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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****NOCO HUMANE FINDS HOMES FOR NEARLY 400 ANIMALS IN JUNE**

462 animals still in need of community's help

LOVELAND, June 27, 2024 - In only four weeks, 154 dogs, 172 cats, and 60 critters have found new homes out of NOCO Humane's Larimer and Weld shelter campuses.

Despite this success, more than 900 animals have come through the doors of NOCO Humane this June, leaving 462 homeless animals still in need of care. "The challenge of caring for so many animals comes down to capacity," said NOCO Humane's CEO, Judy Calhoun. "A lack of physical space at our Weld campus is being compounded by staffing shortages and heightened levels of illness," Calhoun remarked. "When a sick animal comes into the shelter and needs to be isolated, it not only requires more space, but it also requires more staff attention and more time in the shelter for that animal to heal. Multiply that by dozens of animals, and the result is a major bottleneck in the system."

Summertime is often a challenging season for animal shelters nationwide, facing an increase in newborn kittens and puppies, as well as more stray animals that have been separated from their families. This year is no exception, and NOCO Humane is asking for the community's help to keep its shelters from overcrowding. Here's how you can help:

- 1) Provide temporary care for lost animals** - If you come across a healthy, stray animal in the community, please consider caring for it in your home. By submitting a *Found Animal* report at nocohumane.org, NOCO Humane will work to reunite the animal with their family while keeping the animal out of the shelter. Pet food and supplies are available for pickup for those willing to provide temporary care.
- 2) Rehome alternatives** - In the event you need to make the difficult decision to rehome your pet, please consider a *rehome alternative* before surrendering to NOCO Humane. More information about no-cost, self-rehoming services can be found at nocohumane.org.
- 3) Keep animals secure during fireworks** - Fireworks commonly cause anxiety and panic in pets, resulting in an influx of stray animals arriving at shelters the days following the 4th of July holiday. You can help by ensuring your pets are safe and secure during loud festivities. Additionally, the best way to be reunited with your lost pet is to have them microchipped and licensed.

These three *calls to action* will allow NOCO Humane to better manage the 62% increase in the number of pets receiving care as compared to June of 2023. “We are calling on our community to help us tackle this challenge,” said Calhoun. “If we can work together, we can continue to keep these animals safe. That,” she added, “and please adopt!”

To encourage adoption, NOCO Humane has launched an adoption special at both its Larimer and Weld Campuses: *Adoption Fees Waived* for all animals. For those welcoming a new pet through this adoption special, please consider supporting NOCO Humane by making a donation.

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About NOCO Humane

Founded in 1969, NOCO Humane (formerly known as Larimer Humane Society) is the largest animal welfare organization dedicated to homeless and abused animals in northern Colorado. NOCO Humane is more than a shelter, this nonprofit organization serves as a community resource center and advocate for fostering compassionate, safe, and responsible relationships between animals and people. NOCO Humane provides adoption services, support for pet owners, and humane education for all ages. As the leader in animal welfare in northern Colorado, the organization holds contracts to provide animal control and sheltering services for Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud, Timnath, Wellington, and Larimer County. Additionally, NOCO Humane provides animal sheltering services for Greeley, Evans, Johnstown, and Windsor. It is a local, independent nonprofit not affiliated with national organizations, such as ASPCA or the Humane Society of the United States, and does not receive funding from these organizations. To learn more about NOCO Humane, please visit nocohumane.org.

NOCO Humane owns and operates two animal shelters in Northern Colorado:

Larimer Campus (formerly Larimer Humane Society) 3501 E 71st St Loveland, CO 80538

Weld Campus (formerly The Humane Society of Weld County) 1620 42nd St Evans, CO 80620