



December 2018 Newsletter

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## Spotlight on: Angel Fund

Help for our community's homeless, abandoned, and relinquished pets in need



Goodness, what a year it has been for the All Animal Care Clinic Angel Fund! Did you know that we have an in-house charitable fund for homeless, abandoned, and relinquished pets in our community? The Angel Fund was founded by Dr Katy Holmes, in 2016, as a means for providing needed medical care to animals that would otherwise be abandoned or euthanized, or die from a curable or manageable condition. Since inception, **over 80** animals have benefitted from gifts to the Angel Fund, with **nearly 70** of those dogs and cats receiving care in 2018!

During our CatSnip Trap-Neuter-Release day, we also vaccinated and provided long lasting parasite control.

How is the fund used? We have provided life saving emergency care, repaired fractured bones, amputated a leg that couldn't be saved, and administered IV fluid therapy, nursing care, and other medical treatments for pets needing hospitalization. We have provided hospice care and love to those with incurable illness. We have run countless diagnostics. We have raised litters of fragile kittens and found them loving homes. Since introducing our feral outreach this year, we have spayed and neutered **dozens** of feral cats in the community.

Join our Foster Army!  
Another way to help the helpless until they can be placed in their new homes.

These efforts receive 100% of their support from \*you\*, our generous community! Our support has come in many forms: food, towels and blankets, toys, time, and good ol' fashioned cash. We cannot thank you enough for your support; it is what allows us to further our purpose in helping the helpless. Thank you!

Please note, we are not yet a registered 501(c)3 organization.



## Adoptable Friends Update

Found in an orchard (shocking, right?) by a former AACC team member, meet Decaf, Doppio, Extra Whip, Breve (pictured L to R), and (hidden behind) Catpuccino! These precious babies will be ready for adoption in mid-December! Who doesn't love coffee and kittens?

# FDA Investigating Link Between Boutique Grain-Free Food and Heart Disease

Grain-free diets based on uncommon protein sources have been linked to a rising rate of cardiomyopathy in dogs not genetically predisposed to the heart condition. To date, it has not been made public which diets have been specifically implicated. Researchers have not pinpointed a specific ingredient or nutrient deficiency behind the link, but they have noticed a connection to smaller companies' "boutique" foods and homemade diets, says veterinary cardiologist Ryan Fries, so owners should turn to established, trusted companies that rely on scientific research. "Make sure to bring up your pet's diet with your veterinarian, who can help you find a safe and nutritionally appropriate food," Dr. Fries says. [The News-Gazette](#)

## Doggie DNA Tests: More Questions than Answers

A plethora of direct-to-consumer pet gene testing kits have hit the market, and a growing number of veterinary clients bring DNA reports with them to appointments. But the tests are not subject to standards or regulations to ensure they are accurate or reliable, says Aimee Llewellyn-Zaidi, project director for the Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs, and interpretation of test results is difficult. [The Atlantic](#)

## Initial Data from CBD Trials in Dogs “Promising”

Dr. Stephanie McGrath, a neurologist at Colorado State University's James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital, has revealed initial findings from a groundbreaking study to assess the use of cannabidiol, or CBD, for dogs with epilepsy. "Overall, what we found seems very promising," she said. Clinical trials for use of CBD in treatment of osteoarthritis are also underway. It is still federally illegal for veterinarians to prescribe CBD. [Colorado State University](#)

## Did you know...

... giraffes have the same number of neck bones as people.

... bones and antlers can break teeth, resulting in pain, infection, and an expensive vet bill.

... cat purrs don't always mean that they're happy.

## Did you know...

... when a male penguin chooses a mate, he'll search the whole beach to bring her the perfect pebble as a gift.

... to date, the only reported cases of gluten intolerance in dogs is a strain of Irish Setters in the United Kingdom.

# December & January Special



Pets gain weight in the holiday season too. Get those pounds off the healthy way, with prescription weight loss foods. Discount for new prescriptions.



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