



**Gunnison's Official Home for the Homeless Pets,  
serving the city and County of Gunnison.**

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Dear GVAWL Friends and Animal Lovers:

Maya Angelou once said, "the ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned". Though she was referring to people, the same can definitely be said for the dogs and cats housed at the GVAWL shelter. More often than not, these are the ones who need a safe, stable place the most. Until they find their forever home, GVAWL boards and cares for them.

We are so fortunate to have a building to house our homeless and stray pets. It was through hard work, perseverance, and generous donations that our building became a reality and is well equipped to care for our animals during their stay. We have beautiful play yards for our dogs, but on occasion an animal is brought to our shelter who is shy, scared or more aggressive and cannot be outside with other animals. The ideal



kennel for these dogs is designed with a guillotine door to a private outside kennel area. The guillotine kennel system allows for easy and safe feeding and kennel cleaning without entering the space until the dog is safely outside. Guillotine doors are safe and convenient and provide an added level of safety for staff, volunteers, and other dogs.

This would have been the perfect option for Uzi who stayed in his kennel for 3 days, refusing to exit, growling at anyone who came close. The poor dog held it until day 4 when he finally relented and went outside! If we had an outside run off his kennel, we could have easily let him out without pressuring him.

We believe this improvement is essential to properly care for our dogs so this year, GVAWL is hoping to raise \$25,000 for this project. Please know that any donation will be greatly appreciated as we continue to be a temporary home for the homeless pets in our valley.

Thank you so very much for your support!

Sincerely,

The GVAWL Board of Directors

**All donations are tax deductible. Online donations can be made through our website: [gvawl.org](http://gvawl.org).**

**Saving one animal may not change the world. But surely, for that one animal,  
the world will change forever**