

Mission: Changing the ways we think and feel about living with and caring for animals

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Big Sky Ranch/CATNIP Foundation is an IRS-recognized 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization doing business as Big Sky CARES. Donations are tax deductible.

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Big Sky CARES invites your business to become a community partner in its "Sneaker Drive for Pets." We are working with a recycling organization called Got Sneakers who will make a donation to our cause based on the number of pairs of used sneakers we collect and send in for recycling.

The organization known to many as Big Sky Ranch/CATNIP Foundation is now Big Sky CARES (Community Animal Resources and Education Services). Our name change reflects the growth of our organization since its founding 10 years ago. Today, our operations encompass two facilities and more than a dozen programs aimed at keeping animals out of shelters. In 2021, we moved our base of operations from Big Sky Ranch to a 6,000 sq. ft. multi-use facility at 82060 Highway 25 in Folsom. Our Big Sky CARES facility houses a low-cost community animal clinic and hospital; the Calico Cat Café Adoption Center, where Big Sky pets mingle with potential adopters; a retail shop featuring locally handmade goods, animal-themed art and gifts, and discounted pet supplies; pet boarding space; and warehouse storage space for use in our role as an affiliate of GOODS (formerly Rescue Bank), a program of Greater Good Charities. Last year, we helped about 3,000 animals and their families.

You may have seen reports about animal shelters all over the country overflowing with unwanted pets. The demands for helping animals right now are greater than we have seen for some time. Inflation and a severe veterinary shortage have combined to make pet care more challenging than ever for families and shelters alike. This is an especially difficult time for Big Sky CARES because we take in animals that would not survive at crowded open admission municipal shelters because of their illnesses or injuries and a lack of resources available to treat them. With the help of supporters like your customers, Big Sky CARES is able to save lives by providing alternatives to euthanasia.

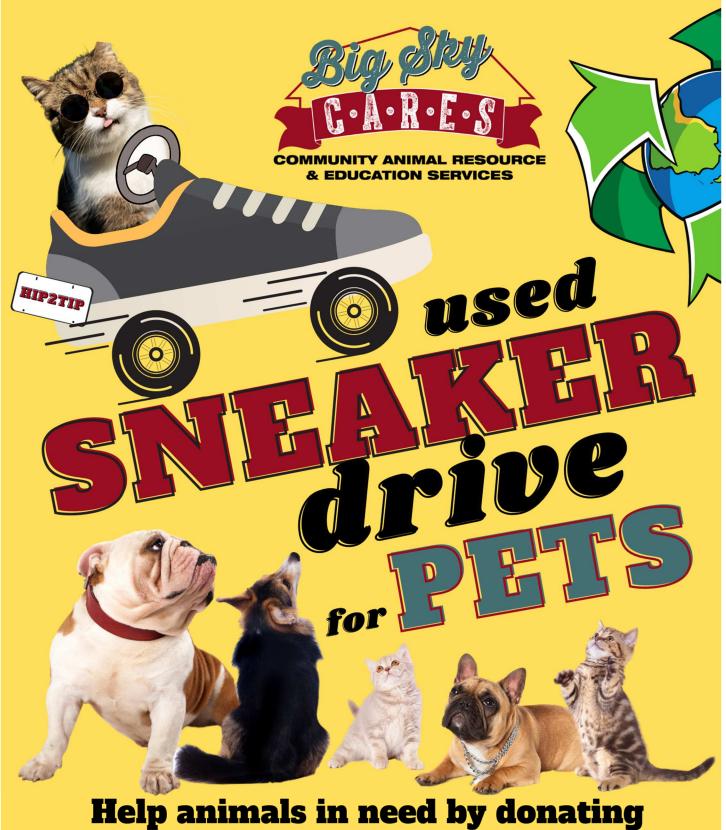
You can support Big Sky CARES' efforts to help animals in need and their families by placing a sneaker collection bin in a highly visible place and inviting your customers to donate their used sneakers to us.

Please contact Mallory Moore at <u>mmoore@bigskyranch.org</u> or (504) 638-3230 to arrange delivery of your collection bin and some posters and flyers for you to display and share. Big Sky CARES is happy to recognize your company in our printed promotional materials for this effort and on our social media channels, which reach about 12,000 followers. We will also recognize your business in our newsletter that reaches almost 10,000 donors, adopters, friends, and volunteers.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to working with you to help animals and families in our shared community.

Sincerely,

Catherine Wilbert Founder & CEO



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