Angel Fund Needs Your Support

Did you know? . . . Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital created the Angel Program to provide care beyond discounted services. This restricted fund is supported entirely by individual donors and grants. Although Harrison Memorial fees are greatly reduced due to donor subsidies, many clients still cannot afford the cost of veterinary care.

Angel Funds are used to subsidize the difference between the reduced invoice amount and what the client can pay. Offsetting necessary veterinary expenses allows animals to get the necessary medical attention they might not otherwise receive. If you are interested in helping an underprivileged pet, please support the Angel Fund on a monthly or annual basis by making a donation and placing it in the enclosed envelope.

Here is a story about one such animal that benefitted from the Angel Program. Zander is a seven-year-old, friendly, tail-wagging black lab. Energetic and playful, nothing could keep him down. One day he did not heed warning and ran out into the street where he was hit by a car, badly injuring his front leg.

Zander was unable to put any weight on his broken leg, but that wagging tail of his was still working full force. Radiographs revealed a serious fracture that had no chance of healing without surgical repair. Surgery was not a financial option for Zander’s family – especially with the even lessened chance of healing due to the time that had passed since the initial injury. Amputation was the only humane option. Yet the problem of not enough funds to cover even this surgery loomed over Zander’s future. Because of donations to Harrison Memorial’s Angel Fund, direly needed medical care was provided to help Zander’s recovery.

Zander returned for his suture removal two weeks after the surgery. His happy tail continued to relay his enthusiasm for love and play. As they left and his young owner gratefully led her dog out, it really seemed like Zander himself turned to give us one more sloppy grin of “thanks!”
From the Director’s Desk

Dear Friend of Animals,

As we approach another year, I can’t help but reflect on the growth and change within Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation (CVMF) over the past few months. Even through a still difficult economy, we have managed to help thousands of animals, strengthen our current programs, and refocus on the mission that motivates our staff and Board of Directors each day. I am very proud to share our accomplishments, patient stories, and efforts of supportive donors, partners, and volunteers. This newsletter is full of uplifting and inspiring updates. The Challenge Campaign is now underway and is expected to sustain CVMF’s unique suite of programs like Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital and the Pet Care Grants. We celebrated another successful Colorado’s Animal Heroes event in October, and our wonderful honorees are featured in the center spread of this issue. We are getting closer to being able to offer more mobile wellness and vaccine clinics with the help of CVMF’s newly donated and rebranded mobile unit.

As you can see, we are continually working to broaden our impact and help more pets of people in need. Stay tuned to learn more about how we plan to continue strengthening our current programs and increase our reach. Thank you for your continued interest in CVMF and the support you provide for underprivileged and at-risk pets.

Sincerely,

Ralph Johnson
Executive Director

CVMF Family of Programs

- Animal Emergency Management Program – assisting at-risk animals in disasters
- Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital – providing comprehensive and compassionate healthcare for underprivileged pets
- Home Outreach Pet Exams (HOPE) – providing healthcare for pets of home-bound individuals living on fixed incomes
- Pet Care Grants - supplementing a veterinarian’s charitable care for pets of the economically disadvantaged
Double Your Gift Now!

Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation has launched the public phase of the new Challenge Campaign, giving donors the opportunity to double their donation through the help of Challenge Campaign Partners:

- Animal Assistance Foundation
- Anonymous Donor
- Colorado Veterinary Medical Association

The goal of the Challenge Campaign is to garner support from philanthropic individuals and organizations to assure the financial sustainability of CVMF programs and ultimately help more pets of people in need. Pets play an immeasurable role in our lives. They comfort, amuse, and inspire us. They are loyal and non-judgmental. People from all walks of life depend on and love their pets. It is this simple fact that connects us all. Your gift, regardless of the amount, will help animals.

This is the perfect time to give to CVMF since your gift will automatically be doubled. Please consider giving online at www.cvmf.org and clicking on the Give tab to make a quick and easy donation or mailing a gift in the enclosed envelope. Your donation will be doubled, no matter how much you give. Your compassion and generosity will extend the life of a beloved pet and give a disadvantaged pet owner the gift of hope.

Young Fundraisers at Northridge Elementary School

Students at Northridge Elementary School in Highlands Ranch proved that they can raise money like the pros. At a recent fundraiser, with Harrison Memorial as the chosen beneficiary, the students performed educational skits to demonstrate responsible pet ownership. They also presented how pet owners can go to Harrison Memorial for their pets’ healthcare if having difficulties with finances.

An impressive $1,100 was raised for Harrison Memorial. Thanks to the students and administrative staff at Northridge Elementary School!
Outstanding animal and human heroes made a grand entrance at The Pepsi Center on Wednesday, October 5. Three dogs and four people received coveted awards for their exemplary contributions to making Colorado a better place for people and animals.

Like Zoe, the animal hero honoree, who saved her canine sibling from a coyote attack during a routine walk with owner Barbara. Or Dr. Heather Weir, the animal welfare volunteer honoree, who has dedicated most of her “free” time to making life better for retired racing greyhounds.

### 2011 Honorees

**Animal Awards:**
- Zoe (Schmitt) canine—Hero
- Jake (Blake) canine—Human-Animal Bond
- Sherwood (Kunkel) canine—Service

**Human Awards:**
- Temple Grandin, PhD—Human Hero
- Heather Weir, DVM—Animal Welfare Volunteer
- Allison Winn—Youth Animal Advocate
- Robert Vonau, DVM, DACVS—Jim Crafts Volunteer of the Year

To learn more about this year’s honorees and past honorees, check out www.cvmf.org and click on Colorado’s Animal’s Heroes under the What We Do tab.

Colorado’s Animal Heroes is an annual awards program of the Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation that celebrates the human-animal bond. The awards program recognizes animal heroes, as well as individuals, who have helped make Colorado a better place for animals and people.

### Nominate a Hero for 2012!

We accept nominations year-round for Colorado’s Animal Heroes. If you submitted a nomination past the August 15 deadline to be considered for 2011 awards, it will be eligible for 2012’s program. If you know of a person or pet that deserves an award, submit an application now!

**Animal Categories**
- **Hero**: Awarded to an animal that has saved a life or prevented an injury
- **Human-Animal Bond**: Awarded to an animal that demonstrates the bond between pets and humans
- **Service**: Awarded to an outstanding service or therapy animal

**People Categories**
- **Human Hero**: Recognizes an individual who has made a notable contribution advocating for the health and welfare of animals
- **Youth Animal Advocate**: Recognizes the efforts of a youth (up to 17 years old) who has made a notable contribution to the health and welfare of animals
- **Animal Welfare Volunteer**: Recognizes a volunteer who has made a notable contribution to the health and welfare of animals

Follow the on-line instructions and submit your nominations today!

- **On-line:** www.cvmf.org
- **E-mail:** BrittneyParent-Williams@cvmf.org
- **Information:** 303.539.7638
- **Nomination deadline:** July 31, 2012

Together, we can make Colorado a better place for animals and people.
Colorado’s Animal Heroes 2011 Honorees clockwise: Dr. Heather Weir, Dr. Robert Vonau, Allison Winn, Mikaela Vetters representing Dr. Temple Grandin (Dr. Grandin not present), Michael Blake, Sherwood, and Zoe.

Nominator Dr. Susan Whitmore gives honoree Sherwood a congratulatory hug.

One of the crowd favorites, Allison Winn (c), flashes a smile with CVMF executive director Ralph Johnson (l) and 9News emcee Eric Kahnert (r).

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:

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Colorado Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps—West

The CVMF Animal Emergency Management Program (AEMP) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a second Medical Reserve Corps unit, the Colorado Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps-West (COVMRC-W).

As an initiative of AEMP, COVMRC-W members are available to support local animal emergency response efforts, animal disease outbreaks and planned events with veterinary medical services, sheltering, animal evacuation, and search and rescue. The COVMRC-W will primarily support the Colorado counties and tribes west of the Continental Divide and the San Luis Valley. Unit Coordinator Adeline Lee notes that the addition of the COVMRC-W will allow for training and exercise opportunities to be tailored to the needs of Western Colorado and offered locally. Additionally, having a unit in Western Colorado will improve deployment time when supporting local emergency response efforts. The original Colorado Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps will focus on those counties on the eastern side of the Continental Divide.

For more information on the COVMRC-W, please visit www.coaemp.org/covmrc or contact Adeline Lee at adelinelee@cvmf.org.

The Reasons for Our Work—Some Pictures of Memorable Patients

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Members of the veterinary community took the stage at the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association’s annual convention on Thursday, September 15 in Keystone for VetMania!—a variety show showcasing the talent of the veterinary community.

Proceeds from VetMania! benefit the Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation and help support the family of programs offered by the foundation. Thank you to the individuals who performed and helped raise $1,600 for CVMF! Although each act was unique and highly entertaining, we must give extra recognition to the act that raised the most in donations—Dr. Tim Holt performing his memorable magic.

PaySimple Pays it Forward

To help make Harrison Memorial’s treatment area and isolation room even more efficient, PaySimple, a company that simplifies the lives of small business owners through professional, affordable receivables tools, sent over seven of their employees to help deep clean the hospital. The volunteers spent a full evening organizing, cleaning kennels, and scrubbing walls and floors. Thank you to PaySimple and their generous employees!
Mobile Clinic Ready for the Road

Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation’s newly acquired mobile unit, donated by VCA Charities, has been rebranded and is ready to hit the road and help even more pets of people in need. The mobile unit will make its first appearance at Buckingham Gardens on January 26, 2012 for a HOPE Wellness and Vaccine Clinic. The back of the mobile clinic will also be adorned with the photo of a furry friend . . . want to find out who? Stay tuned to CVMF communications to find out!