

## Foreword

As a long-time dog owner and, before becoming Denver's Mayor, a brewery owner, I am well aware of the special bond that exists between a dog and his owner. Everyone in the brewing business knows that the long, sometimes lonely work hours can be shortened by the company of a dog or the expectation of that enthusiastic "welcome home."

I am happy to introduce *The BrewDogs of Colorado*, a photographic tribute to the exceptional place dogs have in the Colorado craft brewing industry – that is, as an established part of the social landscape in communities throughout Colorado. The publishers, a Colorado family, hope that after reading their book you will know more about brewing, great beer, dogs and our beautiful State. Most of all, they hope you smile, laugh and feel good.

Obviously, I am pleased that my friends and former colleagues from the Wynkoop Brewing Company and their dogs are well represented in the book. When my partners and I started Colorado's first brewpub in 1988, we sure never expected to see the 100 breweries and pubs that we have now – not to mention all the dogs!

The authors tell me that more than half of the dogs pictured in *The BrewDogs of Colorado* are rescue dogs, and that several breweries support animal rescue organizations in their communities. That doesn't surprise me because, from my experience, I know that Colorado's brewers always seem to "step up" to do good in their respective communities.

As you settle in with a glass of your favorite brew, I hope you enjoy The BrewDogs of Colorado.

Cheers

John Hickenlooper Denver Mayor