

## Organization Name

### **Organization Info:**

Name of Organization: Denver Animal Shelter

Website: [www.DenverAnimalShelter.org](http://www.DenverAnimalShelter.org)

Address: 1241 W Bayaud Ave, Denver, CO 80223

Mission Statement:

Denver Animal Shelter is dedicated to providing humane animal care and animal control enforcement services which protect the health, public safety and welfare of both people and animals in Denver County.

Contact Person for Questions (name, email, and phone number):

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Please check the most appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:

Children     Elderly     Hunger/Homelessness     Disaster Relief     Animal Welfare  
 Health/Wellness     Environment     Human Rights     Families     Soldiers/Supporting Troops

### **About Your Issue Area:**

What is the deeper issue behind your organization?

DAS is responsible for all stray animals in Denver — we care for more than 7,500 homeless animals every year. With the support of the community, volunteers, and donations, we can better improve the lives of the animals we serve.

What programs or services does your organization offer?

DAS provides a central location for owners to find and recover their lost pets; shelter and humane care to companion animals; adoption of pets to new homes; and education to the public about animals and their needs. We provide lost, neglected, or unwanted pets with the care and support they need until we can find a loving family to adopt them. We also provide enrichment (toys, treats, etc.) and socialization during their stay. We also work in the community to educate about pet responsibility, local pet laws, and spread the word that DAS is a great place to find a great pet.

Do you have an interesting story about your organization or clients to share with the students?

DAS is an open-admissions animal shelter and never turns any animal away. We are one of the largest animal shelters in the metro Denver area.

### **How Can Students Help?**

How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants? (ex: \$25 feeds 1 dog for 1 month; or specific items/supplies that will benefit your programs)

- \$5 will provide a homeless pet with a toy or blanket
- \$17/day is the average amount to care for an animal in our shelter.
- \$45 will help DAS spay/neuter a homeless animal before it's adopted (or provide this service to a low-income pet owner in need of assistance)

- Additional in-kind donation items needed at DAS can be found here:  
<http://www.denvergov.org/denveranimalshelter/DenverAnimalShelter/Volunteer/MakeADonation/tabid/434638/Default.aspx>

How can students help through group service projects? (What is useful to your organization and educational to students?)

Students can collect items from our wish list through a “donation drive”, purchase items for the shelter, or donate money. When donations are made, we like to give the students a tour of the facility and show them how their donations will make a real difference in the lives of our shelter animals. We also can provide information on how to make homemade dogs/cat treats, toys, etc. so they can coordinate a “build” to make enrichment items for the animals. We can also give them information on responsible pet ownership and how to be an advocate for pet adoption to others in their community.

Do you provide individual volunteer opportunities for youth? (If so, what ages, and what types of volunteer opportunities do you provide?)

Volunteer opportunities are available in our shelter for those 16 years old and older. Younger youth (from 13–15 years old) can volunteer with supervision from an adult. We offer a range of opportunities from dog walking, cat socializing, pet photography, animal enrichment, etc.

Are there opportunities for students to be recognized by your organization? (A Mention in Newsletter, Site Visit of Facility, Celebration and Mingling with Clients, etc.)

Yes! We often highlight our volunteers and supporters on our board in the shelter, in our newsletter, on our Facebook page, at events, in news stories, etc.