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**Animal Welfare League**

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## The Gunnison Valley Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is HERE!



**MacAllister Building  
Phase 1**

The building, 1,300 sq ft, meets the Valley's essential needs, housing 15 cats and 9-11 dogs. GVAWL rescues an average of 110 companion animals each year, a number that will increase with shelter opening. The building also serves the City of Gunnison as its animal impound.

### Architect

*Jody Reeser, A.I.A., J Reeser Architect, L.L.C. – Gunnison, Colorado*

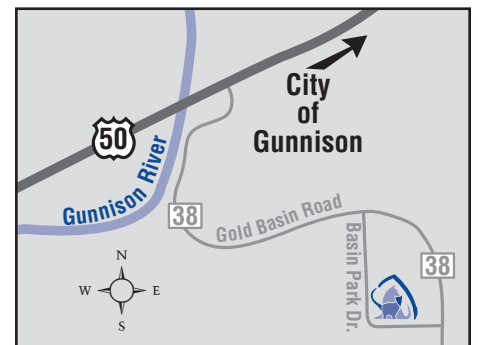
### Contractor

*J. Crockett Farnell, Black Dragon Development, L.L.C. – Crested Butte, Colorado*

## Thank You To

<i>MacAllister Family Foundation</i> . . . . .	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>City of Gunnison (for impound)</i> . . . . .	<i>\$125,000</i>
<i>Gunnison County</i> . . . . .	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>Family of Miya Must (5-year pledge)</i> . . . . .	<i>\$ 75,000</i>
<i>Animal Assistance Foundation (Denver) Grant</i> . . . . .	<i>\$ 50,000</i>

**And All GVAWL Supporters!**



98 Basin Park Drive

## Community – Not just another buzzword



**C**ommunity. One definition is “joint ownership or participation.” In the sense of “ownership,” the new GVAWL Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is being built by an extended community: our donors, including people who don’t primarily reside here; city and county governments; a granting foundation

based in Denver; and Animal Welfare League volunteers since 1987.

Community “participation” is an aspect of this Shelter that is one of GVAWL’s goals, and has been all along. The reason is our certainty that the well-being of everyone in the Upper Gunnison Basin – from Marble to the Black Canyon – depends on the well-being of our companion animals.

Beyond question, people’s mental and physical health is improved through our connection with animals. Further, the

Community is a better place to live when residents and visitors alike can see that our companion animals are valued.

GVAWL has been improving our community for 27 years, and aims to continue. In Phase 2 of the shelter, we will be able to offer indoor space for animal-centered activities. Until then, Phase 1 serves us all well as a much-needed venue centered on the human-animal connection.

We invite everyone to “participate in community” through the Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. Whether you adopt an animal, donate, or volunteer your time to GVAWL’s work, you are participating in making life better in our community.

On behalf of our board members and other volunteers, thank you for helping us “real-ize” the vision of an animal shelter in our community. And what a wonderful community it is.

Lora VanRenselaar  
President



*Miya Must found time in her very active life to volunteer with GVAWL, and gave many hours of her energy and boundless love to further its mission. After Miya died in 2007, her family established Miya’s Memorial Fund to assist in building the Shelter and Adoption Center. The fund will build the outdoor exercise area for dogs, which will bear not only Miya’s name, but the names of her beloved dogs, Henley and Billy, shown here.*

In 2013, the Must family pledged \$75,000 over five years for shelter facility costs.

We are extremely grateful for this support. Most of all, we treasure our association with Monni and the Must family.

Miya’s love of animals will be manifest far into the future, in our shelter and in all the animals and community members it will serve.

*My daughter Miya Jo Must was passionate about many things: Gunnison, dogs, yoga, biking, rock climbing, friends, and her family.*

*Miya graduated from Western State Colorado University in 2002. She opened her yoga studio, The Yoga Room, on Iowa street in 2006. Unexpectedly and tragically, on November 14, 2007, Miya died.*

*I have spent the past seven years ensuring that Miya’s mark will be felt in all the things that were important to her. The Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League is an organization through which she tried to spread awareness. It is fitting that the new Animal Shelter outdoor exercise and play area for dogs will bear her name – it is necessary for the dogs’ well-being, and it will provide great joy when adopters are brought together with their new animal companions.*

*We are grateful that the community in Gunnison and Crested Butte remember our girl and smile when they talk about her. Miya Must was a bright light and she continues to shine.*

Monni Must

# Giving Shelter

**F**or 27 years, GVAWL has rescued and placed 3,400+ of our Valley's homeless companion animals.

GVAWL has been conducting a capital campaign for over ten years of that 27. Our community could not wait for a shelter any longer while GVAWL raised the last \$45,000, so Gunnison County co-signed a construction

loan. Phase 1 is now completed. Phase 2 has a **head start**. GVAWL has already paid for architectural design and engineering, and the infrastructure for Phase 2 was completed along with Phase 1. The design allows for Phase 2 to be adjoined in the most cost-effective way to Phase 1.

## We ask you to be a part of the Big Finish of Phase 1

**Please use the enclosed envelope. A donation of \$1,000 or more earns your name a place on our Shelter's permanent recognition piece. We are grateful for YOUR help.**

**We are also gratefully accepting:**

- **Funds for part-time Shelter Manager**
- New or slightly used
  - Dishwasher with sanitizer cycle
  - Washing machine
  - Dryer – electric
  - Refrigerator **DONATED**
- Computer – new
- Printer/copier/scanner/fax
- Landline phone with remote handset
- I-Pad or other brand notebook
- Required Cat Isolation Unit **DONATED**  
Telluride Animal Foundation
- Pea-sized gravel for outside dog exercise area
- Landscaping trees –  
you can purchase them in honor of a pet
- Landscaping pavers/poles, any quantity
- 1 year internet service
- 1 year land-line phone service
- Computer service
- Painting services (for cabinets and outside dog exercise area)
- Carpentry service (odds-and-ends work)

**Email Sandy at [gvawl.org](mailto:gvawl.org) if you would like to donate or purchase items or services!**



***Thank you!***



# 2013 DONORS

## Animal Assistance Foundation

The Animal Assistance Foundation is an ongoing supporter of the Animal Welfare League, by offering financial support through grants. Their \$50,000 capital grant was pivotal in shelter fundraising. AAF's mission is to support and enhance the five freedoms for companion animals in Colorado through impactful and innovative grantmaking.



## TAF



We recently connected with the Telluride Animal Foundation, whose mission is to reduce the number of homeless pets. Their \$1,500 donation to purchase the cat isolation units and dog beds is greatly appreciated.

## City Market Community Rewards

We thank City Market for donating to GVAWL through our supporters who use their Value Cards when they shop at City Market. The program has changed in how it operates, but the results are the same: funds to help our Valley's homeless animals.

Please get in on the new program by enrolling online at [www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com](http://www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com).

Set up an account if you don't already have one. Go to Find Your Organization and follow the instructions to choose GVAWL.

You will need to do it each December, and that's it!



Anderson, Karen (Econo-Pak)

Archev, Karen & Forest Frost

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    Massage)

## **Gunnison High School Civic Projects**

Josh Burkholder  
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Heather Henry  
Abby Jackson  
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Pascual Ramos

## **Grants**

Animal Assistance Foundation  
Colorado Pet Overpopulation License Plate Fund  
Gunnison Car Club  
Telluride Animal Foundation

## **Service Contracts**

City of Gunnison  
Gunnison County

## **Above and Beyond-ers**

Ann Bertschy  
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# In Memoriam

## **Marje Ailes**

Anne Crowley

## **Anne Ash**

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## **Sandy Sangosti**

Ann Laguens

## **Horst Woellner**

Town and Country Animal Hospital



# In Honor

## **GVAWL Volunteers**

Vikki and Don Archuleta

## **In honor of many wonderful [Gunnison] people and their animals.**

Dr. Tim Holt - It's an  
Animal World, Inc.

## **Camille Besse**

Regina Miller

## **Deb Callihan**

Jim and Loretta McDonald

Larry McDonald

Mike Callihan

James Callihan Family

## **Linda and Bill Chambliss and Family**

Pat Muckleroy and

AJ the cat

## **Thayer and Shon Cook**

Jocelyn Miller

## **Jim Jeffrey**

Anne Crowley

## **Dan Kagay**

Patrick Muckleroy  
and AJ the cat

## **Ann Laguens**

Camille Besse

## **Mary Lypp**

Peter Caloger and  
E.S. Caloger

## **Regina Miller**

Ann Laguens

[by] Camille Besse

## **Tom Saiers**

Marianna Szabo

## **Karen Shondeck**

Diane Magginetti

## **Sharon and Kip Tindell**

Karla Buie

## **Cheryl and Greg Zoellick**

Karla Buie

## **Nancy Carlson and her two sweet border collies, Buzz and Roxie**

Sandra Mark



# *In Memory and Honor of Companion Animals*

## **Gay Austin**

In memory of dog Fountain

## **Thomas and Carla Bennett**

In memory of dog Chesney

## **Pam and Jim Christian**

In memory of dog Bonnie Bell

## **Marsha Collins and Randy Melton**

In memory of dog Chester

## **Lisa Dunkley**

In memory of dog Scooby, owned by daughter

## **John Fischer**

In memory of dog Dexter

## **Sandy Guerrieri**

In memory of cat Skinny Minnie, owned by Kay Walker

## **David and Janet Hager**

In memory of cats Alara, Nathan, and Smokey

## **Craig and Charlotte Haase**

In memory of cat Tippy

## **Brian and Cherrie Haugh**

In memory of dog Dakota

## **James Headlee**

In memory of dog Peach

## **Cynthia and Paul Kaplan**

In honor of cat Jericho  
and in memory  
of cats Yarrow,  
Snowshoe & Carbon

## **Enid and Don Larsen**

In memory of dog  
Sadie owned by  
Jerry & Penny Burgess

## **Sandra Mark**

In memory of Rocky  
owned by Stacey Mark

## **Sandra Mark**

In memory of Tori,  
owned by  
Ken and Shirley Blair

## **Helen Marshall**

In honor of dog Katie

## **Kevin and Joann Smith McGeehan**

In memory of rabbit Cynthia



## **Loretta McDonald**

In memory of bunnies Haggis and Thistle,  
owned by Mike and Deb Callihan

In memory of dog Buddy owned by Deb  
and Mike Callihan

In memory of cat Bandit, owned by Larry  
McDonald

## **Sammye Meadows**

In memory of cat Quetzal

## **Alyce Meredith**

In memory of cats Mama Kitty and Heidi

## **Courtenay and Thomas Murphy**

In memory of dogs Puffin, Kenai and Chenik

## **David and Heather Roberson**

In memory of dog Angus and cat Willie

## **Marsha and Alan Rose**

In memory of dog Chug Rose

## **John and Tammy Scott**

In memory of dog Miss Teva

## **Carol Blitz-Smith**

In memory of dog Casey and cat Bonkers

## **Richard and Kim Sweitzer**

In memory of dog Murphy

## **Julie Thackaberry**

In memory of dog Gypsy

## **Chris Viles**

In memory of cat Diego owned by  
Nancee & Dave Goodrich

## **Laurie Weinstein**

In memory of cats Rufus and Goodie

## **Joy Wills**

In memory of cats Zeke and Oscar Mayer

# Your New Animal Shelter

This is not “Your Grandma’s Dog Pound”!

It is a highly specialized building.

**Q:** Why?

**A:** It’s not a residence; it is a public building.

**A:** A facility that houses 15 or more animals must meet State and other requirements that are in place for the well-being of both the animals and the humans who will care for them. The ventilation system alone rivals that of a hospital!

Other requirements among many:

- Specified minimum amount of space per animal
- Separate dog and cat areas
- Specialty surfaces on floors, walls, and ceilings to allow for disinfecting
- One isolation area for dogs and one for cats, with separate ventilation systems
- High-capacity sewer system, and many, many drains

## Grand Opening June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Hours** – Times open to the public will be limited but consistent, and always by appointment.

**Adoption Fees** – All adoptable animals are spayed/neutered and are current on vaccinations.

Cat	\$50	Kitten	\$75
Dog	\$100	Puppy	\$150

**Shelter Fees** – If a companion animal of unknown ownership comes to the shelter, a fee of \$20/day will be due when claimed.

**Volunteer and Foster Opportunities** – We will need more volunteers and foster-care providers than ever. Caring for animals in any capacity is very rewarding!

### HOW TO ADOPT

All adoptable animals will appear on our website, Facebook, and petfinder. Volunteer/foster information will appear on our website and Facebook.