WELCOME!

Adams County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center

Community Presentation
March 2017
Presentation Intent

• What We Do as a Shelter Now
• Why a New Shelter?
• New Shelter Location, Features & Amenities
• How the New Shelter Will Benefit Our Community
• Answer Your Questions
• Listen to Your Feedback
Our Purpose

• Providing Safe Shelter
• Easing Pain & Suffering
• Connecting & Reuniting People with Pets
• Protecting People & Pets
• Reducing Homelessness & Overpopulation
• Promoting Animal Welfare
• Saving Lives
Our Primary Services

- Adoptions
- Lost and Found
- Owner Surrenders
- End of Life Services
- Holding and Care for Animal Control
- Pet Licensing and Microchips
- Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics
- Veterinary Care for Shelter Animals
Supporting Public Health and Safety

- Vaccinations
- Spay / Neuter
- Rabies Quarantines
- Bite Holds
- Protective Custody
- Large-Scale Impounds
- Evacuation Site for Pets Impacted by Disasters
Types of Animals We Take In
2016 Shelter High Fives

• 5,516 New Animals Came into Our Shelter
• 5,683 Total Animals Sheltered
• 2,296 Animals Adopted
• 1,470 Lost Animals Reunited
• 2,892 Public Animals Vaccinated
• 84.3% Save Rate
• 13,300 Volunteer Service Hours
More About Us

• Open 7 days per Week
• Take In and Care for Animals 365 Days Per Year
• 26 Full time Staff
• Volunteer and Foster Program
• Part of Metro Denver Animal Welfare Alliance (MDAWA)
• Open Admissions Facility
• Regulated by PACFA
• Contract with 6 Municipalities in Adams County
Five Freedoms

1. Freedom from hunger and thirst
   by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigor

2. Freedom from discomfort
   by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

3. Freedom from pain, injury or disease
   by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment

4. Freedom to express normal behavior
   by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal’s own kind

5. Freedom from fear and distress
   by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering
“Great Animal Care, Requires Great People Care, Because People Care Greatly About Animals.”
220 Volunteers, 46 Fosters
So Why A New Shelter?
## Growth in Adams County

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<td>2015:</td>
<td>469,193</td>
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<td>545,237</td>
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<td>603,716</td>
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Evolution of Animal Welfare

1970s

• “Dog Pounds”
• High Euthanasia Rates
• $800 million spent
• Out of Site, Hidden
• Impound Focus

Present Day

• “Adoption Centers”
• Most Animals Saved
• $2,400 million spent
• Visible, Welcoming
• Community Focus
Trends in Animal Sheltering

• Greater Public Awareness of Animal Welfare
• More People Adopting from Animal Shelters
• Professional Standards and Regulations
• Increasing Medical and Behavioral Needs
• Mass Intakes and Hoarding Cases
• Legislation to Protect Animals

“....expected to look like a shopping center and perform like a hospital, all while maintaining a secure facility.”

--Animal Sheltering Magazine, Nov/Dec 2014
## Impact of New Facility

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<td>Animal Save Rate</td>
<td>74%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Intake*</td>
<td>9,387</td>
<td>9,554</td>
<td>10,076</td>
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<td>Total Adoptions</td>
<td>3,694</td>
<td>3,880</td>
<td>6,458</td>
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<td>Volunteer Hours</td>
<td>21,288</td>
<td>22,218</td>
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Facility Improvements at other Shelters

**New Shelter Facilities**

2010: Foothills Animals Shelter (Jefferson County)

2011: Denver Animal Shelter (City/County of Denver)

2018: Larimer Humane Society (Larimer County)

**Renovations**

2016: Humane Society of Pikes Peak (Colorado Springs)

In Progress: Denver Dumb Friends League (Denver)

In Progress: Longmont Humane Society (Boulder)
Adams County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center
Current Facility
Interior Lobby
Impacts On Serving the Public

• Adoption and Intake Not Separated
• Lacks Private Counseling Areas
• Lacks Community Room
• Inadequate Visiting Rooms and Yards
• Lacks Warmth, Institutional Feel
• Not Enough Public Parking
• Difficult to Attract Retain Staff/Volunteers
Falling Out of Line with Modern Standards

**Building Deficiencies**

- Air Circulation Below 10-12 Exchanges Per Hour
- Lacks Noise Abatement
- Open Ceiling Design
- Lighting Below Industry Standards
- Undersized Health Clinic
- Outdated Kennel and Animal Housing Spaces
- Animals Housed Too Close Each Other
- Lacks Housing for Small Mammals, Exotics
Location Challenges

• Lack Green Space, Trails or Sidewalks
• Not a People or Pet Friendly Area
• Lack of Visibility
• Hard to Find
• Breed Ban
• Safety Issues
• Noise
Shelter Services

Now
- Adoptions
- Lost & Found
- Surrenders
- Spay-Neuter (shelter animals only)
- End of Life
- Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics
- Serve 6 cities/towns + Unincorp Adams County
- Evacuation Site
- Licensing and Microchips

Future
- All Current Services Expanded and...
  - Humane Education for Youth
  - Outreach to Underserved
  - Behavior Training / Support
  - Public Spay and Neuter
  - Post Adoption Support
  - Intern and Student Programs
Our New Vision

- Transform Perception of the Shelter
- Setting the Bar for Animal Welfare
- Saving Lives through Environment, Engagement and Education
- Durable, Sustainable, Maintainable Structure that Evolves with the Times
- Source of Community Pride
- Genesis to the Transformation of Regional Park
OUR VISION

- Animal Sheltering Excellence
- Expanded Health Care Services
- Community Engagement
- Generational Impact

- Modern, Sound Facility
- Low-cost Spay-Neuter
- Serve Our Citizens
- Humane Education