# GVAWL GAZETTE

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# WHAT'S DECKING OUR HALLS?

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This season we want to be sure to express our never-ending gratitude for each and every one of our volunteers and supporters.

To our volunteers: Your dedication, hard work, and love for animals, is what makes this organization work, day in and day out. You all provide a necessary service to our community as well as other Colorado organizations working to rescue animals and we are continually amazed by your commitment to helping those in need.

To our Supporters: To do what we and our volunteers do every day takes not only the finances to do them but the support of our community as well. Thank you for always being there for us and making this all possible.

## MEET WHITNEY SCHUCK

#### **GVAWL SHELTER ASSISTANT**

Greetings,

I'm Whitney Schuck, an impassioned advocate for the welfare of animals, deeply inspired by the extraordinary efforts of GVAWL in providing unparalleled care and affection to animals in need.



My affinity for animals has been a lifelong affair, rooted in the companionship of Bernese Mountain Dogs, German Shepards, and more recently the joyful presence of an Orange American Shorthair cat. Driven by my commitment to give back to these creatures who offer us so much and the desire to actively participate in the remarkable work carried out to do so, my journey began as a volunteer. My experiences as a volunteer at GVAWL deepened my understanding of the intricacies of animal care and strengthened my resolve to contribute meaningfully to their well-being. My aspiration is to play a pivotal role in supporting GVAWL's mission, leveraging my skills to ensure that each animal under their care receives the attention and compassion they deserve. I am genuinely excited about the prospect of contributing to GVAWL's continued success and being a part of the collective endeavor to secure a brighter future for animals in need.

## Sign Up for Monthly Emails

YOU CAN NOW SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY EMAILS. GO TO GVAWL.ORG AND SCROLL DOWN UNTIL YOU SEE THE REGISTRATION. EMAILS WILL BE SENT, ON AVERAGE, ONCE A MONTH.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." —
Sherry Anderson



## Celebrate with GVAWL

#### Birthdays, Holidays, Graduations, & More

You can raise funds for GVAWL for your birthday, holiday or next big event

AND WE WILL DO THE WORK!

Just write up a brief narrative you want displayed on your fundraising page and send it to <a href="mailto:gwawlcentral@gmail.com">gwawlcentral@gmail.com</a> with up to four photos (we can supply photos of shelter animals, if you wish). We will create the fundraising page and send you a link and QR code for your personalized fundraiser to share with family and friends. At the end of the scheduled time period, we will let you know how much you raised and who donated!

## **Ways Our Community Can Give**

#### **Amazon Wish List**

Want an easy and quick way to give? You can shop directly from our Amazon Wish List and even have your gift sent directly to the shelter if you prefer. Everything on this list are items we use regularly at the adoption center and will be greatly appreciated by the animals and the volunteers.

https://tinyurl.com/GVAWLwishlist



#### **City Market Community Rewards**

If you use your City Market Value Card when you shop, you may direct a portion of City Market's profit on your purchase to GVAWL. This doesn't cost you annything and does not affect your fuel points.

Once you are signed into the City Market app, click on the three lines in the top right corner, select "Rewards," and then click on "Community Rewards." You are then able to select GVAWL as the non-profit you wish to choose your community rewards!

#### **T-Shirts & Hoodies**

Thanks to the wonderful Pat's Screen Printing, we now have an online store at https://gvawl.spiritsale.com/ where our supporters can purchase GVAWL t-shirts and hoodies. The t-shirts have our logo on the front right and in the center back is a photo of a cat and a dog with "I Go Both Ways" underneath. \$10 from each purchase goes to GVAWL!



#### **Shopping Local and Rounding Up**

As many of you know, Pawsitively Native has been a big supporter of GVAWL over the years. From donating food, to adopting from GVAWL, to providing door prizes at the Pet Expo and gifts to new adopters, they have continued to show they care. Right now, Pawsitively Native is allowing customers to round up to the nearest dollar with all proceeds going to GVAWL. In addition, they also have a donation box by their checkout counter where items purchased from the store can be donated to GVAWL. Thank you, Pawsitively, for your continued support!

#### **Special Events Promotion Help Needed**

We are looking for contacts to assist us with the promotion of special events: specifically, Spayghetti and No Balls Dinner, our Annual Yard Sale, Pet Expo, and GFALL. If you are willing to share posters for these events with friends, family, and/or coworkers, via email, please let Kayce know at kaycebarnett@gmail.com. We would love to also find people with contacts with organizations such as the college, hospital, etc that could share events with a large amount of Gunnison community members.

# Wishing you and yours a magical holiday season.

