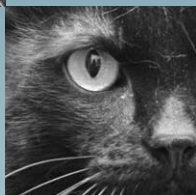
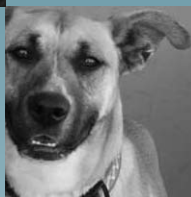
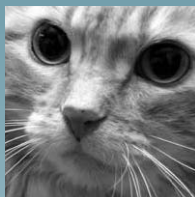
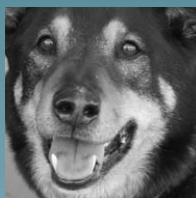
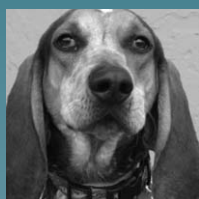


MaxFund Animal Adoption Center

2009 Annual Report

a *small* shelter
that makes

A BIG DIFFERENCE!!!!



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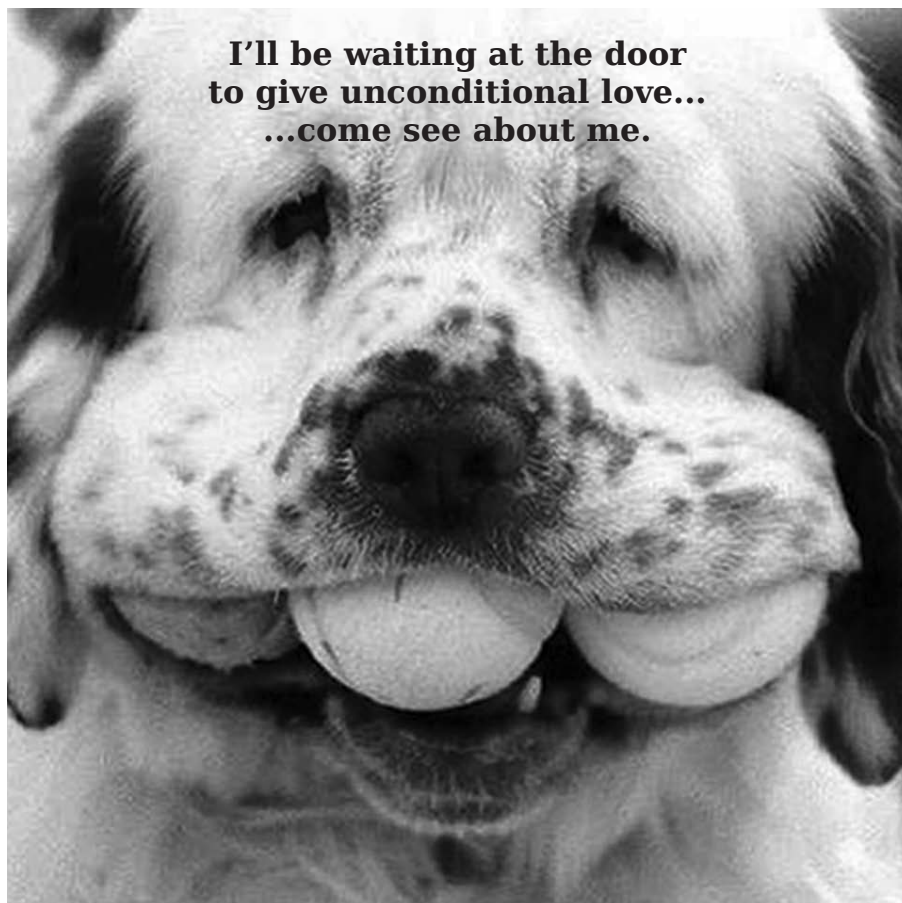
Further, the MaxFund is committed to the following goals:

Develop and implement education programs pertaining to animal care, with emphasis on the importance of spaying and neutering.

Disseminate information on spay/neuter facilities, and, on a periodic basis, conduct a spay/neuter clinic for pets of low income families.

Be a voice for the animals on issues of animal welfare.

Cooperate with other animal facilities/shelters in accomplishing these goals.



Helping our community with their pets!

Dear Friends of MaxFund,

MaxFund Animal Adoption Center once again had a successful year thanks to the generosity of our donors and hard work of our staff and volunteers. Without your contributions we would not be able to do the work we do to help injured, abused and neglected animals in need.

This year alone, more than 800 dogs and 400 cats were adopted from our shelter; more than 2400 animals were spayed and neutered; and more than 2500 needed medical procedures were performed by our Wellness Clinic and veterinary colleagues in the community. We've also continued to expand our network of shelter partners in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming in an effort to help reduce the amount of euthanasia.



Elizabeth Grice

MaxFund put its donations, grant and estate money willed to our organization to good use in 2009 by purchasing and refurbishing a new mobile adoption van. MaxFund is now able to take the vehicle to more places with more animals on board, allowing maximum exposure to potential adopters in our community. Adorned with photos of its own adoptees, the MaxFund van has 20 cages for transporting dogs and cats as well as an onboard meeting area.

The new mobile adoption unit is just one example of how MaxFund ensures all donations to our organization are optimized and go directly toward the care of our animals. MaxFund has consistently been granted Charity Navigator's highest rating for its ability to efficiently allocate and grow its finances. We're pleased to report that MaxFund earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator again in 2009, making our organization the only charity in Colorado to have achieved this high honor for six consecutive years.

Looking forward to 2010, MaxFund will begin the planning process of expanding the shelter with donations from our supporters as the project's foundation. Our vision is to remodel the current location into a dog shelter that is more efficient and green while building a new cat shelter next door with the same features. This will allow us to free up needed space for an isolation area that will improve health care, add extra meet and greet areas, and most importantly take in more animals in need of homes.

Supporters of the MaxFund and their generosity have helped us speak for those that have no choice and no voice. We truly believe that every animal has a special place on earth and deserves a second leash on life. Thank you for helping continue our mission.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Grice
President of the Board



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In 2009 the economy was struggling through the recession trying to get back on its feet. MaxFund saw a decline in donations. We made changes necessary to continue our services, and follow our mission. We are very frugal with our funds; we have received our 6th consecutive 4 star charity award for good management. We were very blessed by many estates. One of the estates was from Karl Smith, a wonderful supporter of the MaxFund that allowed us to pay off our clinic and buy property to build a new cat shelter which will be started in 2010. Sally Spillane, an animal lover, left us funds to purchase a wonderful adoption van; it allows us to go to many locations with our animals and increases the adoptions and visibility of MaxFund.

MaxFund continues to follow our mission in taking injured animals with no known owners. They receive the best of care. These abused and throwaways are taken to hospitals like VRCC, and VCA Douglas County, and other accredited hospitals. We take our animals to Dr. Todd Hammond for eye issues; we know he is one of the best around. Our animals needing therapy go to CRC, which is owned by Marty Pease and partners, where they receive the best rehabilitation possible. Accepting an animal in our opinion is a great responsibility, they are not a throwaway to be killed; if we accept them they receive the best of care, like you would give your own pet, and then placed into a home. We are a true no-kill shelter.

We are thankful for the grants we received in 2009, our spay/neuter program was supported by The Soule Family Foundation, Newman's Own Foundation, Bates Foundation, and many other Foundations and Corporations. With those funds we are able to go into areas of low income or rural areas and spay/neuter animals that would not otherwise receive care. We also vaccinate and do minor surgery. We are very grateful to have a skilled veterinarian Dr. Beth Watts. She has been heading up this program for almost 7 years. We travel throughout Colorado with our mobile unit to perform these services. They are either no cost or low cost, the grants provide the funds needed.

Our volunteers again clocked in close to 25,000 hours in covering events, shelter work, office, etc. basically anything we needed. With over 500 we have the extra manpower to keep us going strong as we face 2010.

Our supporters are faithful and we will always do our best for the animals with your support. We know we cannot do this without your help.

Thank you for caring; the animals need us. *Please note: The pictures of the animals on the MaxFund van were throwaways saved by MaxFund...a second leash on life.*

Financial Information for Fiscal Year 12/31/2009
Ending:

Revenue:		Expenses:	
Contributions:	\$438,244.00	Program Service:	\$1,494,158.00
Government Grants:	\$0.00	Admin Mgmt General:	\$188,495.00
Program Service Revenue:	\$0.00	Fundraising:	\$29,936.00
Investments:	\$7,276.00	Payments to Affiliates:	\$0.00
Special Events:	\$83,491.00	Other expenses:	\$0.00
Sales:	\$0.00		
Other:	\$3,209,544.00		
Total Revenue:	\$3,738,555.00	Total Expenses:	\$1,712,589.00



T H E P E R F E C T C A T

by Kim Murdock

I've been volunteering with the MaxFund cats for four years. In that time, I have seen countless people come to MaxFund looking for the "perfect cat" —a lap cat or a social cat or a young cat. Rarely has someone come in looking for the cats who aren't thriving at the MaxFund. Rarely has someone specifically asked for the scared, unsocialized or aggressive cats. But what I have learned is that some of the most perfect cats seemed unadoptable at MaxFund.

Let me tell you my specific experiences. When I was a new volunteer at MaxFund, there was a cat named Romeo. Despite his name, he could be a terror. He had to be caged, because he would stalk the other cats and was very angry when they came near him. He also had sharp daggers and would get them stuck in clothes, and then he'd bite and claw people. We always risked bodily harm when we interacted with him.

We assumed Romeo would never get adopted, so we brought him home. At our house, he was an angel. He was loving, gentle and the perfect cat. We had an older dog at the time, and Romeo was very gentle and great with her. Although he hated the other cats at MaxFund, he has done well with the other cats at our house, and we consider him the mentor for all the foster cats we have brought home. I truly couldn't ask for a more perfect cat.



I also adopted Shorty. Shorty spent four years in the feral cat room. He seemed scared of people and seemed unadoptable. But nothing could be further from the truth. He is one of the best behaved cats I have ever met. He loves laps and petting. I call him "my little puppy," because he comes when I call him. He is gentle and loving and an amazing boy.

When I look at Shorty, sometimes I think my heart will explode because I have so much love for him. He truly is the perfect cat. Yet for four years, he sat in the feral room because no one saw his perfection.

I also have Rita at my house. Rita lived at MaxFund for many years. At MaxFund, she seemed apathetic and quiet. You could pet her, but only if she didn't know you were about to put your hands on her. She spent most of her time sleeping, and she made no attempt to interact with people. She just seemed like a shy cat who didn't care.

At our house, Rita is a totally different cat. She runs all over the house and plays with everything —pens, toys, string, paper and lint. I never once saw her play at the MaxFund, and I wouldn't have thought of her as playful. But here she is a bundle of joy and playfulness. She also is very affectionate. As soon as we sit on the couch, she joins us for petting and lap time. While she was anti-social at MaxFund, she is quite social here. She even enjoys sleeping in the bed. She makes us laugh, and she is the perfect cat.

Through my own experiences, I have learned that the personality of the cats at the MaxFund may not be their true personality. I have fostered or adopted many cats, and not one of them acted the same at home as they did at the MaxFund. Yet sadly, we have cats who have been at the MaxFund for years, because they act anti-social, aggressive, angry or apathetic. I know that in a home, these cats will be different. I just hope that people are willing to give them a chance.

So the next time you're looking for the "perfect cat," please consider a cat who may seem scared, shy or angry. Please...give them a chance! They just may be the best cat you've ever had. to all of the staff and volunteers for the wonderful work you do caring for these beautiful souls like Maggie.

H I I ' M J A M E S
C O M E S E E A B O U T M E !



I am a true MaxFund success story - I arrived at the shelter as a blind stray from a state away! I had a disease that kept me from seeing but once MaxFund spent some time with me and learned this to be the case, they got me on treatment and I can now see great! The vets have helped me see all the lovely staff members and volunteers who have been talking to me and comforting me since I arrived.

Until I get to know you, I may not be quite sure about you - remember I came from the streets and learned you can't trust everybody, especially when you can't see them! Once you take the time and get to know me, I'll be your best friend for sure! Don't be alarmed if I bark a bit at first, it's just because that's how I protect myself from the unknown. Once I know you, I'll rub up against you until you pet me, and you'll know by looking in my eyes that we connect.

I have been medically cleared to go into foster or adoption. If you decide to foster me, all my medical expenses (should they arise) will be covered by MaxFund and you can decide if you'd like to adopt me forever! If you decide to adopt me, you'll get great lovable me as your friend for life! If you are interested in fostering me, please contact Donna at fosters@maxfundvolunteers.org.

P.S. I may do best as the only dog in the house. While I get along with many of the great dogs at the shelter, because I was on the streets for a while I tend to be protective of my food from other dogs. No cats please! They are too tempting of a snack for a dog like me! I'm not sure what to think of guys in hats either! Those things look like big mouths or something, scary!

MAXFUND DOG STARS IN HIS OWN WEBSITE

By Mary Horgan, (his owner) Denver, CO

The first time Matt saw Tour at the MaxFund, he didn't realize he had discovered a star—but he knew he had found a great dog.

"I wanted a dog that would be happy in our condo," Matt said. "I was looking for an older dog, and one that wouldn't make much noise. When I walked into the dog room at the MaxFund, Tour looked up at me. He had a beautiful brindle coat and he was the only dog not barking."

Matt found out a little more about Tour's history. Tour had been adopted as a puppy by a music-fan who travelled the country, attending concerts. Tour spent his early years on tour. A few years later, Tour's owner ran into trouble and dropped Tour off at a no-kill shelter in the mid-West. Tour made his way to the MaxFund, where he lived for a few months before Matt fell in love with him.

The next day, Matt took his wife, Mary, to the shelter to meet Tour. He was, as promised, quiet and very, very sweet. He came home with Matt and Mary that weekend.

"From the start, Tour was a wonderful dog. He is very affectionate to people and is content to spend hours curled up on the bed. However, if there is any indication Matt or Mary may be headed outside, Tour leaps up and rushes to the door. He wags his tail enthusiastically, as if saying, "I'm totally ready for a walk. Let's go!"

Matt and Mary find this habit adorable. In fact, like most dog owners, Matt and Mary find everything about their adopted buddy adorable. So much so that when Mary read a book on blogging that recommended, "Blog on a topic on which you are passionate," she realized one subject on which she was very passionate had his furry head resting on her leg.

In January 2009, Matt and Mary combined Tour's love of walks and their love of Tour and started a photo-blog, www.mydogindenverdaily.com. Tour was given the web-friendly stage name, BlogDog. Now, every weekend and many weekdays, Matt, Mary and "BlogDog" hit the streets, taking pictures of the former MaxFund pup in different locations in Denver. Every day, Mary posts a new photo of BlogDog in the Mile High City.

The first visitors of the blog were people who knew Matt and Mary and were charmed by BlogDog. But, as <http://mydogindenverdaily.com> readers started to spread the word, more folks began to make the blog part of their daily web stroll. Readers from as far away as Russia, South America and Korea have stumbled onto the blog and checked out BlogDog!

Despite starring in his own blog, Tour hasn't let his fame go to his head. In fact, it's like he hardly knows he has his own website. His greatest pleasures are still to go on walks and lay in the sun. And he still doesn't bark much.

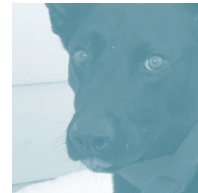


WHAT ELSE IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE MAXFUND?

MaxFund is a TRUE no-kill shelter. There is no initial pre-sorting of animals into “adoptable” and “non-adoptable” categories, discarding the so-called “unadoptable.” The MaxFund takes every animal it has the space for. EVERY animal is kept until its owner is found or it is placed in a new adoptive home. The only reason for euthanasia is when it is in the humane interest of the animal. No animal is discarded to municipal shelters for them to be euthanized when the prescribed number of days run out. Because our animals usually start off with a medical bill and period of recovery and rehabilitation, and because we are a true no-kill shelter, our operating costs are much higher than other shelters.

We also provide:

- Low cost vaccinations, pet food, and spay/neuter clinics for pets of low income families.
- No-fee adoptions, pet food, cat litter and transportation for veterinary services for senior citizens and AIDS patients.
- Therapy Program which takes pets to visit senior centers, the VA Hospital and nursing homes.



I N S U M M A R Y

As we head into 2011, we want to thank you for your support and believing in us as we continue to grow and to help as many animals as we can. Your support is our lifeline, we could not accomplish any of this without you. We are looking forward towards another great year working for the animals. The wonderful animals are why we are here: and the inspirations is what carries us on to do the best for them. In return they enrich our lives and those who support and adopt them. *Thank you.*