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Foundation Mission

To raise the funds to support Table Mountain Animal Center in fulfilling its mission by focusing on community outreach to benefit the companion animals that need us.

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Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I can hardly believe that just 9 months ago we broke ground on the site of our new home. On that sunny morning in June, with pooper scoopers in hand, I recall feeling a sense of overwhelming hope and excitement for the promise of our future home.

My excitement has grown as I've witnessed weekly progress of the new shelter's construction. Seeing the exterior walls in place, I could not help but realize the sheer expanded space—moving from a 13,000-square-foot facility to a more than 30,000-square-foot facility hardly goes unnoticed!



New Building Ground Breaking 2009

Next, I saw the skeleton of the interior space begin to take shape, and with that came visions of improved temporary living quarters for animals—increasing our capacity for intake—and providing them with more comfort during their stay with us. As I wandered through the construction site on recent tours, I began to imagine staff at their workstations; I pictured more efficient veterinary services in our amazing, in-house surgical unit; I could not help but smile as I strolled past the cat colonies, tickled with the thought of our felines free to frolic and play; and my heart was full with the joyful image of animals meeting their prospective owners for the first time in the “get-acquainted” rooms.

It became clear to me that our dream of a new facility was rapidly becoming a reality. And again, my excitement grew. I share this excitement with you, our donors and community partners. We simply could not have done this without your loyal support.



I look forward to celebrating with you at our Grand Opening!

With appreciation,

Jill McFadden

Executive Assistant

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In the news

TMAC has received some great press lately, thanks to the efforts of our Community Relations Manager, Jennifer Strickland and TMAC Foundation Board member, Julie Behrens. Please visit the “In the News” page on our website to read the full articles or click [HERE](#).



Success Story – Bob & Harry

Lynn and Mark weren't planning to adopt two 15-pound cats the day they walked into Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC), but the moment they saw Bob and Harry, the couple was hooked.

Several months after their beloved family dog passed away, Lynn and Mark felt the time was right to add a pet to their home once again. After deciding cats would be a better fit for their ever busy lifestyle, they set about finding a pair of kitties to keep each other company.

Shortly after beginning their search at TMAC, Lynn and Mark were invited to look at a group of cats rescued from a hoarding situation. Due to illness, of the 27 cats that were rescued, only six were eligible for adoption. Rather than be separated in small kennels, the cats were housed together as a group in the shelter's break room. While meeting these cats, two in particular caught the couple's eyes.

One was a black and white cat named Bob, who immediately took to Lynn and Mark. From his description as a "shy" guy, Bob certainly didn't act that way! "Bob jumped down off of the top of the refrigerator and demanded that we pet him RIGHT THEN if not sooner!" said Lynn.

Quickly following Bob's greeting, Harry, a beautiful longhaired tabby cat with amber eyes, had the same reaction towards Lynn and Mark. The people-friendly pair seemed perfect for them. Now Bob and Harry, like thousands of other animals at TMAC every year, were on their way to a permanent, loving home. Lynn and Mark returned immediately after Bob and Harry had their free microchips placed, along with their free neutering, vaccines and vet visit included with every TMAC pet.



Photo credit: Mark Castleman

Lynn, who had worked on the "Dogs & Hogs Poker Run" committee for the past several years, is pleased with the way her newly adopted cats fit right in. Bob, a big cat with a bigger personality, likes nothing better than to be the center of attention. Harry, a devoted member of the clean plate club, loves to snuggle between Lynn and Mark at bedtime. "We are still working on convincing them that drawstrings (or any strings really) on clothing are not toys...especially not when the clothing in question is being worn!" said Lynn of her rambunctious boys.

It's hard to believe these adorable cats came from a hoarding situation, but with TMAC's help, and the love of their new family, Bob and Harry have a brand new lease on life.

~Maren Williams

Cindy Lee, founder and president of The Wags & Menace Foundation (<http://www.wagsandmenace.org>), is a long-time volunteer and supporter of TMAC. She is often seen featuring TMAC animals on Petline 9 and she helped to furnish our Surgery Utility Vehicle (S.U.V.), providing the necessary funding for its cat kennels, dental machine, and other surgical devices. Ms. Lee also sponsors TMAC's homeopathic program, which allows us to diffuse essential oils throughout the shelter. This aromatherapy establishes a calming environment while killing bacteria, mold, and harmful airborne viruses.

Thanks, Cindy! Thanks, too, to Nancy Greer for maintaining and facilitating this beneficial program!



Cindy Lee

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Success Story – Curry and Pinch

Success Story – Evey

Amy and Noah Creaven had no idea how 3-year-old Evey — a stray Siberian Husky/Border Collie mix brought to Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC) in September of 2008 — would change their lives. At the time, the newlyweds were toying around with the idea of getting their first dog, and they had even talked about training their future pet to be certified in search and rescue.

Amy found Evey when perusing Petfinder.com, the online database of adoptable animals on TMAC's Web site, www.tablemountainanimals.org. After a brief in-person visit, the adoption was final on October 10, 2008.

As a high-drive animal, the Creavens knew Evey needed something to keep her busy, and thought back to their search and rescue discussions. Amy connected with Front Range Rescue Dogs and began intensive weekly training sessions in February 2009. Evey is also very active in agility training where she loves to learn new tricks.



Evey

“Owning an animal from a shelter is extremely responsible and rewarding. You need to make sure you have the time to give to them,” says Amy. In the last year, Amy and Evey have spent 230 hours with her search and rescue training alone!

Amy became a volunteer for TMAC in May 2009 in part because her experience with Evey had sparked a new passion—training animals. Amy takes part in trail and P.H.A.T. walks—part of TMAC's programs to assist shelter dogs experience a semblance of normalcy during their temporary stay—and has even fostered kittens and their mother.

The Creavens, registered nurses by day, have certainly enhanced Evey's life, but the biggest surprise of all might be how much she changed their lives.

~Maren Williams

As you know, Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC) takes in nearly 10,000 animals every year, but not all of them are four-legged! Recently, TMAC received a group of feathered friends who needed a home: five brightly colored Spice Finches. Lucky for them, P.J. Jones is a finch fan.



Photo of a spice finch

P.J., one of TMAC's dedicated volunteers, was immediately drawn to the beautifully colored birds. “I have always kept Zebra Finches and we currently have two male zebras,” says P.J. “Spice Finches are new to me, so I read up on them before I adopted. Like Zebras, I learned they are cheerful, hardy, and easy to keep.”

With her new Spice Finch information, P.J. took two of the five birds home with her. While both male and female Spice Finches are pretty, P.J. knew she wanted at least one male finch. “Male birds tend to be the singers,” mentions P.J. “While hens also make pleasant noises, the males have distinct songs...and, so, can be more fun to have around.”

P.J. named these two Spice Finches, after actual spices, paying tribute to the breed's “flavor.” “I named them Curry (they are native to India) and Pinch—as in, ‘you only need a pinch of spice’—so, that bird is Pinch the Finch!” says P.J. The only problem, she explains, is that these little birds are nearly identical in appearance, and no one knows which is which!

The two Spice Finches have settled in nicely with P.J.'s family and her other Zebra Finches. Placed next to each other, the two sets of birds communicate with little chirps all day long. P.J. explains that while finches must be kept caged, they make fun and happy pets: finches respond to household noises, other birds, and even music! “They become very animated when I speak in “finch” to them, mimicking their soft “meep-meep” chirps and songs,” she says.

In the end, the remaining three Spice Finches were adopted, as well as three Zebra Finches that were also at TMAC. P.J. is delighted with her feathered additions and TMAC is thrilled that these beautiful birds are now in a happy home. “In addition to my family's three dogs (two from TMAC), we have four busy finches,” says P.J. “Thank you, TMAC!”

~Maren Williams



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Pet Depot Pride

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Stopping by the shelter last Saturday morning in the midst of blowing snow and cold, I find they are there again--dedicated Pet Depot volunteers preparing for another big Saturday sale. Some volunteers are hauling huge bags of dog food; others are setting up shop inside the tiny shed that sits at the southwest end of TMAC's parking lot; and yet another volunteer is unloading more items out of her vehicle. Regardless of the weather; the time of year; or the amount of goods to haul, sort, and set up, you will find Pet Depot volunteers keeping the tiny store in perfect order and flow.

While the store may be tiny, the amount of money the Pet Depot raises for TMAC is BIG. For example in 2009, TMAC's Pet Depot generated \$23,040.21 in revenue for the shelter. And it looks like Pet Depot is well on its way to a great 2010, having already had a single day in January that earned more than \$1100. This is money that goes directly to the shelter and ultimately helps the animals at TMAC.



Pet Depot volunteers George Acree, Shanna Hedke, Maria Acree, and Anthony Pauler

Yet it not just the animals that benefit from the Pet Depot. Long-time TMAC volunteer, Shanna Hedke, shared how the Pet Depot also serves people in the community. She explained that in the current economy many people are struggling to feed and care for their own pets. Shanna described the pure, and sometimes emotional display of appreciation that patrons often express for the Pet Depot in making pet food and other supplies available at such a low cost.

All in all Pet Depot is a brilliant win-win endeavor for TMAC and the community. On behalf of the TMAC Staff, Center and Foundation Board Members, and those in the community that support the shelter, we express our heartfelt gratitude for all the volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to making the Pet Depot such a great success.

~ Stephanie Wilde

Pet Depot Volunteers

Marie and George Acree . Stephanie Baignet . Rebecca Christianson . Linda & Nick Debruyne . Dee & Ruben Gonzales. Shanna Hedke . George Kourkouliotis . Pat and Anthony Pauler . Anne Pool (prior to becoming TMAC staff) . Lynn Raber . Amy Rosenbaum . Leeann and Brian Underwood . Kris Yoder





The o2 Group

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The o2 Group (www.o2group.com), Golden's premier marketing, event production and Web site development agency, generously provided pro-bono services to develop a new name, logo and branding presence for TMAC, soon to become Foothills Animal Shelter.

The relationship started when TMAC approached the o2 Group to help with rebranding efforts and a new Web presence. Since all the members of the o2 staff are pet owners and animal lovers, they decided the only viable option was to complete the work at no charge. This meant performing the research needed to help establish the right direction and then designing a new, more cohesive look and feel. After nearly a year of collaboration with the o2 Group, we are poised to re-introduce ourselves to the community as Foothills Animal Shelter in the fall of 2010.

"We are happy that we had the opportunity to contribute to an organization that serves the Jefferson County community and helps thousands of animals," says the president of the o2 Group, Michael Sitzman. "We believe that the new branding direction will help Table Mountain Animal Center broaden its user base and increase awareness for the great services the shelter offers now and in the future when it becomes Foothills Animal Shelter."

"The Table Mountain Animal Center Foundation is thrilled to have support from such a generous business like the o2 Group," stated Julie Behrens, Foundation Board Director for the animal shelter. "As the opening of our new facility nears, we hope the entire community will want to be part of the new Foothills Animal Shelter — whether volunteering, adopting an animal or donating to the building project." Check out the o2 Group's great work at www.foothillsanimalshelter.org.

Thanks o2 Group!



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Foothills Animal Shelter Taking Shape

The excitement continues to build as we watch our new building, Foothills Animal Shelter, take shape at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds site. We are currently on pace to open by the fall of 2010!

The new shelter is specially designed to better serve animals during their temporary stay. An open room for a cat colony will feature natural lighting and multiple levels for the cats to jump and play. Many yard areas will exist for volunteers to increase the amount of dogs that can be exercised and trained at one time.



View of building entrance



Northeast view of building



View of construction site, February 2010

There will be larger, more comfortable “holding” areas for all animals including: a better design for more efficient cleaning of animal spaces, improved ventilation systems (heating/cooling) to minimize the spread of illness, sound-proofing to minimize animal stress and a community room for education, training sessions and public gatherings.

Based on data from comparable new facilities, we expect the improved living conditions and more inviting visiting environment for potential adopters will lead to a significant increase in adoptions. Increased adoptions will reduce the amount of time an animal spends in the shelter and enable us to care for more animals on-site, reducing the need for our huge network of foster families off-site, to care for animals when space is limited. Therefore, the shelter will be much more efficient. Your continued support will help ensure that every animal entering our doors will get the best chance at a better life.

Help us fund the new \$9.7 million shelter.

Table Mountain Animal Center Foundation is seeking \$3 million from the community to fund \$1.5 million of remaining construction costs as well as establish an endowment for ongoing operations. Jefferson County has fully committed to this project by providing \$3 million from a Jefferson County General Fund. Every citizen can make a difference by licensing their dog through the county-wide dog licensing program, which will raise an additional \$5.2 million.

The bottom line: Our community deserves better, and so do the animals. Please consider a donation today, and invest in this important community resource.

Contact Megan Peters, CEO of TMAC Foundation & Capital Campaign Director at 303-407-5227 or capitalcampaign@tablemountainanimals.org for more information.



Wish List

Bleach

Gift cards for PetsMart, Petco, Target & Walmart

Blankets (used or new)

Towels – hand and bath (used or new)

Windex

Paper towels

White printer paper

Toilet paper

Latex gloves

Painting masks – paper kind

Puppy pads

Cardboard flat trays (that come with soda cans bought in bulk – used as litter boxes)

Gentle leaders (Brand)

Short leashes – strong ones

Safe dog toys

Postage stamps

All sizes of Kongs (durable toy for the dogs)

Curtain rod rings (great toy for the cats)

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Please consider a contribution to Table Mountain Animal Center Foundation and help us provide safe and loving homes for animals in need. A gift of \$150 will provide care for one animal for the duration of its stay at TMAC. This includes: vaccinations, spay or neuter surgery, food, required on-going medical attention, and managing its adoption into a welcoming family.

Your gift will provide direct support to TMAC's efforts. Table Mountain Animal Center receives approximately 10,000 animals annually and has achieved one of the highest "save rates" of all open-admission facilities* along the Front Range. The "save rate" for February 2010 was 75% (the national average is 50%).

*Open-admission animal facilities do not turn away any domesticated animal for any reason. Shelters considered "Limited-admission shelters," sometimes called "No-kill shelters," will turn away animals due to space, health, breed or behavior.

You are welcome to mail your contribution to:

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