

Dear GVAWL Friends and Animal Lovers,

We are proud of the daily work we do caring for pets who are waiting for a new home. But we could not do what we do without your tremendous support!

Support for GVAWL shows itself in so many ways. It is shown in our volunteers who freely give their time and attention to the welfare of our shelter and ensure the animals in our care have the best possible experience. It is shown in our local businesses who continue to give when we ask for help. It is shown in the locals who donate food, toys, treats, kennels, etc., contributing to the animals' best possible care. Finally, it is shown with those who adopt from us and give a home to a soul who so desperately needs one. We are very fortunate to live in a community that is so supportive and prioritizes animal safety and care, even to those who are not (yet) a part of the family.

So far this year, we have cared for 142 stray and surrendered canines and 102 stray and surrendered felines. Based on our averages since we opened in 2014, we have cared for approximately 1,300 dogs. With these many pups utilizing our play yards in conjunction with the Colorado sun weakening the material, significant wear and tear has occurred to the artificial turf. This has resulted in many tears and open areas in the turf which are dangerous for our dogs.



We wholly believe in artificial turf. It is safe for our dogs, comfortable on their feet, and it is absolutely adorable watching them roll around and play on it! We also love the ability to remove waste easily and know that liquids efficiently drain down into the gravel base.

We have received a bid from a trustworthy company of \$19,700 to replace the turf in our two dog play yards. We are moving forward with this project as it must be completed as quickly as possible, but in the meantime, we need to start raising funds to help cover the cost. We have continued to carry out many valuable fundraisers throughout the year and have already received amazing support from our community. This project, however, comes with a large extra cost that was not anticipated to occur so soon and comes in addition to our regular annual expenses.

Your support, and in many cases continued support, mean the world to us and to the animals under our care. Nothing is accomplished better than when done together.

Forever grateful,

The GVAWL Board of Directors



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

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