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As a leading not for profit organization, Denkai Animal Sanctuary has provided assistance to more than 2,000 large and small domestic animals, over 6000 community youth, and has reached out to 100 youth in crisis. Currently, Denkai cares for more than 200 animals in residence and countless others in foster care.

Every day, Denkai fights for the lives of animals in need, pregnant and nursing dogs that have been nearly **starved to death** by shelter workers. **Horses** that have seen the inside of a **slaughter plant** and lived to tell their tale, and a special **Miracle piglet**, who fell off of a truck in Iowa at the age of three weeks and was then run over by a car, left to die with a **broken back**. These animals are just a few of the many that we currently care for every day thanks to generous contributors. **After nineteen months, Denkai has determined that it is in our best interest to purchase the Denkai Adoption Center facility in Greeley through a capital campaign.**

Due diligence has produced an appraisal of the Greeley Adoption Center showing a value of \$575,000 for the six acre property. This facility purchase would consist of six acres, two houses, a 140 animal facility with separate dog grooming areas, and equine areas. Since taking on this facility, Denkai's income and community support has more than doubled from 2009-2011. This is largely due to increased revenues from program income, recognition in local media, increased corporate sponsorship and support and a more than 100% increase in volunteer support.

Denkai's founder, Floss Blackburn embarked on her animal welfare path while working at the current adoption center in 2002. It was from her work with this facility that she became passionate about the fate and lives of all homeless animals. In February of 2010, Floss led her team of Denkai volunteers in the take-over and renovation of the now Denkai Adoption Center.

Denkai needs to raise a total of \$575,000.00 to make this happen. This is needed by June 1, 2012. Your contribution towards this project are tax deductible as **Denkai** is a 501(c) 3 public charity. As a donor to this effort, you will be recognized through on-site plaques among other special efforts.

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History

Denkai Animal Sanctuary was founded in May of 2004 by Floss Blackburn. This grassroots organization, started on a shoestring, has now grown to become the largest organization of its kind in Colorado and our surrounding states.

In February of 2010, Denkai Animal Sanctuary took on, through a lease agreement, the now Denkai Adoption Center facility near Greeley, CO. This involved 46 kennels for rescue dogs, cat facilities and one small 700 square foot house. Faced with seemingly insurmountable hurdles in the form of required repairs, Denkai raised close to \$100,000 in contributions to complete many tasks, outlined below and successfully passed licensing with PACFA.

Below are the issues we faced in taking over this facility as of February 2010.

Issue: The Denkai Adoption Center facility was formerly K-9 Bed and Biscuit, a sub-standard pet animal facility near Greeley, CO, which was edging into closure if Denkai did not take over the operations. As of Denkai's take-over, the facility housed 80 dogs and 10 cats. Ninety percent of the dogs in this facility have been there over four (4) years. Cleaning procedures were not being followed. Veterinary care such as vaccinations, spay/neuter and worming was not up to date.

Denkai has faced a very daunting list of issues with this facility which placed it in violation with the Colorado State Veterinarian PACFA office. The chart describes in detail the issues and activities which were completed to make this a safe environment for the animals while meeting state requirements.

Summary of Program and /or Capital Request: Repairs and Renovations sub-standard pet animal facility			
Issues/Opportunities	Goals/Objectives	Activities Required	Timeline
Kennels & dividing walls do not meet state vet requirements	Bring kennels into height compliance for state vet standards	Change height of indoor walls from 3' to 4' per state vet	Completed
Indoor kennels in unsafe condition requiring repair and replacement	Bring into safe condition for animals	Repair and replace rusted metal with holes and sharp edges	Completed
Outdoor kennels lacking sufficient barrier creating environment for fence fighting	Provide barriers and privacy for safe condition for animals	Repair and replace rusted metal of chain link fencing, increase height of solid barrier	Completed

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Floor drains of Indoor kennels caked in hair, urine, and excrement	Bring into safe and sanitary condition	Replacement of rusted drainage system.	Completed
Outside drainage nonexistent – waste water from kennel cleaning creates black sludge in yard	Provide sanitary outside conditions for both animals and volunteers/staff	Construct drainage system	Completed
Kennels not drying and dogs sitting on wet concrete creating disease issues	Provide adequate ventilation for indoor kennels for sanitary and safe conditions	Install metal fans (state requirement) throughout facility Install tube heating Clean air ducts	Completed
Food prep area unsanitary conditions with mold on drywall	Provide sanitary facility for food preparation for animals	Replace drywall and plastic sink with stainless, and other needed repairs	Completed
Quarantine Area: Cats not in usable condition – FIP exposure on flooring surfaces	Provide a safe, sanitary area meeting state vet standards	Replace flooring in quarantine space – existing flooring is contaminated	Completed
Quarantine Area: Dogs not in sanitary condition and insufficient in size	Provide safe, sanitary area meeting state vet standards	Install appropriate drains; Add new kennels; provide solid divider barriers, install ventilation system	Completed
Grooming facilities unavailable and intake animals often are matted with fleas/ticks.	Provide area to bath and clean incoming animals that is safe and sanitary	Install bathing station and grooming area in examination and intake area	Completed upon taking over the entire facility June 2011
Outside yard areas (26,000 square feet) Unsanitary soil conditions (infested with parasites due to excrement build up. Dogs are being exposed to potential diseases.	Provide safe and sanitary exercise areas for healthy dogs and volunteers	Removal of contaminated soil, lay weed barrier, chicken wire, and three inches of pea gravel to provide appropriate adequate sanitation	Completed

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June of 2011, Denkai took over the entire six acre adoption center site through a lease agreement. This has allowed us an additional 50 dog kennels currently being used for dog boarding services to the public and various rescue organizations as well as grooming stations, a second house that is currently being remodeled as a rental. All of these items bring additional guaranteed income to our organization in aiding financial sustainability.

Additionally, in May of 2011, Denkai successfully added equine facilities to this facility. These include a 40' loafing shed, fenced pasture, round pen and outdoor riding arena. This addition has aided in the placement of over 10 horses since June of 2011.

Denkai's Mission

Denkai Animal Sanctuary is set up to provide Sanctuary and rescue services to animals in need while working with our local youth enabling them to become productive members of our society.

The goal for Denkai's Adoption Center are in continuing our focus on quality care for the animals that need us. This facility currently acts as holding for local municipalities; stray animals, those impounded as part of cruelty and neglect cases, and animals that would otherwise be euthanized by shelters nationwide. The need for this service in our area is overwhelming.

Goals

Below are the many goals we are able to reach thanks to this adoption center location:

1. To continue providing rescue, rehabilitation, and placement for companion and other domestic animals in need.
2. To build on the quality of care given to the animals at the new Adoption Center facility through veterinary care, foster and adoptive homes.
3. To continue our outreach programs serving people and pets in need in our local and national community.
4. To become a leading organization in our industry.

This facility allows housing and quarantine areas for all domestic animals, large and small, room for a veterinary clinic that will offer low-cost/free spay and neuter, vaccination and other veterinary care for large and small Sanctuary animals, low-income individuals and other rescue organizations in need.

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Financial Information 2011

Expenses

Program	\$192,000
Administrative	\$96,000
Advertising	\$6,000
Total Annual Expenses	294,000

Income

Adoption Fees	\$100,000
Public Contributions	\$80,000.00
Foundation Support	\$35,000
Other Income	\$90,420
Total Projected Income 2011	\$305,420.00

Major contributors include;

Petco Foundation
PetSmart Charities
Western Summit Constructors
DCP Midstream
The Summerlee Foundation
Avrum Katz Foundation
PetSmart Charities
Petco Foundation
The Chinn Family Foundation
Houston, TX Community Foundation
Humane Society of the United States
Horst Co.
ASPCA
On-Shore Foundation

Who We Serve

Denkai Animal Sanctuary is unique in that it aims to provide a combination of services for animals in need, at-risk youth, and environmental awareness. This will be accomplished through hands on educational opportunities.

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Sanctuary Resume

- **December 2005:**

Denkai has assisted local animal control officers in Larimer County along with the State Veterinarian's Office with a neglect case regarding 5 miniature horses, a llama, and two pygmy goats by housing and caring for these animals.

- **June 2006:**

Facilitated the rescue of 200 cats from Cheyenne Animal Shelter in Wyoming to rescue groups throughout Colorado including: Fort Collins Cat Rescue, Flat Faced Friends Cat Rescue, Clear Creek County Animal Rescue League, and Denkai Sanctuary. Cats were treated for Upper Respiratory Infection, spayed, neutered, tested for FIV/FELV and then homes were found for all.

- **November 2006:**

Transport to Hammond Louisiana, rescued 50 dogs and puppies, victims of Hurricane Katrina. All of these animals were successfully spayed, neutered, treated for heartworm, vaccinated and adopted into permanent homes.

- **April 2007:**

Denkai provided instruction and facilitation of the rescue of 33 "Miracle Horses" that were physically located in the Dekalb, Ill. Slaughter plant when it was closed due to a ruling in the supreme court. These horses were then shipped to Cheyenne Wyoming where Denkai worked hand in hand with officials from HSUS to facilitate this rescue and place these horses into rescue organizations. The Sanctuary provided housing for seven of these horses, those who were in the worst shape with large wounds.

- **November 2007:**

San Diego Fire Disaster Response. Working together with Muttsack Animal Rescue, Sunshine Dogstar, and Animal House, Denkai rescued 63 dogs from the California disaster zone. Veterinarians from Fort Collins Animal Hospital and The Housecall Vet donated \$20,000 in veterinary care to these animals. Medical conditions included;

- **Paco**, an old Chihuahua with a heart murmur
- **Don Carlito**, an 8 month old Chihuahua with a hernia in which small intestines and one testicle had descended into his upper thigh area.
- **Daisy**, a 1 year old female rottweiler, birthed her puppies one week after arrival to safety from the San Diego fires
- **Among other ailments:** Pneumonia, kennel cough, upper respiratory infections, chest cavity filling with blood.

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All of these dogs and puppies have found loving, long lasting homes. One had to be euthanized due to a quality of life issue - blood filling her chest cavity.

- **February 2008:**

Rescue of 40 puppy mill puppies and dogs from the overpopulated areas of Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. These puppies were slated for euthanasia in high-kill shelters. We are currently working to place them in permanent homes.

- **April 2009:**

Rescue of 18 Arabian Horses, previously neglected from Boulder County. Placement of 9 Arabians from this case into homes.

- **June 2009:**

Implementation of our equine program with Reflections for you, a youth in crisis center. Denkai horses live on site and youth care for them in an effort to reduce violence in the homes.

- **July 2009:**

Denkai brought the first ever mobile spay and neuter clinic along with low cost and free vaccinations to the Town of Grover. This included owned animals and TNR for feral cats in town.

Need that Denkai Fills

Combating Inhumane Euthanization:

There is an enormous need for longer-term shelter assistance for adoptable companion animals, as well as a holding facility for larger animals, as specified above. The Humane Society of the United States states that approximately 3-4 million animals are euthanized annually in the United States. According to statistics taken from the Colorado Pet Overpopulation fund, 38,000 animals were euthanized in the state of Colorado in 2009. Over 158,000 animals enter shelters in the state of Colorado in 2009. 56% of dogs and 71% of cats that enter animal shelters are euthanized. (More cats are euthanized than dogs because they are more likely to enter a shelter without any owner identification.) The number of animals euthanized nationwide will likely increase in the following two years.

Most disturbing about these figures is that shelters in Wyoming, Georgia, Missouri, Louisiana, and other states continue to use **decompression chambers and carbon monoxide gas emissions by hooking a car up to a room/chamber to euthanize dogs and cats, even though law states that this is illegal. From start to finish, the process**

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of gassing an animal takes about 25 minutes. One or more animals are placed in an airtight chamber, and a high concentration of bottled carbon monoxide gas is released. Cats and dogs are rendered unconscious within a minute, then eventually die from lack of oxygen. **Imagine this process in a gas chamber that has holes and leaks, how much longer it takes for these animals to suffer and die, crying out for help and nobody listens.** Doug Fakkema, an animal-euthanasia expert, said that, in theory, the gas chamber doesn't sound bad, but in reality it's awful.

"The animal is in a warm or hot box, usually with other animals. They don't know what's going on. The hiss of the gas is going on inside. They get dizzy, and they panic," he said. Fights can break out, and animals' calls can sometimes be heard.

Take the story of a basenji named Quentin who on **April 11, 2005 was found in a St. Louis, Missouri shelter gas chamber after having been gassed standing on top of six dead dogs and still alive. In 64 years of this shelter's history, no dog had ever survived a gassing.**

Unwilling to close the door and re-gas the dog, Ficken, the shelter worker, called Randy Grim, the founder of Stray Rescue of St. Louis. The Missouri organization rescues abused and neglected animals, restores them to health, and places them in new homes. Grim retrieved the big-eared Basenji mix and named him Quentin after California's San Quentin prison. Quentin's life was spared that day, but many others are not so lucky. Nearly seven million dogs and cats in the United States are put to death in shelters each year.

Miracle Dog: How Quentin Survived the Gas Chamber to Speak for Animals on Death Row

These helpless animals need a way out of a horrible situation.

Denkai has been successful in working with such shelters to take on the excess animals that would otherwise have been euthanized in such an inhumane manner. Our efforts have helped to reduce the number of unnecessary euthanizations due to overcrowding in shelters.

Financial Assistance with Animal Care Costs:

Denkai has been instrumental in the development of educational programs that have been presented at area schools, at the sanctuary and at other mobile locations. These programs have included teaching compassion for animals and the environment along with planning for the future. For instance, americanhumane.org reports that between two and four pets are brought into just one Colorado shelter each month because their owner died and left no formal instructions as to the animal's care. We believe that widening our existing efforts to educate the public about the importance of spaying, neutering, vaccinations and preparing for the placement of a pet in the event of the owner's death will reduce overpopulation and overcrowding in shelters. The Sanctuary already has an established relationship working with low-cost spay and neuter clinics in the area. Residents in our rural area are at or below the poverty line and cannot afford the actual \$100.00 to \$400.00 cost of a neuter or spay surgery for their pet. Denkai, together with local humane

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organizations has been able to offer free and low-cost surgeries along with vaccinations and health checks for people in this income bracket.

Educating the Public on Animal Care:

Denkai houses more than 170 large animals and with implementation of our pet animal facility, 100 pet animals at any given time. These animals have been victims of abuse, neglect, and divorce to name a few. Many of these animals have come to us through local law-enforcement, nationwide humane groups, other rescue and shelter organizations locally and nationwide, and owners that were no longer able to care for them. **The Sanctuary has been instrumental in educating the local and national community regarding the plight of farmed animals and horses, the amount of feed, effort and care that goes into having such animals and the reasons for neglect, abuse or abandonment.**

Weld county is the fastest growing county in CO with the lowest median household income. This has resulted in a very high percentage of pet animals that are not receiving proper veterinary care and an extremely large need for education of individuals and in our local youth. There is no other organization providing this service in Weld county and Eastern Colorado. Denkai plans to fill that need through development of educational programs that will be implemented in local schools and in reaching out to the community through collaborative spay/neuter and other veterinary services out of our Greeley facility.

Through area youth programs, the sanctuary has helped to expose the pattern of abuse seen in humans when transferred from objects to animals, then on to people. Many of Denkai's animals have been subject to such a pattern in their past. Denkai works to prevent such abuses from happening through working with youth at-risk programs such as Turning Point of Fort Collins, Colorado and Weld County Mentors and Friends of Greeley, Colorado. Programs through Denkai help to teach compassion for animals, people and our environment. This paves the way to prevention of drug and alcohol abuse by encouraging these youth to become productive members of society through hands on activities at Denkai's facilities.

Denkai has been influential in tutoring youth that would have otherwise dropped out of school due to academic hardship or problems at home. The Sanctuary has helped to house a homeless mother and her daughter along with their 8 horses and dog for a period of 30 days. They were able to successfully find a new home and care for their animals on their own. Their duties while living at the Sanctuary included helping to feed, water, and train horses in exchange for room and board.

Reputation for Managerial and Business Expertise

Denkai Animal Sanctuary consists of a very talented and varied board of directors and advisors along with every day workers. Detailed resumes follow. Thanks to this group of talented individuals, the Sanctuary is set up to succeed and has been a leading

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influence both locally and nationally for other rescue organizations and individuals such as aiding smaller organizations to gain 501(c)3 status, educating them regarding fundraising activities, growth of donors, research needed. Denkai has teamed up with other organizations for adoption events, fundraisers, and in helping to pass on needed donations over and above what was required at the Sanctuary. Denkai has also helped to acquire \$1,500 in grant funding for two local organizations.

Information on each of our board members can be found on our website at:

www.denkaisanctuary.org.

Floss Blackburn; Founder and President: 10 years for profit and non-profit business management, 20 years hands-on animal care experience, 8 years acreage management, successful grant writing experience.

Grant Writer

Floss Blackburn; Grover, CO– Private Foundations

Large Animal Veterinarians

Dr. Peter Emily, Veterinary Dentist; Denver, CO

Dr. Susan Williams, DVM; Loveland, CO

Dr. Gregory Farrand, DVM; Fort Collins, CO

Dr. Michael Suit, DVM; Fort Collins, CO

Dr. Barbara Roberts, DVM; Longmont, CO, llamas, sheep, goats

Pet Animal Veterinarians:

Dr. Julie Kidd, Eaton, CO

Dr. Anne Little; Fort Collins, CO

Dr. Heather Steyn; Fort Collins, CO

Dr. Corinne Thomas; Loveland, CO

Dr. Shoemaker; Greeley, CO

Dr. Beth Watts; Denver, CO

South Mesa Veterinary Hospital, Fort Collins, CO

The Vets Animal Hospital, Windsor, CO

Veterinary Dentists:

Peter Emily

Farrier

Rocky Mountain Horseshoeing

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