She has recently been promoted to Branch Manager of the Citizens Bank Country Club location.

Bryanna and her wife, Jasmine, have two huskies, Zoe & Benson, and one corgi, Dutton.



DON'T MISS OUR HOWL-O-WEEN YAPPY HOUR EVENT!

Mark your calendars for our Howl-O-Ween Yappy Hour event! Join us on October 28th at The Blue Door Venue from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We will have food trucks onsite for meal purchases, beverage service available, pet costume contest, paw readings and more!

**Minimum \$5 donation for entry
to benefit DACHS and SNAP**

YAPPY HOUR

2024–2025 PROGRAM REPORT

ANIMAL RELIEF FUND BY THE NUMBERS

We're dedicated to preserving the bond between people and their pets. Our Animal Relief Fund helps low-income families cover essential veterinary costs. From emergency surgeries to critical medications, this program is a lifeline for Doña Ana County residents. We issued over \$167,000 in vouchers through the Animal Relief Fund to Doña Ana County residents.



108 Vaccination Vouchers issued to help prevent disease and protect public health.



89 Prescription Medication Vouchers for prescriptions like insulin, allergy treatments, cancer treatments, and heart medications.



579 Medical Care Vouchers issued for wellness exams, emergency visits, and illness treatment.



9 Complex Care Vouchers issued to cover veterinary treatments and surgeries up to \$2,000.

Ruff to Ready Program

TO HELP PREVENT RETURNS TO OVERCROWDED SHELTERS, THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY (DACHS) CREATED THE RUFF TO READY PROGRAM, OFFERING FREE BASIC BEHAVIOR TRAINING FOR RECENTLY ADOPTED DOGS, FOSTER DOGS, AND DOGS IN FOSTER-TO-ADOPT HOMES.



Provided training for 29 dogs adopted or fostered from the Animal Services Center and Action Programs for Animals



Provided training for 12 adoptable dogs housed at the Animal Services Center through the Ruff to Ready Shelter expansion

Pets for Seniors Program



\$2,100 assisting with 84 pet adoptions for senior citizens



Our Pets for Seniors program offers a \$25 discount to senior citizens age 60 and over who adopt from the Animal Services of the Mesilla Valley.



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By investing in the programs at the Doña Ana County Humane Society, **you change and save the lives of pets in our community!** Our Animal Relief Fund provides veterinary care vouchers for low-income families to take their pets to receive much-needed medical care. The Ruff to Ready program provides training to recently adopted shelter dogs to help get them the necessary training they need to adapt to their new home, helping to ensure they don't return to the overcrowded shelter. Our Pets for Seniors program helps seniors age 60+ find forever companions at the local shelter by sponsoring their adoption fees. You can also donate at www.dachslc.org/donate.

YES! I believe in keeping people and pets together and would like to make a difference:

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!