

# Pet News

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## ***Fourth of July – Dogs and Fireworks Don't Mix***

In the United States, July 4th is around the corner, along with the fireworks that inevitably come with this holiday. Almost all humans with canines in the U.S. declare this day the worst day of the year for their dogs. Veterinarians say that July 3rd is usually the most trafficked day in their offices, with clients coming in to get drugs for their dogs.

### **Tips for providing a safe July 4th for your Canine Household:**

1. Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise earlier in the day.
2. Keep your dogs **inside** during fireworks, preferably with human companionship. If it's hot, air conditioning will help. Bringing your dogs to a fireworks display is never a good idea.
3. Provide a safe place inside for your dogs to retreat. When scared of sounds they can't orient, dogs often prefer small enclosed areas. If your dog is comfortable in a crate, that is a good option.
4. If possible, keep the windows and curtains closed to dampen the sound and brightness of fireworks. Covering the crate to remove visual stimulation can also be helpful.
5. Make sure all your dogs are wearing ID tags with a properly fitting collar. Dogs have been known to become Houdini around the 4th of July.
6. Give your dog something fun to do – like a frozen **Kong** filled with his favorite treats.
7. There are two canine wraps on the market that reportedly help sound-sensitive dogs. The **original Anxiety Wrap** was invented by professional dog trainer Susan Sharpe, CPDT-KA. The patented design uses acupressure and maintained pressure to reduce stress. The **Thundershirt** is also a wrap for your dog that provides gentle, constant pressure.
8. Turn up the sound on the TV or play music to mask the loud sounds of fireworks.
9. Contact your veterinarian for "doggie downers" (aka tranquilizers) to be sure that you are giving your dog the proper dosage according to its age and weight. Remember to ask your vet how soon you should dose your dog **before** the fireworks begin.
10. If possible, take your dog to an inside area that will **not** be having fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

*A lengthy, but beautiful story, on how animals continue to amaze us . . .*



### ***CASEY ON GUARD* By Ron Berler**

*Appeared originally in [Mysterious Ways](#) magazine.*

*Casey wasn't the most popular dog in her owner Carol Baird's neighborhood of Dalton, Ga. A huge, burly Alaskan malamute, she had a heart of gold but a nose for trouble.*

*She'd slip out the Baird family's back door and trot down the street without a care. Most people gave her a wide berth. That was hardly surprising. From a distance, Casey looked a lot like a wolf.*

*She behaved like one too, or at least had an appetite like one. Neighbors often stormed over to complain. "Your dog got out again, and ate all of our dog's food!" or "Casey's turned over our garbage!"*

*So when a man rapped on Carol's door, said he lived three blocks away and then asked for her dog's name, Carol braced herself. What did Casey do this time?*

*"We have a sliding-glass door that we usually keep open in the summer," the man began, "and every day for the last several weeks your dog has wandered off the street and come uninvited into my house."*

*That dog, Carol thought. "I'm so sorry," she said. "I don't know why Casey gets herself into such mischief. A lot of it's our fault. We have to start watching her more closely. But honestly, she means no harm..."*

*"No, you don't understand," the man interrupted. "I came over to thank you."*

*The man must have seen the confusion on Carol's face. No neighbor had ever said anything positive about Casey before. They usually wanted to know who would fill up the two-foot hole she'd energetically dug in their backyard.*

*But not this neighbor. He explained that his father, who had Alzheimer's, lived with him and his wife and needed constant monitoring. The father rarely moved from his easy chair in front of the TV in the living room and was often agitated. Caring for him had exhausted the man and his wife.*

*"I couldn't remember the last time we had two hours to ourselves," the man said. "And then, one day, your dog showed up."*

*Casey wandered into the house through the sliding door and made straight for the man's father. "She sat right beside him, like she had planned to visit him all along," the neighbor said, his voice filled with wonder.*

*He saw his father turn to Casey and begin to pet her. He stroked her and stroked her, and fell peacefully asleep. "He slept two full hours," the neighbor said. "It was the biggest midday reprieve my wife and I have had in years."*

*Casey returned the next day, and every day after that, as if she had an appointment to keep. Each time was the same. She'd pad to the old man's chair and sit by his side, letting him pet her till he dozed off.*

*"To my wife and me," the neighbor said, "Casey was a gift from heaven. That's why I've come to see you today. Is Casey here?"*

*"Yes, she is," Carol said. "Casey!"*

*The big malamute trotted up, looking at the neighbor with searching eyes. The neighbor gave a gentle pat. "You must have known, didn't you?" the neighbor said to Casey. "That's why you just stopped coming a couple of days ago."*

*"Known what?" Carol asked.*

*"My father died in his sleep the night after Casey's last visit. She knew her job was over."* 🤖

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### 5 Ways You Can Help a Dog or Cat in Need

Although we are always grateful for monetary donations to our rescue group, we encourage supporters to also "think outside the box" when making donations to Delta County Humane Society. On the list of tangible items most shelters need the most are:

1. Vet care services
2. Paper towels
3. Cleaning supplies
4. Office supplies
5. Cat litter

No one ever thinks of cat litter, because it's not as fun of a donation, but shelters always, always need it - it's probably what shelters need the most.

Next time you want to pitch in with your local shelter, think outside the box and consider donating your time, your skills or maybe cat litter. Anything like that would be more than appreciated.

## *We love these new Forever Homes . . . .*



*“Jac,” the boxer, got the perfect forever home with this family, and now lives in Fruita with Scooter (beagle) Anne, Keith and Cody. Jac was a happy boy and gave kisses all around - even Scooter approved of the new family member and the two dogs were playing tag together after only a few minutes.*



← and here’s a photo that Anne sent to us to prove that Jac is definitely one of the family now – he and Scooter wear each other out just having fun! We love it!



← Nick and Megan wanted a smart dog, and were sure that “Prince” fit that description. Megan is a dog walker, works at doggie day care, and wanted a dog she could train and take with her everywhere. She had Prince sitting before they left foster care on the day of his adoption! Nick said they both are extremely active, and plan to wear off Prince's legs. This lucky pup will be part of all of their activities and go everywhere with them in their hometown of Glenwood Springs, CO – and points beyond. Yea!

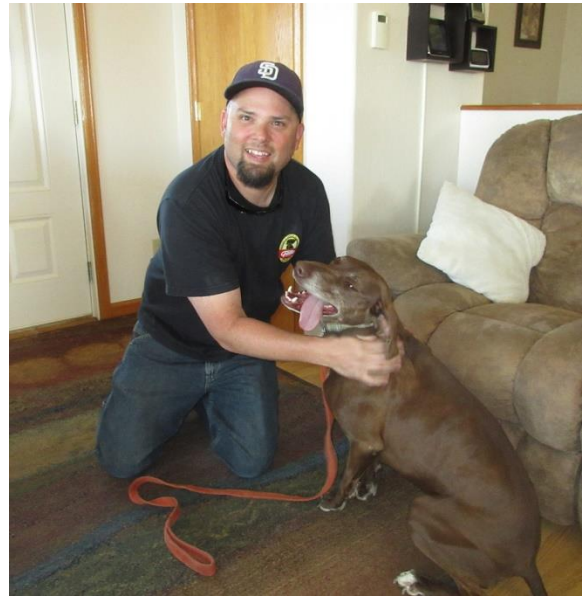
“Dogs are the leaders of the planet. If you see two life forms, one of them is making a poop, the other one's carrying it for him, who would you assume is in charge?” — Jerry Seinfeld



“Chance” got the home he wanted and needed when Mark showed up to adopt him into his family. He will have a Vizsla sister and 3 and 6-year-old humans to love, along with Leah, their mom. Chance will not have to sleep alone anymore –he hates being alone. This will be a perfect forever home for Chance. Thank You!



← Updated photo of Chance taken by Mom Leah on 5/21/17 – he has settled in well & loves his entire family – both 2-legged & 4-legged!



*... get ready for the puppy adoptions ...*

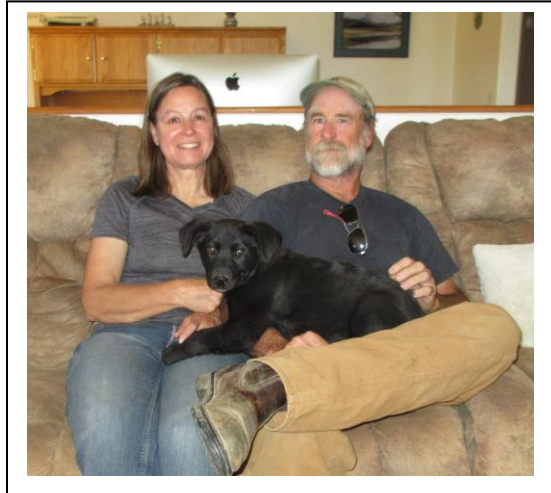


← Michael (holding puppy) was given permission by his parents to adopt his very first dog, and is obviously ecstatic about his decision to take this little pup home. His parents, Allen & Melissa, and brothers, Taydyn and Daelyn, came along for the ride from their home in Parachute, CO.

Cadence, Carly and their mother, Jessica, adopted this sweet pup, who will now be living with his forever family in Grand Junction, Colo. Everyone is happy with this adoption – the new family, the pup, and DCHS. Thank you for adopting a rescue dog! →



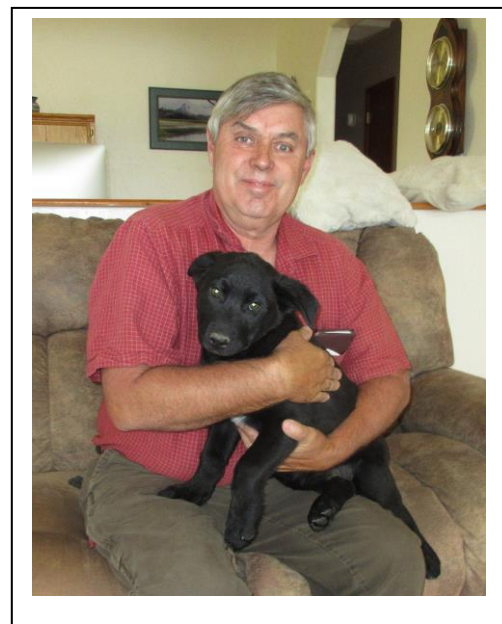
This pup is headed to Montrose to live with two older dogs and a lot of 2-legged family members. They are Ned and Stephanie and Marin, Jackson, Adelyn, and Brennan. They recently lost a really old dog and needed to keep their dog numbers up so got a puppy to imprint with the two remaining older dogs... and to keep the kids busy. →



← Diane and Jim have lots of acreage in Hotchkiss for this little girl to run on, along with livestock for her to corral. She will also be surprised to find out that she will have an older and bigger 4-legged brother dog to teach her the ropes. We think she'll be one happy pup – just look how comfortable she is already with her new parents.



Teddy took on the challenge of raising TWO puppies – what a brave soul! They now all live in Grand Junction, Colo. with Teddy's four ferrets. Be sure and let us know how that relationship turned out, okay, Teddy? →



← Ron lives on the Delta/Montrose county line along with several goats, and now he has this very active puppy in his life. He gets occasional visits from his grandchildren who live in Denver and who also wanted him to adopt a puppy – Ron is counting on them to help exercise this handsome boy when they come to see their grandfather.

“I gave my cat a bath the other day. He loved it. He sat there, he enjoyed it, it was fun for me. The fur would stick to my tongue, but other than that . . .

*Steve Martin*



*... and, now, our Kitten adoptions ...*



Mysha, from Montrose, Colo., picked out & adopted her kitten, now known as "Nala Belle." It was easy to see that these two have a special connection, and it was mentioned that the kitten may have sleeping rights in Mysha's bed.



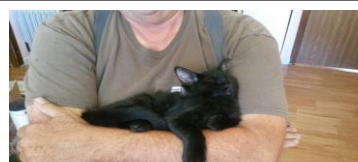
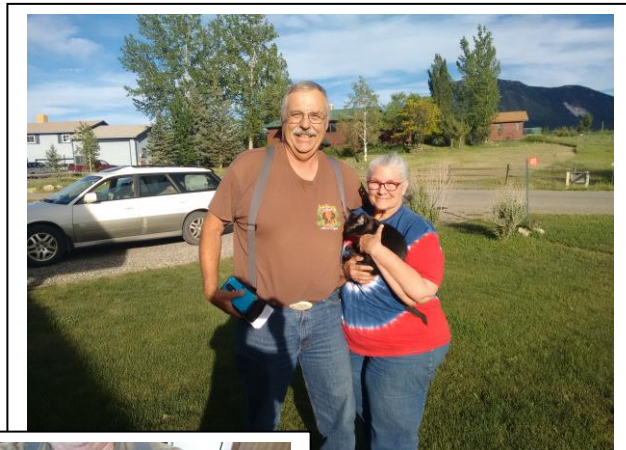
Juliette picked this cute bundle of joy to live with her in Hotchkiss, Colo. No name has been decided on as yet, but perhaps Juliette will let us know later, and also send us follow-up photos.



← We LOVE repeat adopters. Carole and Van (not pictured) of Montrose previously adopted a kitten for their granddaughter from DCHS, but were looking for a Russian Blue for themselves. As luck would have it, Chris at our Paonia foster home was caring for several kittens and this one was perfect for them. She will also have an 8-month-old German Shepherd pup to play with in their house.

... and again, REPEAT ADOPTERS! Mike & Debbie, also of Montrose, had previously adopted Max from Joan (Delta foster care) about a year ago, and now decided he needed a playmate. Obviously, "Shadow" fit the bill in that department & Chris was able to help them adopt this cute kitten. →

... and they sent us this at-home photo of Shadow in Mike's arm. Boy, does he have the good life now!!



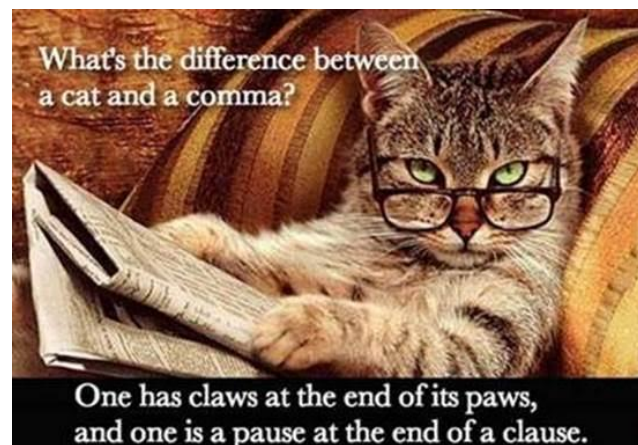


← This must be the year for repeat adoptions – Kay and her husband, Jeff, of rural Hotchkiss, Colo. had adopted a kitten from Alison (DCHS – Eckert) previously, and this time they wanted a tabby kitten. Chris was able to provide them with “Henry,” this cute little tabby fluffball. Henry will have another cat to play with, plus a 9-month-old German Shepherd pup to keep him company. Kay & Jeff will have their hands full with their 4-legged family members.

*By now, you probably think that we have adopted out every kitten we have up for adoption . . . but you would be wrong. As of the writing of this newsletter at the end of June, Chris (Paonia foster care) still had 5 kittens available for adoption. Call DCHS at 970-874-2149 and leave a message if you would like to see these kittens, or check on Petfinder.com to see their photos.*



*Just plain “dog tired”*



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## *Adoption Updates make us smile . . . and smile. . . . and smile*



← These two bundles of joy and energy, Kainin (left) and Keerah (right) were adopted by Arielle on March 1 and now live in Grand Junction, CO. As of April 4, they have grown to 29.4 and 23.7 lbs., respectively. Here they are in the backyard, waiting for “Dad” to come out of the garage.

Arielle tells us that Kainin loves his pool, and both of the pups like lounging on the patio furniture. They already know the commands of “sit, stay & come,” and are walking well on their leashes. This is one happy family!

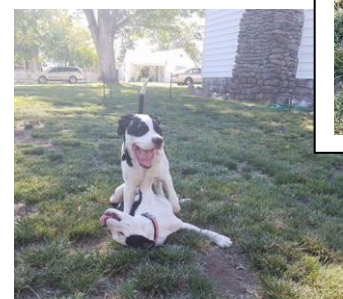


← You may recall seeing these 2 pups (bottom dogs in photo) in our December 2016 newsletter when they were both adopted by Rick and Anne in Cedaredge, CO – although at that time they were considerably smaller, but still comfortable with Rick on his lounge along with their older Aussie. You can tell these dogs, now known as “Sunny and Sher” are loved – just look at the sheen in their coats and the love in their eyes.

And, they get to go for rides with Rick on their property – what a life! →



*. . . . and a good time was had by all!* These pups were each adopted by different families back in March 2017. However, since they lived relatively close, the owners figured that a “play date” for the pups would be a good thing. As you can see, it was definitely a happy reunion – thanks, Erin & Lauren, Bri & Matt – good idea!!



*... and ... we're back to canine adoptions ...*



← “Cody” was adopted by Julie and Gordon of Grand Junction, CO, and he now has a new 14-year-old sister, Roxie. Word has it that Cody will be receiving some professional training – after all, a good owner has to be smarter than the average Border Collie – and Cody is one smart pup. What a nice looking family!

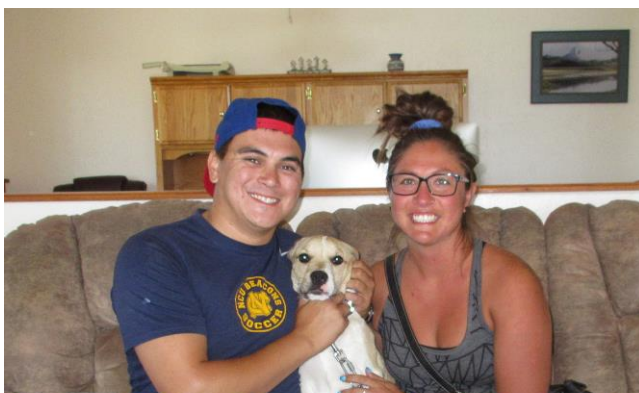


← Stanley and Lori have 5 fenced acres and a pond in Delta, Colo. for “Crockett” to explore. He’ll also have a friendly Lab to play with at his new home. You can see the smile on his face already, knowing that he will have the perfect forever home.

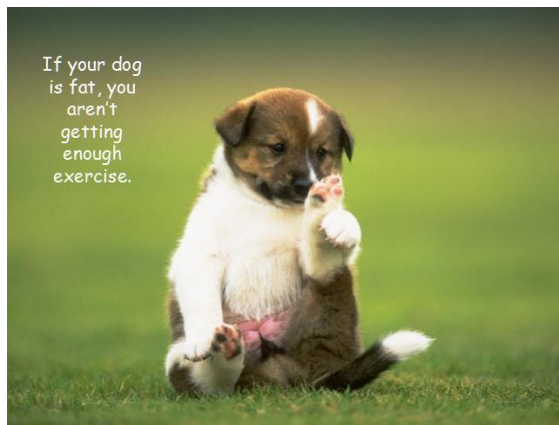
Our foster gal, Carol (Crawford facility) knew that “Maggie” had trouble meeting new people – barking was involved, and absolutely no petting allowed. But Bill was patient with her, and after a hour of watching, listening to him, and allowing treats to be fed, Maggie finally did warm up to Bill and decided that being adopted by this kind person and his wife would not be a bad thing. With homes both in Gypsum and Paonia and the chance to be living with a loving family, Maggie will have the “best of all worlds.” →



← Travis & Lexi live in Grand Junction, Colo. and Travis knew that he wanted to adopt “Charlie” the minute he saw his photo online, but Lexi needed a little convincing. That didn’t take long – the minute she saw Charlie in person, she fell in love with him too. Charlie is going to be smothered in love in his new forever family.







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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