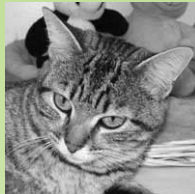


MaxFund Animal Adoption Center

2013 Annual Report

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-Heidi Hahn, Clinic Director

MAXFUND



MISSION



The MaxFund is a non-profit organization established to provide medical care for injured pets with no known owners and to find new homes for these animals once they have recovered.

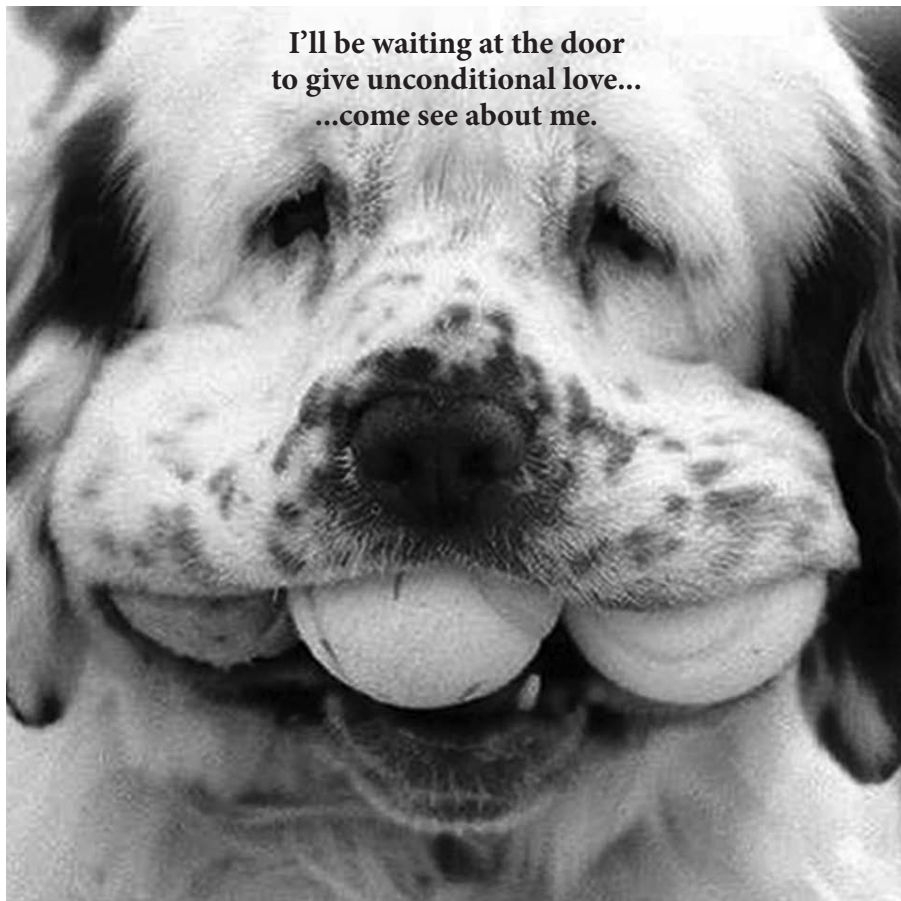
Further, the MaxFund is committed to the following goals:

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,

The MaxFund Animal Adoption Center has been protecting animals and the community for over 25 years. MaxFund's shelter offers solutions to protect the public from animal threats and is a safe haven for animals that Good Samaritans find. MaxFund helps reunite lost pets with their owners, encourages the adoption of pets; offers solutions for spaying/neutering, vaccinations, and other health issues through our low-cost veterinary clinic.

MaxFund's medical mobile unit travels to rural areas of Colorado providing spaying/neutering, vaccinations, and minor surgeries for pets in these communities. We also educate the public about animals and responsible pet care while providing the community resources for them and their pets. This happens by the MaxFund simply following its mission.

In 2013, MaxFund made a substantial impact on our community. At our low-cost clinic, we altered 2,164 animals in addition to the 1,542 MaxFund animals that were spayed and neutered before they were adopted. Our MaxFund mobile medical unit altered 1,284 animals in rural areas at the cost of \$38.94 per animal, which was paid for by grants we received. Families in these communities tell us that without our service for their animals, spaying and neutering would not be done.

The MaxFund Wellness Center that provides care to the MaxFund shelter animals is also open to the public to assist owners by making spaying/neutering, vaccinations, treatment, general surgeries and wellness exams affordable. The Wellness Center provided low-cost veterinary service in 2013 to 10,388 patients--many of these animals would have gone unvaccinated, unaltered, or without other needed medical care. We were open an estimated 2,340 hours in 2013 and only closed on six days for holidays.

Open 37 hours per week to the public, our dog and cat shelters provided safety for animals in 2013 by adopting out 1,572 companions and returning 84 lost pets to their owners. We provided food for people's pets that had fallen on hard times and gave away over 3,500 lbs of dog/cat food. We also shared our food and other resources with other shelters that were in need. Our volunteers logged in 17,899 hours helping with everything from cleaning kennels to events. We couldn't do what we do without them as well as our MaxFund supporters and donors.

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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ABOUT 2013 *Health and Safety*

The MaxFund Animal Adoption Center, located in the heart of Denver Colorado, has been protecting animals and the community for over 25 years. This has happened by The MaxFund simply following its mission.

Heartbreak aside, injured strays present a danger to the public. By offering a place for these animals, they get off the streets and safely away from people they may injure due to fear, shock or pain. By getting health care they curb diseases, making our community safer. In addition to the shelter that can assist the public with injured, abused, abandoned strays, we have a low cost clinic and a mobile unit that goes into rural areas. Without these options made available by MaxFund, including the spay and neuter mobile unit that travels to rural areas of Colorado spaying and neutering, Colorado communities would see an increase in animal population which leads to sickness, disease and an overall danger in such communities.

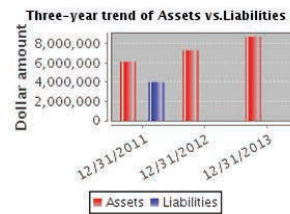
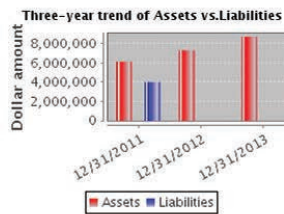
Let us not forget the numerous studies that prove companion pets lower blood pressure, ease anxiety and have great healing “powers” just by being them. By getting out of yourself because you are caring for another also can assist in the all too common human condition of “wallowing” that plagues the majority of the population. Sometimes pets are the only friend that accepts them with unconditional love.

In 2013 these are some of the results for our being in our community. At our low-cost clinic, we altered 2164 animals. This does not include all the MaxFund animals that must be spayed and neutered before they are adopted. There were 1542 MaxFund animals. Our MaxFund Outreach into rural areas 1284 animals at the cost of 38.94, which was paid for by grants we received. This alone helps with safety and health in the community. Our low-cost wellness clinic provided service in 2013 to 10,388 patients. The resource provided daily by phone and walk-ins vary from day to day. Depending on the situation we must refer 5-105 of call to emergency or full time service hospitals to ensure the animal has the best possible chance of survival and receives the care they need. We are open an estimated 2340 hours last year. The 6 days we were closed last year (for holiday) are already taken out of the totals. The MaxFund Wellness Center that provides care to the MaxFund shelter animals is also open to the public to assist owners by making spaying, neutering, vaccinations, general surgeries, and wellness exams affordable. If spaying and neutering is not affordable, we do it with grant money. That is the reality. The negative repercussion of unaltered animals, whether owned or stray, are enormous. We educate the public on the importance of vaccinating and altering their pets, as well as making basic companion animal care affordable which benefits people, their pets and the community as a whole. Our shelter provided safety for 1542 animals, adopting out 1572 companions, returning to owners 84 of their pets. We are open 37 hours per week to the public. We are closed 5 days a year for holidays, and every Tuesday for Administration duties. We send speakers to service organizations about responsibilities of good pet care. We received an average of 60 calls a day, which we do intake, give other *resources for pet care*.

In Respect of life,
Nanci Suro, cofounder

Financial Information for Fiscal Year Ending: 12/31/2013

Revenue:		Expenses:	
Contributions:	\$356,896.00	Program Service:	\$1,862,286.00
Government Grants:	\$0.00	Admin Mgmt General:	\$402,998.00
Program Service Revenue:	\$0.00	Fundraising:	\$43,587.00
Investments:	\$66,081.00	Payments to Affiliates:	\$0.00
Special Events:	\$165,594.00	Other expenses:	\$0.00
Sales:	\$0.00		
Other:	\$3,141,576.00		
Total Revenue:	\$3,730,147.00	Total Expenses:	\$2,308,871.00



Financial Ratios: [FYE 2011-2013] [Ratios Discussion Paper](#)

Program Services to Total Expenses: 81%
Fundraising Expenses to Contributions: 4%

MISTER: A Cat's Happy Adoption Story

Mister is a sweet young cat that had quite an eventful month! He was surrendered to MaxFund a few weeks ago, but was quickly adopted by a new and loving person. His new family wrote in to tell us about his new life, and we wanted to share his story with you. This is why we at MaxFund do what we do!

Thanks for all your help getting my husband's grandmother set up with her wonderful cat. You'll remember that we picked him up Saturday in the snowstorm and took him home to Grandma. He explored all around right away and didn't seem overly scared or freaked out. We showed him his litter box several times but he didn't want to use it right then. Since then he's been using it just fine, however. My daughter and her friend used some Museum Putty to anchor down some of the knick-knacks that might otherwise get knocked down. He's a climber, and went right from the counter to the fridge to the top of the cabinets where there were a lot of decorative plates. The museum putty worked like a charm on those.

Within about 20-30 minutes Mister was eating and drinking from some very cute little blue dishes with paw prints that Grandma had bought at the thrift store. He stretched out on the kitchen floor afterward and seemed very relaxed!

We've been checking in with Grandma for updates and she goes on and on about him. He follows her everywhere.

Really.

If she gets up to go to the bathroom in the middle of the night he follows her there and then back to the bed. He sleeps on her feet, which she appreciates because it keeps them nice and warm. She talks to him all day long. If he's off exploring in another room (not a big apartment) and she calls him, he comes running. He does seem to know his name. She brushes him and he likes that although he also likes to chew on the brush...

Since then we've been over there a couple of times and he acts like he owns the place. Grandma keeps saying 'you just couldn't ask for a better cat' and she likes to tell everyone the story of how they picked each other out.

Just wanted you to know he went to a very good home where he's the center of attention and living like a king. Thanks again for all your help and the work you do every day.



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Colorado Gives Day

Our Thanks for Your Support

By Tami Tanoue

December 4, 2012 was Colorado Gives Day, a day when Colorado charities come together for support through the Community First Foundation and www.givingfirst.org. This year, citizens made over 68,000 donations to 1,258 participating charities around the state, and those donations totaled over \$15 million! This is a 20 percent increase over last year's donations.

MaxFund was one of the organizations participating in Colorado Gives Day, and we are so pleased and grateful to announce that we received over \$40,000 in donations. This money will be applied to our extensive and expensive daily MaxFund services which, as you know, are totally supplied by your generous donations. We consider that a resounding vote of confidence in MaxFund's no-kill mission, and an expression of your love and support for the homeless and injured stray pets we rescue.

Thank you to all who donated on Colorado Gives Day, and for the support you provide all year around. We could not fulfill our mission without you, our generous donors and supporters.



Daisy Mae Update

By Tami Tanoue

In last month's Paw Prints, we introduced you to Daisy Mae, a 3-year old Dachshund who came to MaxFund with back paralysis and incontinence caused by damage to her back. Disk

surgery was needed if she was to have a chance to walk again. Well, you came through with help for Daisy Mae, the wonderful Dr. Stephen Lane of VRCC came through with his surgical skills, and Daisy Mae came through the ordeal of surgery and extended bed rest like a true champ!

Thanks to you, funds were raised that offset the cost of Daisy Mae's surgery, which was quite expensive even with VRCC's generous discount. This adorable girl with the big eyes, big ears, big spirit, and short little legs, clearly struck a chord in the hearts of so many, especially those of you who have loved Dachshunds with back problems.

And Daisy Mae is indeed walking again! She's a bit wobbly, but is gaining strength each day. We're hopeful that she will soon walk right into the hearts and home of her loving forever family. She's been through more than her share of tough times in her short life. She now has a bright future, thanks to you.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support of Daisy Mae and all the other injured and sick strays who come to MaxFund. We could not fulfill our mission without you.

MAX Youth

Teens: Unleash Your MAXimum Potential

By Rocco Williams

Greetings! If you're a teenager dedicated to MaxFund's mission of helping animals, this column, and our program, MAX Youth, is for you. My name is Rocco Williams, and I'm a 14 year-old freshman at Denver School of the Arts. My goal in writing this column is to reach teens who are interested in helping out with different activities at MaxFund and/or teens who want to put together programs in their communities or schools that can benefit MaxFund.

What MAX Youth Can Do

MAX Youth is going to promote ways for teens to learn about animal welfare issues while developing leadership and community service skills. In addition to giving the teen community ideas about how to help MaxFund at your school or in your community, we also hope to hold a session at the shelter once per month.

The session might be an opportunity to make toys for the cat shelter and spend an hour with the cats, socializing them and acting as a teen ambassador for visitors to the shelter, or we might have a subject matter expert in animal welfare come in and make a presentation to us...it will vary each month. Finally, we want to build a MAX Youth group that can go out to MaxFund events in the community and assist MaxFund staff and volunteers. Send us your ideas for MAX Youth: email me, Rocco, at Goodvibes345@gmail.com. Look for info on our first MAX Youth session in next month's newsletter!

MAX Youth February FUNdraiser Ideas

Our feature fundraiser for February is to use Valentine's Day as a way to collect needed items for the shelter...here's an idea: "**Paper Towel Valentine**": Create a promotion at your school to have kids bring in a roll of paper towels as a "valentine" to MaxFund; paper towels are always in high demand at the shelter, and donating paper towels means that MaxFund can use more resources on the animals and less on purchasing paper towels! Set a goal of collecting 100 rolls of paper towels by February 14!

Don't forget to coordinate these kinds of efforts with a teacher who can "sponsor" the event for you and perhaps allow you to use his or her classroom



Rocco with his dog, Squeakers Louise

for storage of the items you collect until you transport them to MaxFund. Another idea is to organize a Valentine's Day "**Animal Cookie Party**" with your friends. Get together and bake homemade treats for the dogs at MaxFund, or bake these treats to sell and have the proceeds benefit MaxFund! You can use the recipe here or look up others online.

Dog Cookies

2 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup cornmeal
6 tablespoons oil
2/3 cup water

1/4 cup peanut butter

Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Roll dough to about 1/4" thick, then use a cookie cutter for fun shapes. Bake for 35-40 minutes at 350° F.

We hope your New Year's resolution is to work with us as part of MAX Youth and make a difference for the animals at MaxFund. Thanks!

Chico and Jack: A Dog and His Seeing-Eye Dog

Jack and Chico arrived at MaxFund together after their beloved human died. A pair of middle-aged cattle dogs, they are best buddies.

Chico relies on Jack for another reason: Jack is Chico's seeing-eye dog! You see, Chico has no eyes. Although he's a very smart boy who can get around pretty well with his memory and sense of smell, Jack helps him out a great deal.



*Photo by Mark Stevens,
www.markstevensphotography.com*

Jack and Chico are a friendly, affectionate, and well-behaved duo. They would be so happy if they could find a home together! Jack says, "I think you'll find the two of us will be as easy to care for as one!" Chico adds, "We're a couple of loving guys, and you'll be glad to have both of us!"



A Quarter-Century of Saving Dogs and Cats: MaxFund's 25th Anniversary

You may have noticed the new MaxFund logo on our website. We're celebrating our 25th anniversary this year!

From a donation jar labeled "Max's Fund" to the animal adoption and wellness center complex that MaxFund is today...it's been an amazing 25 years of saving injured and sick strays, rehabilitating them, and finding their loving forever homes.

This year, we'll be celebrating the vision and determination with which MaxFund's founders, Dr. Bill and Nanci Suro, have pursued their mission of animal rescue as trailblazers in the no-kill philosophy. We'll be recognizing the community support that has allowed this mission to be fulfilled. And we'll be looking forward to the next 25 years, and beyond!

Please stay tuned for more on our 25th anniversary celebrations!

MAXFUND PROGRAMS



Foster Program

MaxFund is looking for foster parents willing to foster animals in need of a safe, caring environment in which to reach their full loving potential. Animals in our loving foster homes are much easier to adopt because they heal more quickly from any existing injuries or medical procedures and don't suffer from some of the more common issues found in shelter animals: obesity, depression, anxiety, fear, or other health issues.

For approved foster parents, MaxFund will provide on-going access to the Foster Coordinators and or Veterinary Technicians to answer any health or behavior related questions, vaccines, medications, collar and tags, prescription food, and veterinary care at the MaxFund Wellness Center.

Fostering is a very rewarding experience and allows animals to be in a more comfortable environment before they find their forever home. If you can help, please e mail to fostering@maxfund.org, or call the shelter to get started at 303-595-4917.

Animals placed in foster care gain the experience of living in a home. They are in a less stressful environment and have more opportunities for socialization. Fosters receive more attention and exercise on a one to one basis. They have someone to bond with and understand them.

MaxFund maintains foster parents that have supported MaxFund for an extended period of time. Foster parents also provide more community exposure of MaxFund and participate at monthly events.

MaxFund has a Dog Foster Coordinator, Amy Allan; and a Cat Foster Coordinator who are readily available to speak with or follow-up with. These two ladies also make regular contact with MaxFund foster parents to see if there has been interest in the animal's adoption, update personality information and follow their progress.

In some cases our foster placements are long term, but 100% of our foster animals are eventually adopted to a forever loving home! Many times the foster parent will become attached and adopt the animal themselves!



Volunteer Program

MaxFund relies on its volunteers to fill many of the needs at the shelter, and the volunteer program is extremely flexible and rewarding! No matter what your interest in helping MaxFund, there are likely many things you can do!

Areas of volunteer opportunity include:

- Animal Care- Housekeeping
- Special Events, Mobile Adoptions, and Fundraising
- Lobby Greeting and Animal Adoptions

In order to volunteer at the shelter for ANY of the volunteer positions listed, you must first be accepted as a volunteer and go through a volunteer orientation. Once volunteers have gone through an orientation, they can do just about anything at the shelter, based on whatever interests you have. For more information on getting started as a volunteer, and to download a volunteer application, please visit www.maxfund.org.

Every month 25 to 40 new volunteers are recruited, and the mission of MaxFund is shared with animal lovers! It is important to us that we can encourage each and every new volunteer to stick around long term. The animals need them!

MaxFund is so appreciative and reliant on all the volunteers that come to exercise and love our animals. After 23 years of being in operation, volunteers are the base of the shelter and have a crucial role in supporting the mission of MaxFund. They observe our pets, participate in training and socialization, and they enable the pets to get more exercise than the staff can provide on an individual basis. There are over 500 active volunteers and we can never thank them enough for sharing their personal time with the animals in need!

The MaxFund Volunteer Coordinator, is regularly in touch with all volunteers about questions, concerns, ideas for improvement, and other suggestions. She is readily available to help and answer any questions and guide you through the process to support the MaxFund animals.

When you walk into MaxFund, it is clear that the volunteers are valued and appreciated. At any given time there are more volunteers than staff members who are willing to walk dogs, spend time with cats, help feed and clean, do dishes, or catch up on laundry. Together we keep the shelter clean and the animals happy!



Pet Food Supply Program

For those people struggling in this economy and having difficulty supplying food to their cats and dogs, MaxFund is here to help. MaxFund offers a food giveaway program for individuals on a low income. You can come in once a month for a free bag of cat food or dog food for your family pet. Proof of income and state identification are required to enroll, and there are no special requests. MaxFund runs on donations only, so what there is extra of is what we can provide.

MaxFund has prevented many animals from coming in to shelters simply because their owners cannot afford to feed them. With our struggling economy, we are here to help feed the animals.



Outreach Program

Our mobile unit travels the I-25 corridor from Trinidad/Alamosa to Weld County spaying and neutering animals in rural communities. MaxFund has always believed in spaying and neutering. From the beginning in 1988 we made it one of our missions. As we grew, so did the problem of pet over-population.

In 1995, we were receiving calls requesting that we expand the program. We began performing spay/neuters in fire stations and at community centers; not only locally but in rural communities. We are sometimes asked to come to trailer parks where cats have been left; our last project included 80 cats. We also helped when Lowry AFB closed. We trapped, spayed/neutered and found homes for those cats.

We had humble beginnings indeed and started with an old converted Snap-on-tool truck. Our driver took us to rural areas, trailer parks, shelters just surviving and neighborhoods wanting help. We even go to the sheriff's department in Weld County to help with spaying/neutering and vaccinations. We resorted sometimes to using kitchen tables for surgery. We knew the need and had to address it, so we started a capital campaign.

We researched basic mobile units to start as we had grown out of our old van. We found the van types were too expensive, so we opted for a trailer. Ron and Nancy Soule were the first to donate enough funds to almost cover the cost of the trailer. Essentially, they were the ones who gave us a base to start the program. The Soule family still gives us a grant each year as the base of our SN program. We were fortunate with many blessings as money continued to come in. With that we bought a used 1995 truck.

We are proud of the fact that both the truck and trailer are still in operation today. Our mobile unit alone spays and neuter about 1000 animals a year in the rural area. Dr. Beth Watts is our veterinarian and sets up the clinics. She generally does 20 animals a day and the clinics go from 1 to 3 days. In today's economic times it is important that people know that they have a resource that can help the health of their pet. As we travel in the rural areas, we find that it is difficult sometimes for those individuals to take care of themselves, much less for their animals. This program makes a huge difference in saving lives of the animals, giving peace of mind to communities and helping people with their pets.



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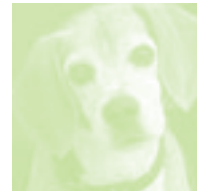
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WHAT ELSE IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE MAXFUND?

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.



IN SUMMARY

As we head into 2014, 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.*