Gunnison Valley-Wide Animal Shelter and Adoption Center

Gunnison does not have a Valley-Wide Animal Shelter. It's time to build one!

The Vision

The Gunnison Valley Animal Shelter and Adoption Center fills the immediate needs of all Gunnison County's animal-welfare and -control agencies, as they serve the residents of the Valley. The Shelter provides the only housing for all relinquished, impounded, and stray companion animals. Centralization of services promotes efficiency for all agencies, and for GVAWL as it continues to carry out its mission

Mission Statement of the Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League

- promotes the welfare of animals by caring for homeless animals and placing them in permanent homes;
- assists the community with spay/neuter costs;
- prevents neglect of and cruelty to animals by educating the public about their humane treatment, and by promoting humane behavior.

The Need

- **GVAWL** has handled and adopted out over 2,600 animals coming from all parts of Gunnison County.
- The **City of Gunnison** annually impounds approximately 200 animals.
- Animal-related calls to the **City** have risen dramatically: from 342 in 2007, to 653 calls last year.
- There is no facility in Gunnison to house the number of lost, homeless and/or relinquished companion animals this area experiences.

The Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League

has a **proven track record** in carrying out its mission and has served the Gunnison Valley for over 26 years without paid staff, or permanent facilities.

- provides over 6,000 hours annually to the community, through volunteers.
- is the only valley-wide organization that accepts relinquished animals on a regular basis. Relinquishments come from people no longer able to care for their animals.
- successfully places an average of 100 companion animals yearly, placing approximately one animal every three days. Over 2,600 animals have been adopted in 26 years.
- issues an average of 65 spay/neuter certificates annually (lowering costs to owners); 1,000 certificates since 1995.
- sponsors low-cost spay/neuter clinics for the community; over 300 animals have been spay/neutered since 2006
- forms collaborations with veterinarians, local businesses, government, and non-profits.
- is an open-admission rescue following Asilomar Accords principles.

The Gunnison Valley Wide Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is shovel ready!

- GVAWL has a fully engineered set of building plans
- The City of Gunnison has committed $125,000
- Gunnison County has provided land in Gold Basin Industrial Park
- GVAWL has contributed over $100,000 to the project.

The Funding Gap

We need to raise $220,500 by September 1, 2013!

Animal Shelter Project

Project Costs		**COMMENTS**
PAST EXPENDITURES		**SOFT COSTS**
Needs Assessment/Research	966	Animal Arts Study etc.% total
Architectural Design	7,444	Phase I % of total
Engineering	9,402	Phase I % of total
Project Management/Consulting	6,813	Phase I % of total
Fundraising/Web/Marketing	308	Phase I % of total
Total Expenditures	**24,933***	
Estimated Remaining Expenditures To Complete Phase I		
Construction	425,000	
Architect	5,000	
Permit/Linkage Fees	5,000	Set by County (linkage $2,320)
Tap Fees	25,500	Set by County
Fixtures/Equipment	15,000	
Total	**475,500**	Project Building Cost
Less GVAWL Shelter Fund	50,000	
Less City of Gunnison Capital Reserve	125,000	
Less Animal Assistance Foundation Grant	50,000	
Projected In-Kind Donations	30,000	
Total Revenue Raised	225,000	
Total Revenue to be Raised	**$220,500**	

*The shelter has two phases. These figures depict soft cost expenses for Phase I. GVAWL has engineered plans for Phase II.