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Wags & Menace Foundation

Making An Impact on Animal Welfare

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Cindy Lee and her beloved dogs, Wags and Menace, created the Wags & Menace Make a Difference Program/Foundation in 1996 to raise money and awareness for various animal rescues, shelters and hospitals in need. Since then, this amazing organization has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, heightened animal welfare awareness and volunteered thousands of personal hours to many in need.


The Wags & Menace Foundation has partnered with several Colorado organizations over the years to share the commitment in helping animals, including the Denver Dumb Friends League, Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital, Table Mountain Animal Center, Boulder Valley Humane Society, Good Samaritan Pet Center and The Grand County Search & Rescue Dog Team.

In addition to fundraising, Lee teaches animal education at The Boys and Girls Torch Clubs and helps Girls Scouts earn their Pet First Aid badge through a program she established five years ago titled The Pets and Vets Program. To date, more than 2,000 girls have earned their badge from this program that Lee established for Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital, a program of the Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation.

Since the passing of both namesakes, Wags and Menace, a new CEO has taken over the reigns: Baxter, a Newfoundland/Border Collie

Mix. Cindy adopted Baxter when he was six months old and weighed only 24 pounds, having suffered severely from previous cruelty and abuse. Since his adoption, Baxter has made a beautiful recovery and is running things smoothly at The Wags & Menace Make a Difference Program/ Foundation.

This dynamic duo, Lee and Baxter, continues to touch countless lives everyday. When asked why she works so hard for animals, Lee replies: "It's better to do the one thing you have time for than to wait until you have time to do everything."

What does the future hold for the Wags & Menace Make a Difference Program/Foundation? A state-of-the-art animal hospital equipped with an education center for school children and Boys & Girls Torch Club members, Flight-for-Life ambulance service and emergency care, as well as a holistic care center and an intensive care unit. Nothing is too lofty for this duo, considering the track record of Lee and the Wags & Menace Make a Difference Program Foundation. 

For more information about the Wags & Menace Make a Difference Program/ Foundation and how to help, visit www.wagsandmenace.org.

