

# Pet News

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Web Sites: [www.deltacountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.deltacountyhumanesociety.org) or [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com)

## April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month

### Reporting animal cruelty

We need your help to keep the animals in our community safe. Contact the Delta County Sheriff's Department at (970) 874-2015 if you determine that an animal in our area is being neglected or abused. The following paragraphs outline animal cruelty under Delta County Resolution No. 2005-R-019, Section IV:

1. No owner/caretaker of a pet animal shall fail to provide that pet animal with sufficient good and wholesome food and water, proper shelter and protection from the weather, veterinary care, when necessary, and such other care as is customary and necessary for the pet animal's health and well-being, considering the species, breed and type of animal.

2. No person shall beat, cruelly ill-treat, torment, overload, overwork, otherwise abuse or needlessly kill a pet animal or cause, instigate or permit any dogfight, cockfight, bullfight or other combat between pet animals or between pet animals and humans, nor shall any person transport or confine a pet animal in or upon any vehicle in a cruel or reckless manner.

3. No owner/caretaker of a pet animal shall abandon such pet animal or the offspring of such pet animal.

Once a report has been made to the Sheriff's Office, you can ask the investigating officer to call you with his determination of the alleged abuse or neglect.

### Common signs of animal cruelty and neglect:

- Lack of grooming, for example overgrown nails or matted fur
- Basic needs not met, such as lack of food, water, shelter and vet care
- Bruises and scarring on skin or visible signs of poor health
- Being kept in unsanitary conditions or extreme temperatures
- Malnourished or dehydrated appearance where bones are visible through fur

### To file a complaint:

The proper evidence and witnesses are required to successfully build a case for seizure and/or prosecution. Every effort is made to maintain confidentiality. Have the following available to provide to the investigator when you call the Sheriff's Office:

- Name, exact address and contact information of the owner, if known.
- Date(s) the complaint occurred
- Brief but specific account of the facts and circumstances involved
- Your name and daytime phone number—it may be needed to follow up with you to get more specific details.

## It's a New Long Distance Adoption Record !!

Leo, the orange and white cat, described as a Turkish Van, had no idea of the trip he was going to take on the first day of the New Year. He had been living at the home of our kitten foster parent, Joan, in Delta in hopes that someone would like his photo enough to give him a new home. Little did he realize that his new home would be in Taylors, South Carolina !

Michaelena of Taylors saw Leo's photo and immediately fell in love with him. Her husband, Walter, liked the looks of Leo too and it didn't take much convincing by his wife to travel across the country to Colorado to adopt Leo. They made the required deposit online to hold Leo for them and the adoption process was started.

DCHS has had long distance adoptions before (Michigan, Washington, New Mexico, etc.) but never one as far away as the East Coast. Walter made arrangements to fly into Grand Junction on January 1 and Joan and Carol, both DCHS foster parents, rode with Leo to the Grand Junction airport to meet him. Walter was an experienced traveler and had all the necessary paperwork ready and came prepared with a travel crate for Leo. As you can tell from the photos, Walter was a very happy adopter and Leo took it all in stride.

Thank you, Walter and Michaelena, for coming such a long way for a special cat. Leo will now have a warm, loving home and two sister siblings to play with in Taylors, S.C. Congratulations also to our foster parent, Joan – as she is now proudly holds the title for the longest distance traveled by a person to adopt a DCHS animal !

Walter and Leo, at the Grand Junction Airport, ready to travel back home (see follow-up article on next page) →



### 2015 DCHS Statistics

Here is what our 12 volunteers, including 8 foster homes, did as far as rescue animal adoptions in the Delta County community last year:

Dogs:	80 taken in	78 adopted out
Cats:	56 taken in	48 adopted out
Wild birds:	15 taken in	11 released

## Leo is now “Oliver” and had his own party . . .

Life is good for Leo (now known as “Oliver”). Shortly after leaving Colorado, and arriving home in Taylors, S.C., Oliver’s new parents decided that he should have a welcome home party and be introduced to friends and family. We all should have lives like Oliver’s – he is going to be one spoiled kitty. Here’s a copy of the party invitation –

*Come meet our new little boy, Oliver William Scott –  
Oliver to his friends!  
(Little Stinker to Katie and Joie!)*



An absolutely adorable Turkish Van mix,  
he has added much excitement and purring  
to our family...

and now he wants to meet you!

*Join us for a light supper and sip -  
Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00pm*

**VOLUNTEERS  
WANTED !!**

Do you love animals? Do you want to  
contribute to your community?

DCCHS needs loving, reliable volunteers –  
i.e. foster homes, phone work, cleanup –  
give us a call at 970-874-2149. Leave a  
message. THANK YOU!



## *More adoptions in January . . . .*

“Sir Elliott,” a Great Dane mix, will have a new home in Montrose, Colo. with David, his wife, and their son, Cameron. David has had Great Danes in his life before so is familiar with the breed. When Elliott got to meet David and Cameron, he knew immediately that this was his forever home. →

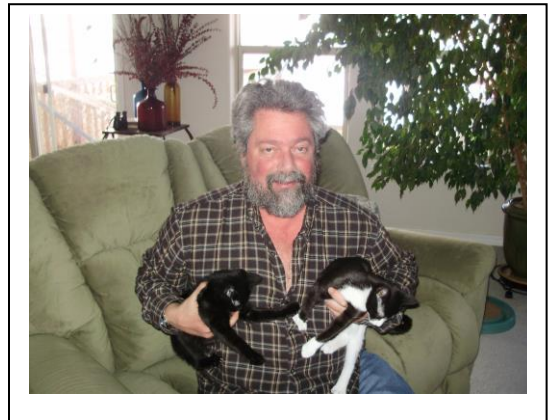
**Note:** Check out this web site to find out how Great Danes become service dogs too:  
[servicedogproject.org](http://servicedogproject.org)



“Cecil” has been adopted by this wonderful 12-year-old, Matthew, in Hotchkiss. He wanted a kitten for his birthday and his Mom told him if he did all the leg work and picked the kitten, he could have it. He did and we’re very impressed with this young man! Matthew came with his family, five kids and Mom and Dad, to adopt Cecil. He and Cecil bonded immediately and Cecil is definitely Matthew's kitten! What a great home for a kitten who loves people and other cats!! →



“Loki” and “Momo” are two lucky kittens. They are siblings and Greg wanted two kittens and fell in love with both of them. Since they will be the only pets he has, they will have the run of his home in Cedaredge. Thanks to Joan and to Chris for being co-foster parents, and thank you, Greg, for having a big enough heart to love and adopt two cats. →



“Moo” stole the hearts of Joan and Robert immediately and they decided he would be a perfect fit at their home in Cedaredge. They hinted that they might change his name to “Moose” instead – either way he’s going to be one happy kitty. →





## *In Memory of Rose - perhaps you know someone who could use this program (taken from the Costco Connection)*

One night in June 2008, Felecia Bernstein noticed an injured cat in the middle of the road. “I saw that all the cars were going around it as it was struggling to get out of the road,” recalls the New Jersey Costco member. Bernstein took the cat to the nearest vet, who asked the feline’s name. “I didn’t know her name,” she says. “But the girl was wearing pink scrubs, like a rose color. So I said, “Call her Rose.”

She was told Rose had a broken leg and they wanted to observe her overnight. The cost would be \$500. Bernstein hesitated. “I thought, ‘If somebody else was holding my cat at that moment, would I want them to hesitate?’” Bernstein paid the bill. Rose died that evening, but Bernstein wasn’t sorry she paid: “I thought, ‘At least she died in a hospital, not being hit 100 times over on the street.’”

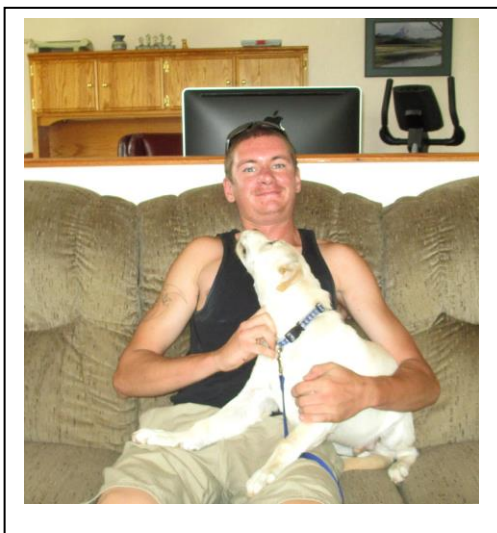
She didn’t want anyone else to experience that moment of hesitation in helping a sick or injured animal. In September, 2008, Bernstein filed the paperwork to get a 501(c)3 status and created Rose’s Fund ([rosesfund.org](http://rosesfund.org)). All donations to the fund go to people who need help for their pets or animals they find. “No money (for salaries or supplies) comes out of the fund,” she says. “I don’t take out money for stamps. Everything is donated by myself or others.” Those who have been helped often donate in kind through small monthly increments or by making and donating products – such as dog bandanas – that can be sold by Rose’s Fund at community events.

“In seven years we’ve helped over 500 families all across the United States,” Bernstein reports. “There are no salaries. Everything we sell is either donated or made by a volunteer. And most of those are people we’ve helped.” Bernstein hopes word of Rose’s Fund will spread, saying, “I hate when I hear someone ends up euthanizing their pet and they say, “Oh, I wish I had known about you.”

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Who doesn't love a new pup? - Well, maybe the old dog . . . just a little



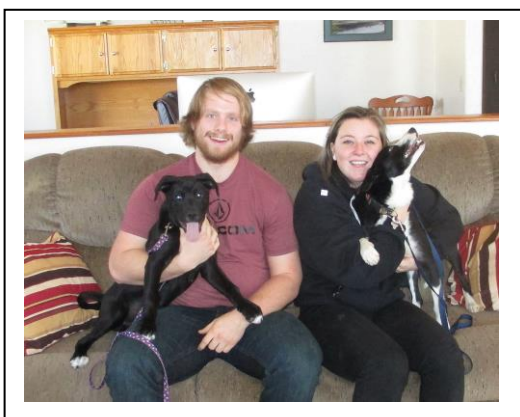
← *We love these continuing happy stories . . .*

Sharon, one of our volunteers who answers our phone inquiries, received a call from Brian Dunlap in mid-January about his dog, “Charlie.” For a change, it wasn’t a problem call – it was Brian just calling to thank us for such a wonderful dog.

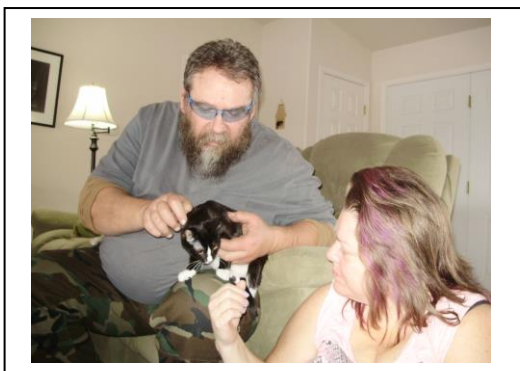
DCHS took the lab pup into foster care after he was found with a broken leg. The photo on the left was taken a few years ago when Brian came to adopt Charlie.

We love this kind of phone call – and thank you, Brian, for giving all your love and care to Charlie!

*January was a busy month for adoptions. . . here are more*



“Charlie” was adopted by a nice young couple, Brenton (left) and Taylor from Grand Junction. They needed a companion for Taylor’s Border Collie, Harley, and Charlie just fit the bill. Charlie is probably going to get a new name since Charlie and Harley sound so much alike but we’re pretty sure that he will adjust since he now has a loving home and a new friend to play with.



Little “Squeak” will have a great home with Will and Jennifer in Delta, CO who happen to love cats. They already have two kitties, and the idea is that Squeak will be a playmate for their orange Tabby that is about the same age and size. The 18-year-old cat really doesn’t want to play with the upstart new guy so hopefully the other kitten and Squeak will play well together.

*“If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.” - Will Rogers*

## **Dedicated to Rescuers (in honor of Patchie)**

*By Arlene Pace*

Once I was a lonely dog, Just looking for a home.  
I had no place to go, No one to call my own.  
I wandered up and down the streets, in rain, in heat and snow.  
Ate whatever I could find, I was always on the go.  
My skin would itch, my feet were sore, My body ached with pain.  
And no one stopped to give a pat, Or to gently say my name.  
I never saw a loving glance, I was always on the run.  
For people thought that hurting me was really lots of fun.

And then one day I heard a voice, So gentle, kind and sweet,  
And arms so soft reached down to me, And took me off my feet.  
"No one again will hurt you, Was whispered in my ear."  
"You'll have a home to call your own, where you will know no fear."  
"You will be dry, you will be warm, you'll have enough to eat."  
"And rest assured that when you sleep, your dreams will all be sweet."  
I was afraid I must admit, I've lived so long in fear.  
I can't remember when I let a human come so near.

And as she tended to my wounds, and bathed and brushed my fur  
She told me about the rescue group, and what it meant to her.  
She said, "We are a circle, a line that never ends."

"And in the center there is you protected by new friends."  
"And all around you are the ones that check the pounds,  
And those that share their home after you've been found."  
"And all the other folk are searching near and far."  
"To find the perfect home for you, where you can be a star."

She said, "There is a family, that's waiting patiently,  
and pretty soon we'll find them, just you wait and see."  
"And then they'll join our circle, they'll help to make it grow,  
so there'll be room for more like you, who have no place to go."  
I waited very patiently, the days they came and went.  
Today's the day I thought, my family will be sent.  
Then just when I began to think, It wasn't meant to be,  
there were people standing there just gazing down at me.

I knew them in a heartbeat, I could tell they felt it too.  
They said, "We have been waiting for a special dog like you."  
Now every night I say a prayer to all the gods that be.  
"Thank you for the life I live and all you've given me."  
But most of all protect the dogs in the pound and on the street.  
And send a rescue person to lift them off their feet."

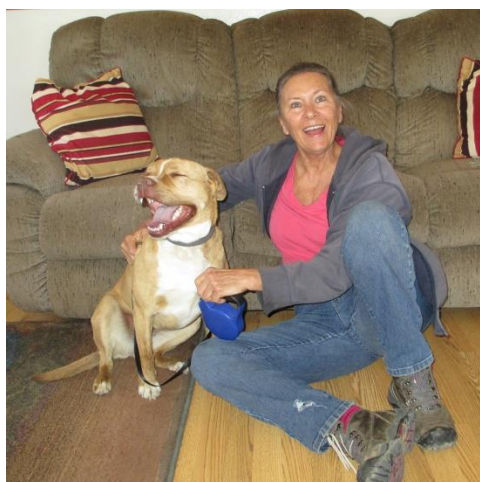
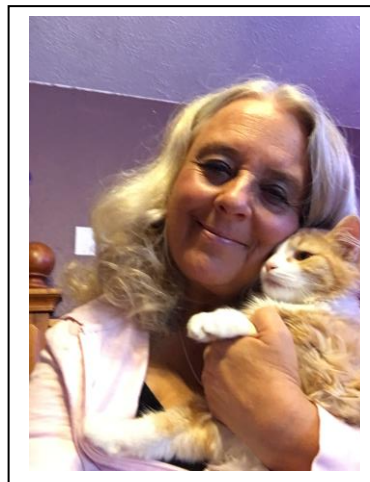
*April 10-16, 2016 is "National Volunteer Appreciation Week" – make sure you thank your animal shelter volunteers for their hard work – and perhaps make a donation to help out.*





*St. Valentine's Day is in February, and these adopters took home their own special valentines. . . .*

Jacqueline lives in Hotchkiss, Colo. and fell in love with "Mig" at first sight. He'll be an inside kitty, sleeping with her, purring to his heart's content. She sent us this photo a couple of days after taking him home – not only has Mig stolen her heart, but apparently also her bed. Jacqueline says her new best friend now acts like he owns the place. →



← Can you tell that "Sally" is one happy dog in this photo? She had been patiently waiting for the right person to come along and it turned out to be Kate, who lives on a 6-acre farm in Paonia, CO. Kate had Sally sitting, laying down, staying and coming within the first 30 minutes she was with her. It's going to be a great relationship!



↑ Larry and Sharon of Grand Junction were our last adopters in February and took home "Harper, nka "Paska" on Feb. 28 to their 30-acre property where she'll have lots of room to explore. By the same afternoon on Feb. 28 we had received several pictures showing how Harper was already relaxing and fitting in at her new home with Larry and Sharon.

"PASKA" looking so beautiful after her bath and grooming !





# Spinner's Story

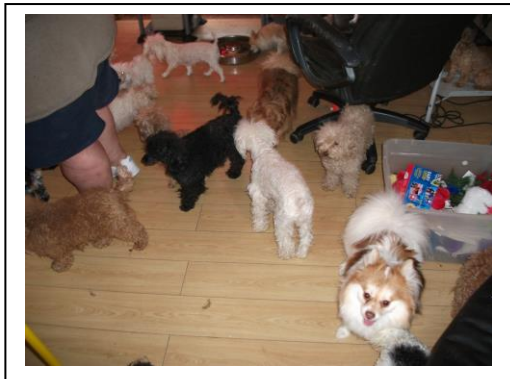
I was born in September 2004 and spent the first 5-1/2 years of my life in a crate, only being taken out for breeding purposes - no love, no attention, no socialization of any kind.



Yes, I came from a puppy mill. My life meant living in dirt, left ungroomed, and standing or laying in my own feces.

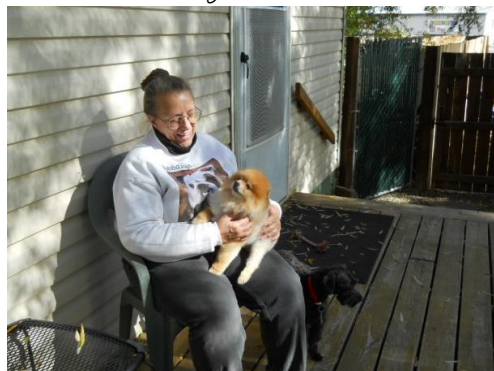


One day in March of 2010, some nice ladies came, picked up a dozen or more of my friends, AND ME! We were scared and confused, and I admit, I lashed out a few times.



We were taken to another house, but at least we were not in cages. After a few days we were taken to have baths, haircuts and our nails trimmed. It was frightening, but we sure felt better. The lady that did all of our new "do's" . . . she and I kind of connected, so I stayed at her house. This was the turning point for me - my life before now was not a life - now I started to LIVE! With a lot of patience and love, I was suddenly a real pet, not just a tool for making money. Because of my past history, I wasn't

the most trusting dog and I would turn around in circles so no one could pick me up - except for my new Mom, of course. She named me "Spinner" because of my hyper-reaction to people. That was 6 years ago, and now I have the honor of being the Spokespet for the Delta County Humane Society and can now see the good in most humans.



"Spinner" on the lap of Jackie, DCHS President



"Spinner," sporting his Lion King summer cut.



*"Spinner's" official DCHS Spokespet photo*

### SPINNER – the background story

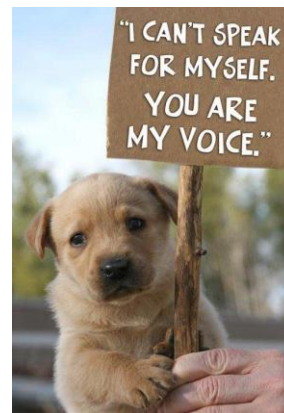
In March 2010, the Delta County Humane Society received a call from the Delta County Sheriff's Department, asking if we could help with the rescue of several dogs from a puppy mill, right here in our community.

We offered our services and ended up rescuing 14 dogs, 2 Toy Poodles (both puppies) 3 Miniature poodles (1 pup), 8 Pomeranians (4 puppies) and 1 Shepherd. All the dogs were used strictly for breeding purposes and kept in deplorable conditions. DCHS made sure that all these rescue dogs were bathed, groomed, given the necessary vaccinations & sterilized before going up for adoption. We are pleased to say that within 3 months, all of the dogs were placed in loving homes.

Please help us to stop puppy mill operations. If you are looking to get a new pet, PLEASE DON'T SHOP!! ADOPT !! Thank you!

Approximately 55% of dogs and puppies entering shelters are killed, based on reports from 1,038 facilities across America. Source: National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy - Shelter Statistics Survey

Approximately 71% of cats and kittens entering shelters are killed, based on reports from 1,038 facilities across America. Source: National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy - Shelter Statistics Survey



### *March was a great month for adoptions . . .*

Well, the visit to the DCHS shelter in Crawford on March 1 was supposed to be introducing 11-year-old Jordyn to her duties as a new volunteer, but it turned out to be something much more. Jordyn's little sister, Jasmine, came along with Jordyn and their mother and fell in love with Gracie. Both Jasmine and Gracie are a little shy so the bond between them was understandable. Gracie, nka "Jade" will be Jasmine's pet and her responsibility. Thanks, Jordyn, for volunteering with DCHS, and for being the conduit between Jasmine and Jade.

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Jasmine, "Jade," & Jordyn





← Well, now it's March 2 and it's another dog adoption from our Crawford facility. Patrick took "Molly" home to Paonia where she's going to get a walk every day and wild adventures on the weekends – what a great life she'll have!!



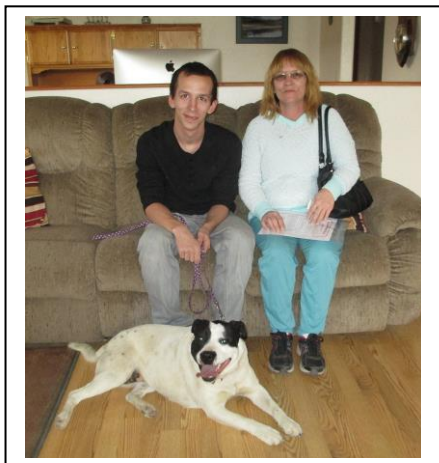
← "Tig" was the first of 3 adoptions on March 5 and went home to Crawford with Sarah and her 2 children, ages 5 and 1. Sarah found out that Tig liked to sit in her lap and have her give him belly rubs, plus he was very good with her children. Tig is really a big cat with a big heart.

No more sitting in a kennel waiting for the right family to come along – now "Finn" (on lap) has more than enough family to love him and keep him busy, along with a new best bud by the name of Luna. Dad, Lazaro, and Mom, Carina, drove to Crawford on March 5 from Golden, Colo. with their five children, Alex, Jasmine, Lazarus, Evan and Leilany, to adopt Finn. Our thanks to all these adopters for opening your hearts and home to Finn.

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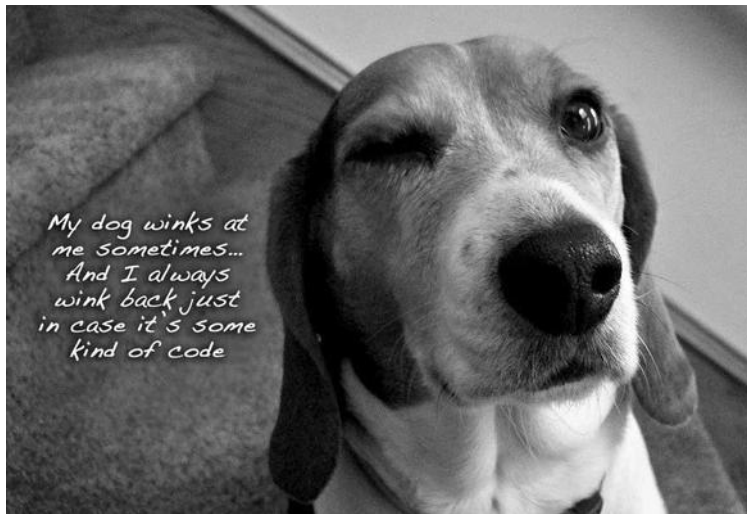
← "Sasha" was the last adoption on March 5, but there was no question that Nick and Janet of Eckert, Colo. wanted her as part of their family. They fell in love with her instantly, and Sasha was more than ready to have them be part of her life. Sasha is a wonderful girl, and so are Nick and Janet for giving her the family that she so rightly deserves.



**MOST POPULAR DOG BREEDS ACCORDING TO AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RECORDS:**

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd
3. Golden Retriever
4. Bulldog
5. Beagle





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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**MEMBERSHIP: \$10 (annual) \$20 (supporting) \$100 (lifetime)**

**MEMBERSHIP: \$\_\_\_\_\_ DONATION: \$\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_**

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