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## YOUR GUIDE TO



# THE SAFARI REPORT

# Erie Real Estate

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#### Pairing Chocolate & Cheese

Pairing chocolate and cheese creates a surprisingly delicious twist for your Valentine's Day festivities.

#### Finding True Love – Pet Adoption and Rescue Along the Front Range

Meet your new four-legged BFF at one of these Front Range locations.

#### What's New with Real Estate?

Year-end stats are in for the 2018 Front Range housing market, and they tell the story of why buyers and sellers were a bit puzzled — particularly why some sellers may have been caught off guard in listing their homes for sale last summer and fall. In a recent Denver Post article entitled 'Denver Sees a Striking Swing,' the reporter noted that the 2018 housing market, "will go down as a year of fire and ice..." The number of homes sold in the metro area dipped 5.5% compared to 2017, which was the lowest volume since 2014.

The first half of the year was a continuation of homes receiving multiple offers, often over-asking price. But that flipped hard and fast in May and June, and suddenly it became more of a buyer's market. All of us felt it — fewer showings, no or low offers, price reductions, and homes being pulled off the market by sellers upset that the new reality did not match the old reality.

Then another change over the past couple of months as the market rebounded (or perhaps adjusted). If you were a buyer or seller this past year, you might have reason to celebrate, or to commiserate as a result of this fluctuation. Real estate moves in cycles, similar to the stock market, (though not often as dramatic!) A good real estate agent will help their clients understand and navigate these cycles well.

Where is real estate headed for 2019? Most experts believe that while real estate has cooled, there will continue to be solid demand in our area for appropriately-priced homes. Interest rates seem to be relatively stable, and while we will continue to see appreciation in home values, it will likely be far more modest than what we've experienced over the past few years.



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# Pairing CHOCOLATE & CHEESE

Be adventurous and create your own combinations of chocolate and cheese. Try pairings with similar flavors — nutty cheeses with nutty chocolates or toffees, blue cheese with a robust dark chocolate. Or, combine opposites — spicy cheeses with milk chocolates, sharp cheddars with sweeter chocolate.

## SNIFFING & TASTING

Cabotcheese.coop suggests smelling both the cheese and the chocolate before tasting. Start with a small bite of cheese followed by a small bite of chocolate. Let the flavors meld in your mouth. Repeat as desired.

## SHOP LOCAL

**Lucky's Market** (Boulder, Longmont, Wheat Ridge) offers a wide selection of locally-produced fine chocolates, along with international and locally-made cheeses, for one-stop shopping. [luckymarket.com](http://luckymarket.com)

**Cheese Importers** (103 Main Street, Longmont) offers over 350 cheeses as well as cured meats, specialty oils and spices, and chocolates. [cheeseimporters.com](http://cheeseimporters.com)

**Add a unique twist to your Valentine's Day menu! Pairing chocolate and cheese can enhance both flavors for a memorable end to your meal.**

Step it up a notch, and choose quality artisan chocolates and exquisite cheeses. With each bite, you'll savor richer, deeper flavors not found in processed, mass-produced products. Try some of our favorite combinations:

- **Cheddar Habanero with Milk Chocolate** The creamy smoothness of the chocolate tames the heat of the spice.
- **Brie and Fruity Chocolate** Brie already lends itself perfectly for pairing with fruit. When eaten with chocolate, the buttery brie tastes like it was meant for sweet, fruity chocolate, especially raspberry.
- **Irish Cheddar and Chocolate with Almonds** Irish cheddar such as Kerrygold Dubliner® brings a distinctive slightly sweet, nutty flavor that blends nicely with milk or dark chocolate with almonds.
- **Aged Gouda and Butter Toffee** Gouda is a nutty, buttery cheese with a sharp, sweet flavor. Add the creaminess of butter toffee for a delightful combination.
- **Blue Cheese with Dark Chocolate Truffles** Dark chocolate truffles filled with creamy dark chocolate centers balance out the bold, sharp, tangy flavors of blue cheese.

## WANT MORE INFORMATION?

[cabotcheese.coop/blog/cheese-chocolate-pairings](http://cabotcheese.coop/blog/cheese-chocolate-pairings)  
[cheesegrotto.com/blogs/journal/my-guide-to-pairing-cheese-and-chocolate-youre-welcome](http://cheesegrotto.com/blogs/journal/my-guide-to-pairing-cheese-and-chocolate-youre-welcome)



# FINDING TRUE LOVE

Pet Adoption and Rescue Along the Front Range

In the market for your new BFF? Check out these amazing animal rescues and shelters.

## Longmont Humane Society

9595 Nelson Road, Longmont  
 303 772-1232  
[longmonthumane.org](http://longmonthumane.org)

Many animals of all shapes and sizes are available at this humane society and through its Foster Friends program, temporary homes provided by volunteers. If you don't find your soulpet at LHS, schedule a visit with one of the Foster Friends to meet more adoptable pets.

## Foothills Animal Shelter

580 McIntyre Street, Golden  
 303.278.7575  
[foothillsanimalshelter.org](http://foothillsanimalshelter.org)

As an open-admissions facility, this shelter accepts all domesticated animals. In addition to pet rescue and adoption, it offers affordable spay, neuter, vaccination, and microchipping. You'll find a variety of critters, and one of them might be waiting for you!

## Humane Society of Boulder Valley

2323 55th Street, Boulder  
 303.442.4030  
[boulderhumane.org](http://boulderhumane.org)

Whether an animal is voluntarily surrendered, victim of a puppy mill, found as a stray or transferred from an overcrowded shelter, the Humane Society of Boulder Valley supports them all. The animals at the Humane Society receive medical care as well as initial training and socialization that will help them in the transition to their new forever family.

## MaxFund Animal Adoption Center

MaxFund Cat Shelter  
 720 W. 10th Avenue, Denver  
 720-266-6081

MaxFund Dog Shelter  
 1005 Galapago Street, Denver  
 303-595-4917

[maxfund.org](http://maxfund.org)

Denver's only no-kill shelter, MaxFund is a non-profit shelter that takes in injured animals with no known owner. The staff and volunteers work to rehabilitate these animals in the hopes of finding them the loving homes that they deserve.

