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PARTNERSHIP CREATES NEW PRESERVE TO BENEFIT PEOPLE AND ANIMALS

Summit Land Conservancy and Nuzzles & Co. (formerly Friends of Animals Utah)

Conservation Easement named Nana B's Preserve

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Summit Land Conservancy and Nuzzles & Co., (formerly Friends of Animals Utah) announce the permanent protection of 62 acres of hillside view-shed, open space, wildlife habitat, and an off-leash dog-walking trail in the Brown's Canyon portion of Summit County. This collaboration combines two of our community's favorite causes: animal sanctuary and open space.



This conservation project started last summer, thanks to a local resident who saw an opportunity to connect the goals of two nonprofit organizations she supports. The donors' grandchildren aptly named the new preserve "Nana B's".

Nana B's Preserve, the vision of a supporter of two local nonprofits, permanently protects the Nuzzles & Co. Rescue Ranch through an easement with Summit Land Conservancy.

"Nana B's Preserve is a great example of what can be accomplished by working together. We are grateful that this passionate donor connected Summit Land Conservancy's expertise in land protection with the vision of Nuzzle & Co.'s Rescue Ranch in Browns Canyon," explains Cheryl Fox, Summit Land Conservancy's Executive Director.

Kathleen Toth, President of the Board of Directors of Nuzzle's & Co., agrees. "The donor realized that she could ensure that the Nuzzles & Co. land was protected forever through a conservation easement with Summit Land Conservancy. Now our animals have a quiet buffer from nearby quarries and future development where they can be healthy, happy and peaceful while they are with us. Our Rescue Ranch is enhanced forever."

The donor describes the opportunity as “bashert,” which is a Yiddish term meaning “It was meant to be,” adding that she couldn't be more pleased in supporting two great organizations. “Summit Land Conservancy is all about saving land and Nuzzles & Co.’s focus is to save animals. Now the two organizations will be able to work together to protect the land and animals from encroaching development, insuring a better healing environment for the animals. At the same time, the natural land and habitat for wild animals and the wide open view will be protected for future generations,” said the donor.

Both groups agreed that keeping this land undeveloped – protecting the view-shed from SR-32 and Brown’s Canyon, securing the wildlife corridor through the property, and preserving the trail that winds among sagebrush and an old aspen stand out to a covered memorial bench on an overlook – provided an important community benefit. While the easement eliminates the potential for a subdivision and maintains the open space qualities of the land forever, Nuzzles & Co. is reserving the right to build a suitable structure to support its mission of animal rescue on the property.

All partners agree that this project shows the multiple community benefits that can happen when two nonprofits work together. The result is a community legacy of open space for people and animals.

Thanks Nana B!

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About Summit Land Conservancy

The Summit Land Conservancy saves land. Since 2002, its work has benefited Summit County residents and visitors by enhancing lives, sustaining communities and safeguarding legacies. People see the results of the Conservancy’s work when they walk their dogs in Round Valley, hike or bike the Mid-Mountain Trail, stroll past the McPolin Farmlands, ski the Empire Canyon and Lady Morgan areas at Deer Valley Resort, fly fish the Weber River, or drive past the generations-old farm and ranch lands in Eastern Summit County.

The first land trust in Utah to be accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, the Summit Land Conservancy protects 27 properties covering over 2,900 acres of open space and is currently working to preserve an additional 2,200 acres of land. The Conservancy holds the conservation easements for the following Park City Municipal-owned open spaces: McPolin Farmlands, Round Valley, Risner Ridge, Quarry Mountain, Gambel Oak, Richard’s Ranch, Virginia Mining Claims, UP&L and Rail Trail. It also holds the easement on the Summit County-owned Miss Billie’s property. Summit County and Park City Municipal jointly own Quarry Mountain. Other protected parcels are owned by private landowners.

Launched in 2009, the Conservancy’s Weber River Watershed Initiative aims to work with willing landowners to preserve land along the Weber and its tributaries from development. This work ensures

that current and future generations will have clean water—the Weber Basin supplies drinking and irrigation water to 21 percent of Utah’s population, approximately 600,000 people. The open spaces and sustainably managed farm and ranch lands protected by the Conservancy also filter water, absorb and store seasonal runoff, help to mitigate flooding from major weather events, store CO2 and provide critical habitat for a multitude of wildlife species.

For more information, visit us at our website (wesaveland.org) or on Facebook (facebook.com/WeSaveLand) and Instagram (instagram.com/wesaveland) or follow us on Twitter @Summit_Land (twitter.com/summit_land).

About Nuzzles & Co.

Nuzzles & Co. (formerly Friends of Animals Utah “FOAU”) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been rescuing cats and dogs for the last 25 years. Since 1990, Nuzzles & Co. has found homes for over 13,000 pets. Our vision is for every cat and dog to have a safe, loving, life-long home with someone special to nuzzle.

We partner with community organization to save cats and dogs. We provide exceptional care to our animals while preparing them for adoption. Then, we match them with their forever families who will love and care for them.

Each week, Nuzzles & Co. staff visits animal shelters throughout Utah and rescues dogs and cats, many from these shelters’ euthanasia lists, and bring them back to the Rescue Ranch located in Browns Canyon.

While they are with us, our animals receive top notch medical care, socialization and training and lots of TLC. All of our animals are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and loved. Our spacious Rescue Ranch provides our animals with plenty of room to stretch their legs, rest and recuperate. When they are ready, we transport our adoptable cats and dogs to the Nuzzles & Co. Adoption Center located in the Tanger Outlets Mall at Kimball Junction. Because we know each animal so well, our knowledgeable staff is able to find the ideal home for every cat and dog.

Nuzzles & Co. was founded in 1990 by a group of generous volunteers determined to find homes for animals in need and recently changed its name to Nuzzles & Co. Over the decades, our objective has remained the same: to place animals into permanent, caring homes and advance the humane treatment of animals through education.

For more information, visit us at our website (nuzzlesandco.com) or on Facebook and Instagram or follow us on Twitter @nuzzlesco.

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