

Pet News

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Happy Holidays from All of Us to All of You

May you have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy the company of friends and family – including your four-footed family members



Adoptions – Yea !!



← Sorry, no adopter photos on this cute kitten, but hopefully we'll get some follow-up photos from Karen and Scott who adopted little "Princess Leia" on September 29. At her new home in Montrose, Colo., she'll have 3 dogs and an older cat as playmates – so lots of love and activity to keep this cutie entertained.

"Chewbacca, aka Chewy" went to his forever home on October 3. Joan (foster mom) said Sam told her that he has had pets before, but never a cat. So he did some research on the type of cat to fit his lifestyle and subsequently found Chewy. It was love at first sight, and now Chewy & Sam can enjoy their lives together at their home in Aspen, Colo. Great adoption! →



← Allison and Sam drove from Denver on October 3 to pick up their new kitty, "Taz," from Chris, our foster mom in Cedaredge, Colo. They lost their former kitty a few years ago and now they have a new home, so decided it was time to add the pitter-patter of little feet again. Taz immediately warmed up to both of his new parents, and will also have the friendship of their yellow Labrador Retriever. Thank you both for making the long drive to add this special kitty into your lives.



Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a function.

- Garrison Keillor

More adoptions – double Yea !!

Hmmm. . . .I think we see a Star Wars pattern of names here with Joan's adoptions – first, Princess Leia, then Chewbacca, and now "Wookiee." This beautiful and adorable kitten was adopted by Tarissa and her husband on October 8, and they'll all live at their home in DeBeque, Colo – and she'll even have another cat to play with. Wookiee is going to be one spoiled kitty – super parents and a new BFF. Thank you, Tarissa! →



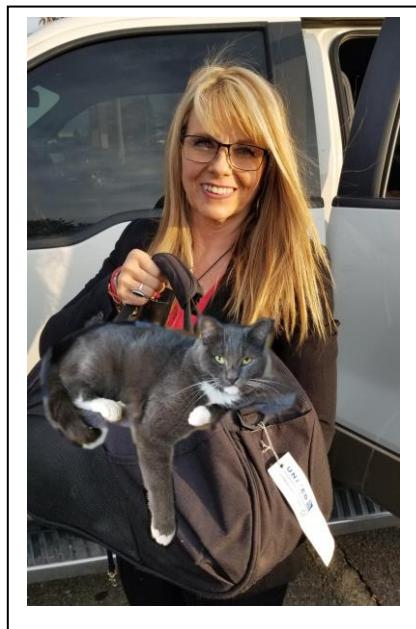
A very special adoption



"Trooper" has finally found his forever home with Roberta of Moab, Utah. Chris, his foster mom, said that she has had Trooper in her care for nearly a year, and was beginning to wonder if that right person would ever show up for this sweet guy. And she did!! Roberta called Chris on Oct.21 and said that she absolutely wanted to adopt Trooper.

So, on Oct. 26 Chris drove from Cedaredge, CO and Roberta and her family drove from Moab, UT to meet each other in Grand Junction, CO. As you can see by the above photo, the meeting was held outside, so Trooper never got out of the carrier until he got to his new home. But due to some "creative photo shopping" on the part of our resident geek, Carol, you can see by the photo to the right how it would have looked if he was outside.

This is the 2nd trip that Roberta has made from Moab to adopt one of our felines – in July 2019 she drove over to pick up "Snowball." We are so happy that Trooper now has his own loving home, and also another kitty to play with. Many thanks to Roberta & her family for going that extra mile!



Hmmm. no dog adoptions to show you again this time. Two newsletters in a row – what's happening?

We are currently without any dog foster parents. We are in desperate need of Delta County residents willing to take on the responsibility of caring for the stray dogs that could come into our foster care system.

Requirements: 1) You MUST love dogs. 2) Be willing to provide a safe, loving environment. 3) Take care of their food & medical needs (at our expense). 4) Willing to sign on for a one-year commitment with DCHS.

Everyone wants the problem solved of dogs running loose, but no one wants to help solve the problem of caring for the dogs. Can you help? If so, please call DCHS at 970-874-2149 – leave a message and one of us will get back to you. THANK YOU!



"I'm only allowing this costume for the treats involved."



WARNING: THESE ARE HARMFUL TO DOGS AND CATS

Alcohol

Caffeine

Chocolate/Candy

Cooked bones/Fatty food

Electrical cords

Glass Ornaments

Grapes & Raisins

Mistletoe, Holly & Poinsettia

Onions & Garlic

Nuts

Sugar

Tinsel

Xylitol (gum)

Page #3 of adoptions – we love it!



← Tanya and Brad of Montrose, Colo. brought their children, Ty and Addie, to adopt a kitty from Chris. As you can see, “Oliver” was the winning choice. He was a little apprehensive at first with all the people, but Addie won him over by being quiet and patient with him. As you can see by the photo below, Oliver has made himself comfortable in his new home. Thank you so much! ↓

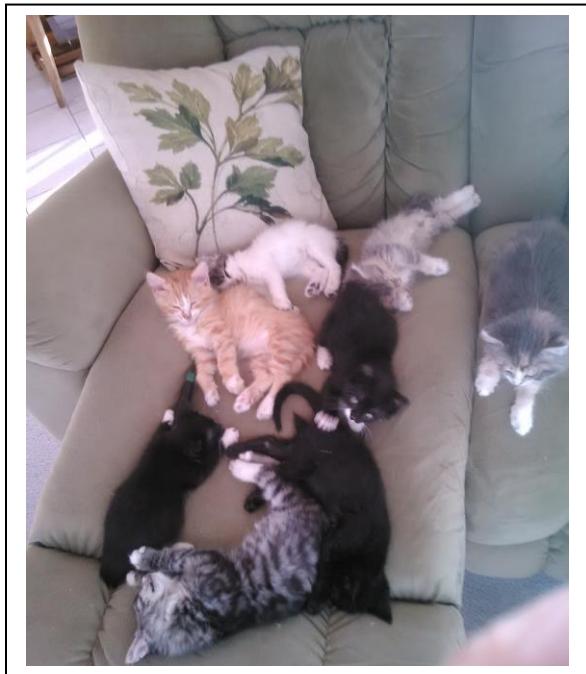


← Jason, Bethany and Colton of Montrose, Colo. lost both of their 18-year-old cats a few months ago, within 2 weeks of each other, & didn't plan on adopting so soon but realized life just wasn't right without a cat in their home. One of their cats had been all black and they thought “Monty” would be a good fit. We figure that Monty hit the jackpot – a few months ago, he was a feral living on the streets & now he has a wonderful, loving home. Thank you for choosing Monty!



← Jeff, Suzanne and 6-yr-old Harbour were on the search for a kitten on Nov.25. Harbour has wanted a kitten of her own for a very long time. When she met “Daffodil,” Harbour decided that she was the one – so, now the four of them are one happy family in Carbondale, Colo. Thank you, Harbour, for taking Daffodil home with you!

Special adoptions because of a special foster mom . . .



DCHS is honored to have Joan Taylor as a foster mom for incoming kittens. Over the past 12.5 years, Joan has provided shelter, food, medications – and mostly love, for all the kitties who have crossed her threshold.

Between September 24 and October 1, Joan found it necessary to treat 10 kittens (3 litters) that she took in as rescues. Unknowingly, one of the kitten litters had contracted ringworm – and subsequently passed the fungal infection on to all of the kittens in Joan's care. Although Joan is not proficient at taking a selfie with her kittens, she provided us with this photo of the gang (8 out of 10) she cared for recently.

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Joan never wavered in the care of her little charges. Not only was it necessary for Joan to bottle-feed 10 kittens, but, because of the ringworm infection, she was required to give each kitten a bath, not just once, but four times – in addition to administering oral medications. No adoptions could be made until all the kittens were past the contagious period and showing signs of improvement. Treatment is normally ongoing for 6 weeks. Joan's dedication and love for her kittens proved positive, and now those kittens are healthy and ready for adoption. Thank you, Joan !! - not only for seeing to the care of all the kittens currently in your care - but for your dedication, and love of kittens, since March 26, 2008 – in all those years you managed to adopt out 317 kittens!! We love you, Joan!

Here is the first of the adoptions – don't these kittens look wonderful? Bev and Hutch of Ouray, Colo. adopted these two cuties from Joan on Nov. 20. Joan was thrilled that they decided to take the two siblings together – now "Sterling" and "Petunia" can continue to play with each other while they get loved on by their new parents. Thank you, Bev and Hutch, for deciding to open your hearts to two bundles of joy!



"Sterling"



"Petunia"

What is “Ringworm?” . . . courtesy of Cat Health Guide

Cat Ringworm is not a worm, but a fungal infection technically called dermatophytosis. It's called ringworm due to its appearance - in humans, it appears as a crusty red circle with a pale center. That's right, people can get ringworm, too. You can get it from your cat, or she can get it from you. If you have symptoms of ringworm, you should see a doctor for treatment. (Don't worry, it's easy to treat).



While any cat can get ringworm, some are more susceptible than others. Young kittens, long haired cats, cats in crowded conditions such as shelters, and those with other health problems are more likely to contract the disease. Some cats may be carriers without having any symptoms. They can still pass the disease on to others.

The fungus grows down from the base of a growing hair shaft (cuticle).

Ringworm Symptoms in Cats

In cats, ringworm symptoms appear a bit differently than in humans. It generally appears as dry, red or gray scaly round patches with embossed edges. Your cat may appear to have dandruff. There may be some hair loss in the area (alopecia) such as if the hair in the area has been shaved. It's generally not too itchy, but your cat may scratch or lick at the area.

The condition can appear on any part of your cat's body but is usually seen on the front paws, tail, head and ears.

Ringworm Treatment for Cats

Ringworm can be difficult to treat and should involve a consultation with your veterinarian.

Ringworm treatment for cats is generally treated with a combination of oral and topical medications. Preference is for oral medications and the use of a lime sulfur dip. Topical ointments are often not as effective since your cat will be tempted to lick it off.

You'll also need to treat the environment, because otherwise your cat will just become re-infected and the problem could spread to you. First thoroughly vacuum all areas which will pick up infected hairs and skin flakes. You can also mop the surfaces of your home with a product that uses disposable pads. Do not touch the pads after cleaning. To disinfect surfaces in the home, purchase a product that contains Benzalkonium Sulfate. Other options include chlorine bleach (diluted 1 part bleach to 10 parts water), or a strong detergent.

A little reminiscing during the holiday season

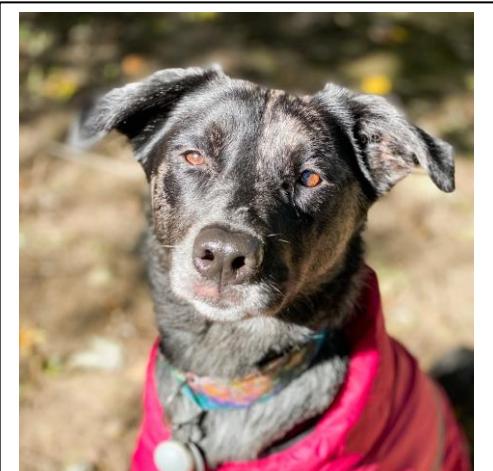
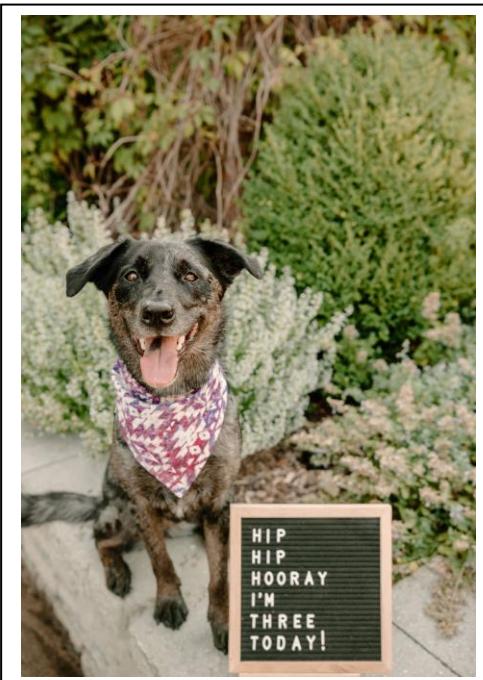


← Peaches was adopted a couple of months ago by David and his family in Montrose, Colo. They recently sent this updated photo of her, who they now call "Gabby." She had a name change because her new family says she "talks a lot."

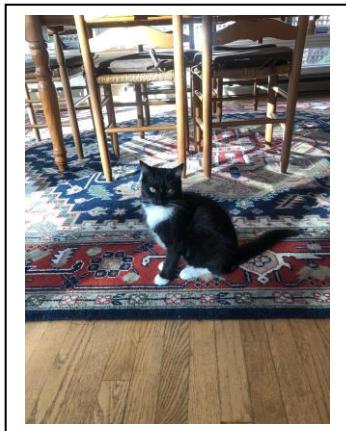
Isn't Gabby gorgeous? You can tell that she receives the love and care she deserves. **Merry Christmas to you and your family, Gabby!**



Every year we hear from Cleo's mom & dad in Wisconsin (& we hope they continue to send these wonderful photos). December 2, 2017 was Cleo's date of adoption and her birthday was September 5, so here are few photos taken in the past year. Boy, does she have a great home or what!!



One more update . . .



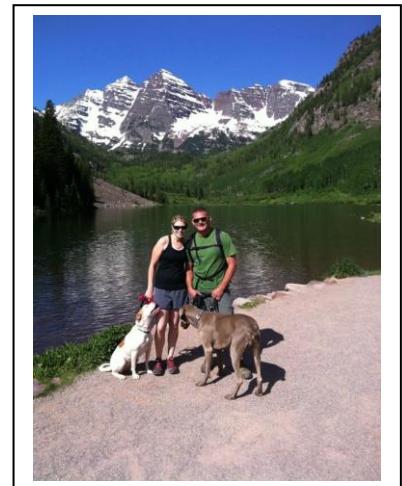
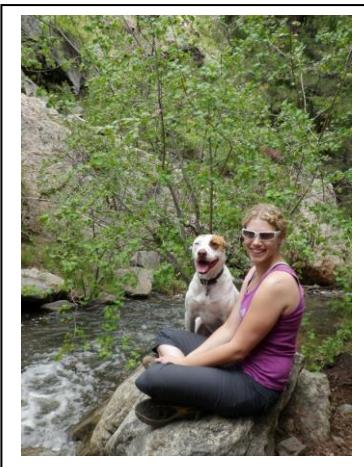
← “Lexie” is still doing well, and is the most travelin’ cat we know. She has adjusted well to both of her homes with Alan and Susan – one in Washington, D.C. and one in Marble, Colo.

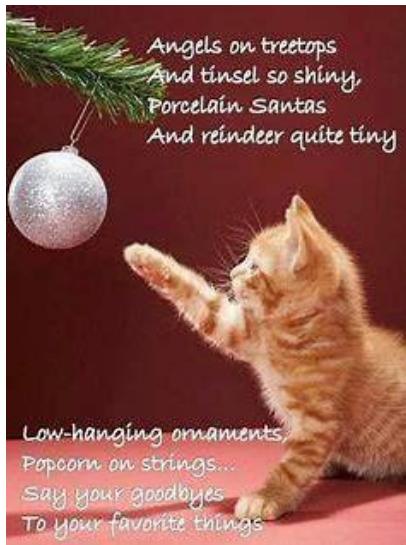
. and a sweet memory

“Sadie” started out in life as an unloved dog – stuck outside 24/7 and kept in a horse corral. Someone saw the dire conditions that this dog was stuck in and asked our foster mom, Carol, if she could take in Sadie. Carol didn’t hesitate once she saw how miserable this little girl was. Carol took Sadie to her foster home, cleaned her up, fed her & took her to the vet for a medical check. Sadie was 2 years old at the time and extremely skittish with people, even afraid of a human’s touch.

Once Carol felt that Sadie was more comfortable with meeting people, she placed her up for adoption, hoping that the right person would come along. That right person was Naomi – once they met each other, Naomi and Sadie were rolling on the ground together – a perfect match! As you can see from the photos below, Sadie had the life she deserved with Naomi. And as Naomi’s family expanded to include a husband (& his dog), and two daughters, Sadie expanded her love to include them all.

Sadly, we received word from Naomi in November that she had to put Sadie down – age (13 years) and severe arthritis took its toll on this sweet girl & she had to leave their family, but the good memories will stay with them forever – all because a foster mom & a woman looking for the perfect dog took a chance on Sadie.





We know that 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, and all non-profits are asking for help. DCHS is not immune from difficult times either, and we are asking that if you have ability to donate to our cause, we would greatly appreciate your help.

REMEMBER – even giving a little helps a LOT !!

Thank you!

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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