

According to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley (HSBV), "In 1931 HSBV received a generous bequest from Mrs. Kate Harbeck, who resided for many years in Boulder. With this legacy, land was purchased on Arapahoe Road, a shelter, boarding facility and pet cemetery were established and remained until 1973." This primary source accounts for Mrs. Harbeck's love for the welfare and lives of animals, especially dogs. Photographs below include the original building for HSBV, and one of their first vets with furry clients!



Kate Harbeck initially buried her three beloved dogs – Jim, Beauty, and Rover – under a tree in the front yard of their summer home at 1206 Euclid Ave. Following her death in 1930, and accounted for in her will disposed of in 1931, Mrs. Harbeck requested the graves of her dogs not be moved or disturbed until their final resting place settled. And that it did, the dogs' grave sites and head stones were later moved to the newly built Humane Society of Boulder Valley, located off 55th and Arapahoe Avenue. Photographs below include the relocated grave sites of her three dogs and a view of the pet cemetery.



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