

Pet News

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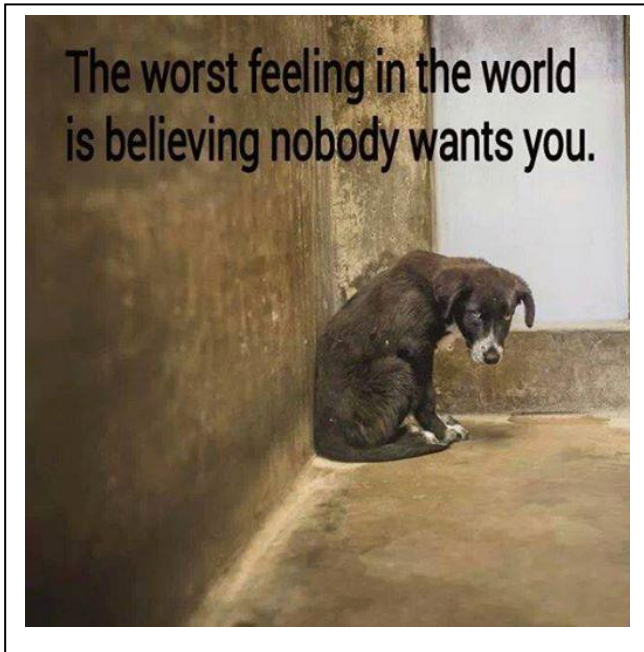
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ADOPT, DON'T SHOP

... Reasons to adopt a Shelter Pet ...

By Francis Battista, Best Friends co-founder



➤ **Buying a pet can easily cost \$500 to \$1,000 or more.** Adoption costs range from \$50 to \$400, depending on whether the pet comes from the city shelter or a rescue group that has spent money on boarding, vets and grooming.

➤ **You're getting more for your money if you get a mixed breed.** A mixed-breed animal is likely to live longer and cost less in vet bills than a pure breed. Many purebred dogs are prone to developing health problems ranging from breathing difficulties to hip dysplasia to an enlarged heart.

- **When you adopt a pet, you are saving a life.** When you buy a pet, you not only deny a homeless pet a home, you are supporting an industry that thrives on short-changing the welfare of animals. Puppy and kitten mills (which sell to pet stores) are in business to make a profit, so they churn out puppies and kittens as fast as they can. These animals are often in ill-health and have problems like poor socialization skills due to lack of human companionship and genetic defects due to inbreeding.
- **A pet purchased from a pet store is a complete unknown.** And, once you walk out of the store, you are on your own. Most pet stores don't provide any support if you have questions or problems with your new pet. When you adopt, especially from a rescue group, you know what you are getting because the group has a history on the animal.
- **If you adopt, you get your choice of any age.** Though puppies and kittens are cute and cuddly, they can also be a handful. An adult or older pet may be a better fit for you. For example, adopting an adult dog who's already house-trained and knows basic cues is often much easier than adopting a puppy, who must be taught these things.
- **You get just as much love (if not more).** An adopted pet is every bit as loving, intelligent and loyal as a purchased pet, even if you get an adult or older animal.

CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART

**How long does it take
for a car to get HOT?**

VEHICLE TEMPERATURE

Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F)	
	10mins	30mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

**WITHIN MINUTES
INTERIOR
CAR TEMPS
CAN BE DEADLY!**



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**I NAMED MY DOG
"5 MILES"
SO I CAN TELL
PEOPLE I WALK
5 MILES EVERY DAY**

We love it when our rescue animals go to their forever homes let us introduce you to our latest adoptions

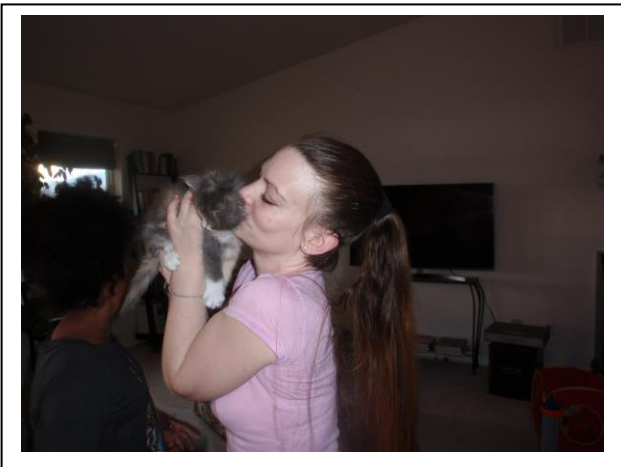


← Meet “Trooper” and “Wally. I don’t know which is which in this photo, but I know it makes me laugh every time I see it. What a cute, adorable pair of fluffballs! Apparently, Cindy & Russ of Crawford, Colo. also thought they were too cute to pass up and they adopted them on April 20, 2019 from Joan, one of our foster moms in Delta. We certainly would like to get updates on how these two kitties are adapting to their new home – thanks for adopting both of them!

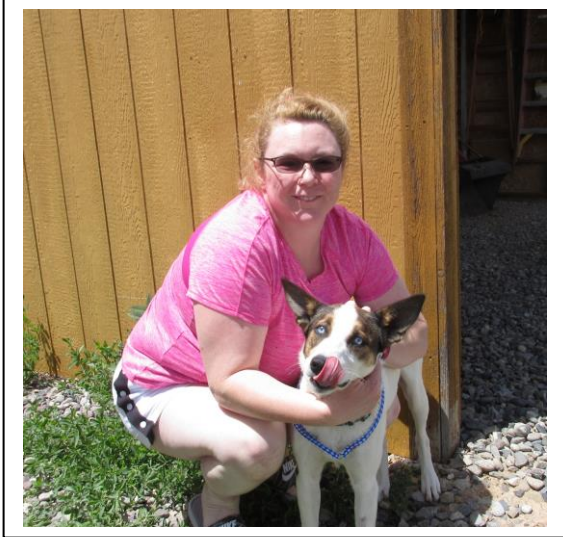
“Abby” (on left) hit the jackpot when Bob and Nancy came to meet her on May 5, 2019 at Carol’s foster facility in Crawford. Buster (on right) needed to approve of Abby first, and we were glad to see that they would be best buds. Abby was then adopted by Bob & Nancy who also have another Lab mix and a Great Pyrenees – and they live on 40 acres near Colona, Colo. What could be more perfect for a dog who loves to run and needs the company of a family and other 4-footed friends? Abby is going to have a happy life! →



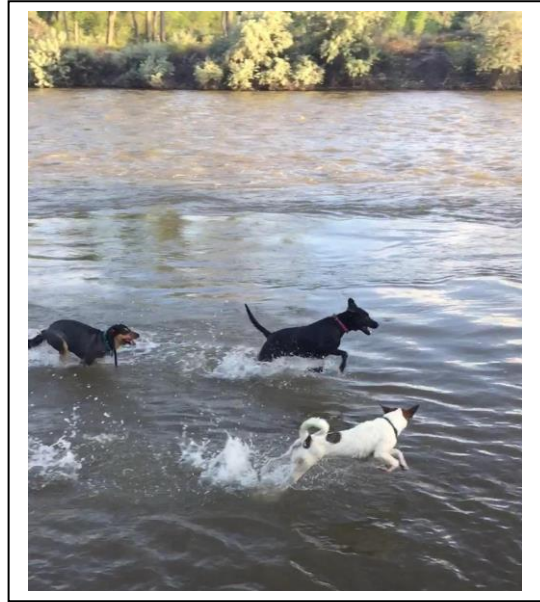
← Brianca and her two daughters, all of Grand Junction, Colo., came to Joan’s foster home in Delta and decided that “Jelly Bean” was the perfect kitty to go home with them on May 24. This grey-n-white cutie can count on lots of lovin’ from this family. Ah, yes, life is good!



... and more adoptions. ... we love 'em ...



← Crystal and her husband, of Grand Junction, Colo., are definitely dog lovers. They adopted Xena from our foster mom, Carol, last year and when they saw “Daisy” up for adoption in May, they made a beeline to adopt her. Daisy now has two 4-legged buddies to run with – Xena, 4 yrs. old, and Lucy, a 10.5-year-old Lab mix. Just look at the photo below to see what fun Daisy is having in her new home. ↓



← “Tallulah” found a great home with Sheila, her husband, and 6 other cats in Montrose, Colo. Their youngest cat, Nacho, needed a playmate and Tallulah was the perfect fit for that job. Her new home also has two catios and lots of toys – what fun! Tallulah is a lucky girl.



← Lily drove to Joan’s foster home in Delta from Grand Junction, Colo. to find a kitten to keep her company. Little “Lightning” crawled in Lily’s lap when she arrived and would not leave – just wanted Lily to know that he was the one she should choose and he was ready to go with her. Lily attends college online at home, so the two of them will be able to keep each other company. Great adoption!

Lyme Disease in Dogs — contributed by

If you live in a densely forested area, you probably already know that you need to do regular checks of your dog's coat and skin to ensure that they're tick-free. Ticks carry all sorts of ailments that can have long-lasting impacts for your pet, including Lyme disease, which is one of the most common tick diseases affecting dogs. Here's what you need to know about the illness.

Signs of Lyme disease in dogs

Lyme disease is known as “The Great Imitator” for a good reason. Just as in humans, the illness can mimic other issues dogs might have. If you're concerned about your pet, first look for common, general signs of the illness:

- a change in appetite
- sleepiness
- vomiting

Then, pay attention for some other symptoms of Lyme disease. Your dog may:

- limp on both legs at separate times
- display swollen and hot joints
- exhibit excessive thirst
- have hard lumps behind their jaw, on the back of their thighs, or in the groin area (a sign of swollen lymph nodes reacting to Lyme bacteria)
- have shallow, rapid breath

Most dogs never actually display any symptoms of illness and behave perfectly normal even when infected. In fact, when dogs do test positive, it is usually incidentally when they are screened each year for heartworm disease (the heartworm disease test also tests for tick diseases) at their annual trip to the veterinarian. If you see or remove ticks from your dog, keep some of the above symptoms in mind and schedule an appointment with your dog's vet.

Treating Lyme disease in dogs

Dogs test positive for Lyme disease in two ways. The first one, as explained above, occurs when a dog is annually screened for heartworm disease and also tests positive for Lyme disease. In these situations, the veterinarian may decide to prescribe a round of antibiotics to be on the safe side. For dogs that are sick, showing clinical signs, and test positive as a result of a vet's suspicion, antibiotics will be used in addition to other forms of supportive therapy. Anti-inflammatory medication may be prescribed, for example, depending upon the symptoms. Your dog's vet may schedule follow-up appointments.

Using a tick preventive that kills ticks, which may transmit Lyme disease, is key. There are also some tick prevention products that kill and repel ticks, which is important because if a tick is repelled, it cannot bite and transmit diseases, like Lyme disease. Effective tick control products can be found at the vet or over the counter at pet stores and online retailers.

Say hello to our newest foster parents



Kelley, Lucy, Jelly Bean, and Antony

It takes a certain type of individual to be involved with animal rescue and become a foster parent – first, you need to love animals, plus give time and commitment to that rescue animal until it is adopted. We would like to welcome two people who meet those qualifications – Antony and Kelley.

They moved to the Paonia area last year and quickly adopted Lucy and Jelly Bean. They have taken dogs into their home for DCHS, and found them forever homes – Antony and Kelley do a wonderful job making each dog feel loved by taking them on walks, to dog parks and lakes plus try to do some training with each dog. They are a real asset to our group.

Thank you both for deciding to become official foster parents for DCHS !!

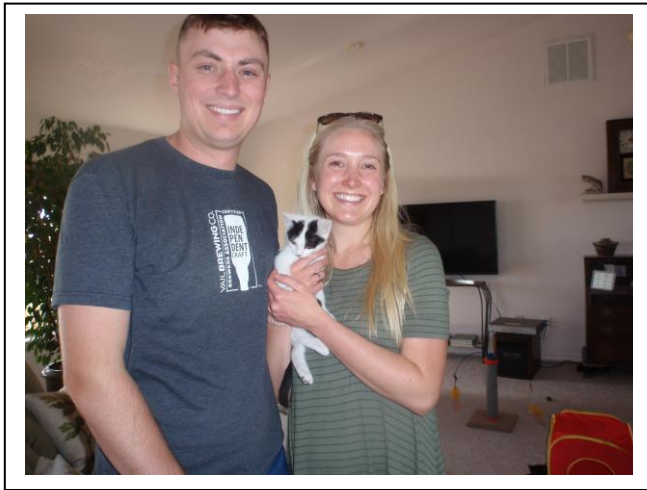


The problem with cats is that they get the same exact look whether they see a moth or an ax-murderer. . . . *Paula Poundstone*



. . . ever wonder what happens to former foster care moms? Well, after 13 years of fostering dogs & cats for DCHS, I ended up on the central Oregon coast & volunteering at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, OR. It's definitely a different kind of animal care – here I am playing with the resident octopus. I'm still glad I am connected with DCHS friends by writing this newsletter – Judy.

... and here we are, back to more adoptions !! How fabulous is that?



← Max and Kaitlin, of Crested Butte, Colo., fell in love with “Archie” and took him home on June 9. Archie is going to be the only 4-legged “kid” in the family, so we can guess that he will get lots of love and attention (and maybe even spoiled a little) in his new home. Thank you for making the long drive to include “Archie” in your family!

Meadow found “Logan” on Petfinder and decided he was the one she wanted to adopt. Since her Dad works in Delta, he was able to stop at our foster mom’s (Chris) home and take a video of Logan for Meadow to see while she was in Denver with her mother. Meadow had her heart set on adopting Logan, so while in Denver they picked up a new cat carrier, a blanket & lots of toys. Meadow and her family also live in Crested Butte, Colo., along with a 2-1/2 year old Husky and an 8-yr-old Lab, so Logan will have lots of friends to play with – thank you, Meadow, for choosing Logan to be in your life! →



← Candace, of Grand Junction, Colo., came to adopt “Chance” on June 15 from our newest foster parents, Kelley and Antony. They have received several texts from Candace telling them that Chance is the perfect fit in their family – we always love to hear that the adoptor and adoptee are a perfect match. Thank you, Candace, for taking a chance on Chance (pun intended) !!

Note: Chance was just recovering from his neuter operation, thus the cone on his head.

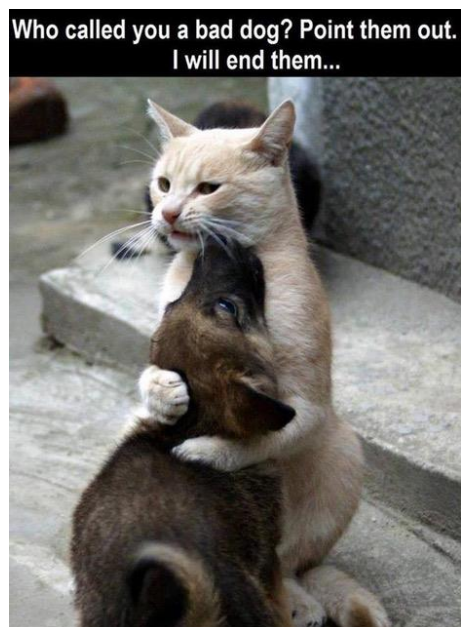
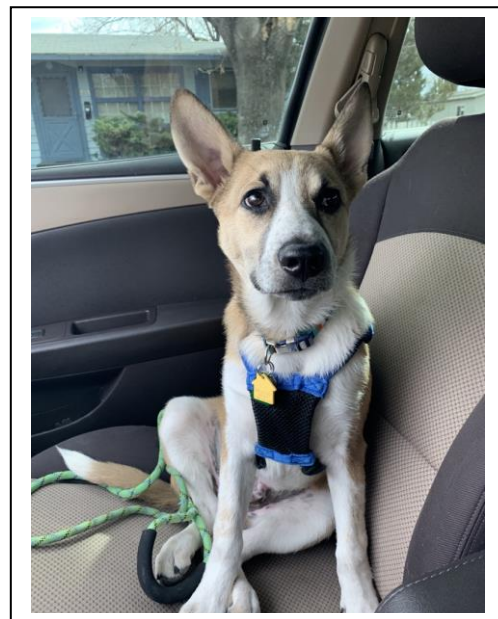
We love hearing from past adopters and getting photos of their 4-legged friends, of course



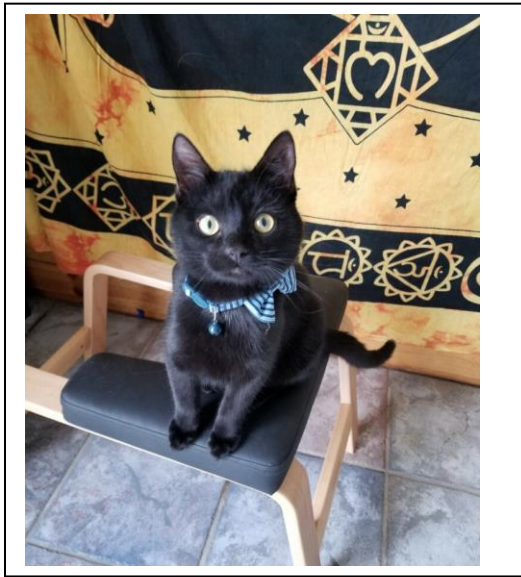
"Cisco" and "Lizzie" were adopted back in Dec. 2012 by Ellen in New Mexico, who tells us that even after 6.5 years Cisco still cannot catch his tail when chasing it – too funny! They both are so beautiful, Ellen - you've done a wonderful job of loving and caring for your "kids."



"Beau" was adopted when he was a puppy in February 2019 by his mom, Morgan, and they are having a great life together at their home in Grand Junction, Colo. Morgan tells us that he has the best personality, and is "goofy" most of the time. Beau is a handsome boy and has almost grown into those ears. Thanks for the photo update, Morgan – it's so nice to see what a wonderful home Beau has now. →

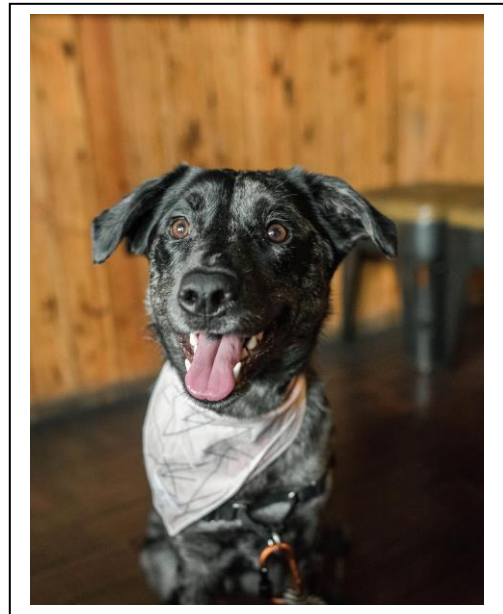


... and here's more to come, in the past adopter category



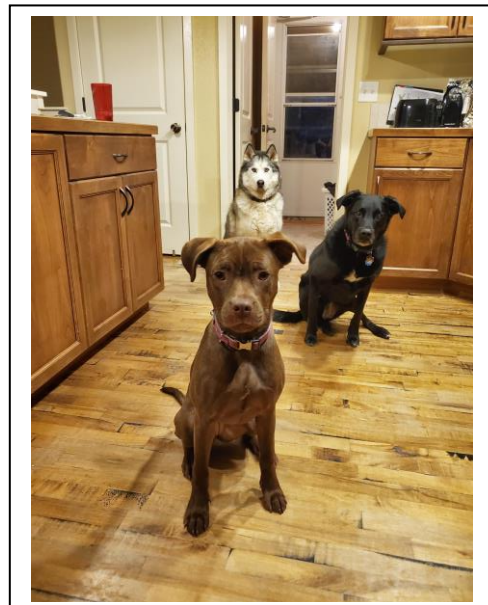
← By looking at him now, you would never know that “Hannibal” had a rough start in life with urinary issues – couldn’t even pee at times. Doc Vincent performed surgery on him, and Reece & Sabrina of Hotchkiss, Colo. could not pass up the opportunity to adopt this cutie from Chris, our foster mom in Paonia. As you can see, Hannibal has recovered completely to become a gorgeous kitty and a loved family member. Love the bowtie collar, Hannibal!

“Cleo” was adopted in Dec. 2017 and she has now moved with her family closer to downtown Milwaukee, Wis. We are told that she loves her walks in the downtown area, especially when people stop to visit and give her pets – Cleo, of course, reciprocates with sloppy kisses. She has adjusted to being a city pup very well, and is still spoiled and loved by her family. Great photo, Cleo! →



“Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.” - Roger Caras

This is “Penny” and her gang, living in the good life in Johnstown, Colo. Antonia and her family adopted Penny as a pup in November 2018 – just look how gorgeous she is! Antonia tells us that Penny is super smart and a clown – quite the personality! Thanks for the update, Antonia – we look forward to future photos of Penny. →





The Delta County Humane Society is a non-profit organization. This means all of your donations of money and materials are tax deductible. The organization is not funded by your government tax dollars. This is why YOUR membership and donations are so very vital to us. As many of you are aware, we have only a small force of volunteers who care for the abandoned and unwanted animals in their homes until they can be provided with a permanent and suitable home. If you are concerned with the well-being of our animals and would like to help financially with a membership or donation, please fill out this form and return it with your check. If you have material items with a value, please call our office (970-874-2149) and leave a message. (We are always in need of blankets, towels, dog houses and runs, pet food, carriers, collars, leashes, food bowls, large food storage containers, wire fencing, etc.)

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