

Pet News

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Web Sites: www.deltacountyhumanesociety.org or www.petfinder.com

April 30 – May 6 is Be Kind to Animals Week

Kind Ways to Celebrate

Taken from American Humane website

ADOPT A PET FROM A SHELTER OR RESCUE

Help animals find a second chance at happiness by adopting from your local shelter or rescue group. Find the animal companion that's right for you and develop a bond that will last a lifetime.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR PET

Pets need you to help keep them healthy and safe. Keep your animal's vaccinations up-to-date. Make sure he's wearing proper identification. Take your pet to the veterinarian regularly.

APPRECIATE WILDLIFE

Create an inviting space in your yard and garden for butterflies, hummingbirds and other creatures. If wildlife comes too close to home, look for ways to coexist or to protect your property humanely.

REPORT ANIMAL ABUSE

Animal cruelty and abuse is not only tragic for animals, but also an indicator that other forms of abuse may exist. If you see something that looks suspicious – don't hesitate, let someone know. However, maybe it only looks like neglect – look more closely at different times of the day. Here are some sure signs of animal neglect: 1) No shelter; 2) Collar too tight; 3) Lack of grooming; 4) Mange; and 5) Starvation. If any of these signs of neglect persist, be sure to contact your local law enforcement agency – in the case of Delta County, CO, it would be your Sheriff's Department.

June 23 is Take Your Dog to Work Day



- Take Your Dog to Work Day was first celebrated in 1999 and was created by Pet Sitters International (PSI) to celebrate the great companions dogs make and promote their adoptions.
- The event encourages employers to experience the joys of pets in the workplace for one day to support their local pet community.
- PSI feels that through the events, non-pet owners are able to witness the special bond their co-workers have with their pets firsthand and be encouraged to adopt a new best friend of their own.

Our adoptions at the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017 . . .



The last adoption of 2016!! – and it was a good one, for sure. “Ellie Mae” went to her new home in Cedaredge with Myriam and Shaun on December 31. Myriam had called Carol (Crawford facility) about adopting her but she was already on hold for someone else. That person turned out not to be a good fit with Ellie Mae, so Myriam and Shaun were thrilled when Carol called and they came quickly to claim their little girl. There are rumors about sweaters and little dresses... oh my!



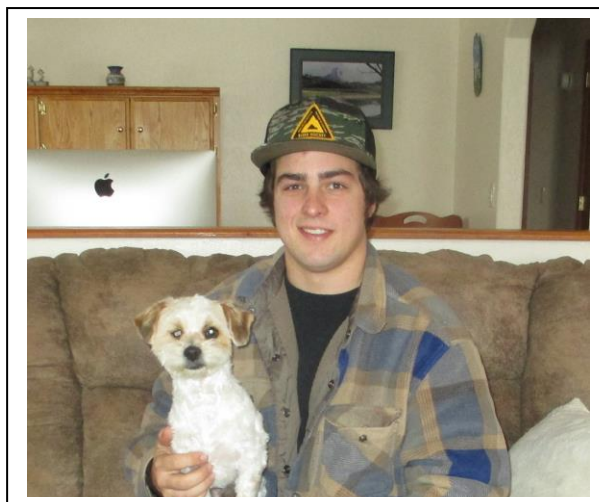
Our first adoption for 2017 was on New Year’s Day when “Zeus” went to his new home in Montrose with Jack, Judy and their lovely yellow Lab, Kimber. Zeus was a real gentleman 99% of the time, he sat and waited while everyone visited, he was good with Kimber and was just a real sweetie...his only oops was peeing on Judy's shoe while she was sitting on the sofa. But she didn't mind, said he was just claiming her. We just love those understanding parents who realize that their rescue dog needs to adjust to everything new.

Our small dogs were the popular ones at the first of the year . . .

Little “Buddy” got his forever home on Jan. 2nd. Elisabeth and Marvin came up from Montrose to take him home. Marvin said that when he was a kid that his nickname was Buddy so he thought it was appropriate to get a dog with that name. Buddy was busy giving them both lots of kisses and we heard that there would be a stop to get him a new collar and other goodies.



After moving to the Western Slope from Eagle, Colo., Josh and his girlfriend felt they had room in their home and hearts for a second dog and they adopted “Gordie” on January 5. Gordie’s pal will be a friendly Labradoodle. He ran right to Josh when they first met – Gordie knew immediately that he was going home.



***It was my “bad”** – as the writer of this newsletter, I tried to remember to thank everyone in our January 2017 issue who was an integral part of our rescue group. It wasn’t intentional, but I neglected to thank three very important people, Sharon, Allison and Edna, who spend countless hours answering our phone line and responding to the huge number of animal-related calls we receive. My apologies to all of you, and we would like to extend our sincere thank yous for all the hard work you put into your volunteer job with the Delta County Humane Society.*

City Market Community Rewards Program

If you shop at a City Market store in Delta County, you could help us by signing up with their Community Rewards program – you will still receive your rewards points on your account, but in addition, our rescue group will also receive a percentage of your purchase. Please log on the link shown below, sign up for a Rewards account, and select Delta County Humane Society as your nonprofit choice. Thank you !!

<https://www.citymarket.com/topic/city-market-community-rewards>

Also, if you already have a Rewards account with City Market, you need to renew it – at that time you can change your nonprofit selection to, or remain with, our rescue group. We would greatly appreciate it.

Santa was very good to all the good dogs and cats at the Delta County Humane Society . . .



. . . however, in the case of this HUGE donation, Santa's name was **Altrusa International of Delta**. All their donations of toys and food will guarantee that our rescue animals will have a very Happy New Year. Thank you SO MUCH to all of the Delta members who contributed during the 2016 holiday season to help feed and entertain our rescue dogs and cats !!

It's always nice to hear that our former rescue animals are doing well – every year we receive a card and donation from Daryl & Brenda of Washington state, who adopted these two Turkish Vans from us (Joan – Delta facility) a couple of years ago.

It's obvious by their beautiful coats and calm demeanor that “Cinnamon” and “Jesse” are extremely happy and content in their forever home.

Our thanks go out to Daryl & Brenda again for flying the distance and adopting these kitties, giving them a wonderful home, and continuing to support DCHS !!

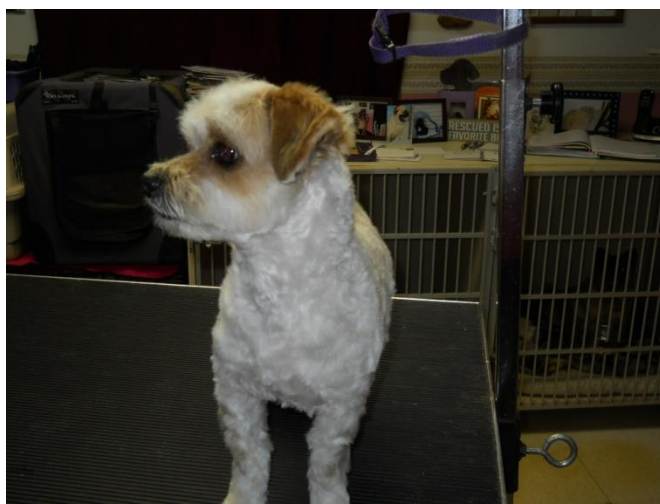


Many Thanks to our volunteer, Kathie Flynn, who also happens to be a Class-A dog groomer!!

Here are a couple of examples of Kathie's talents on two of our rescue dogs that were adopted out in January. Grooming sure makes a difference, doesn't it?



Obviously, the above photos are the “BEFORE” pictures taken of the dogs when they arrived at the Delta County Humane Society foster homes.



And here are the “AFTER” photos, taken after Kathie performed her magic on these dogs.

“Zeus,” the matted dog (above right) turned out to be a beautiful Miniature Schnauzer . . . and “Gordie,” on the right, was transformed into a cute Maltese mix. We can guarantee you that both of these little guys feel so much better. Thank you, Kathie!



NEW DONATION BOXES !!

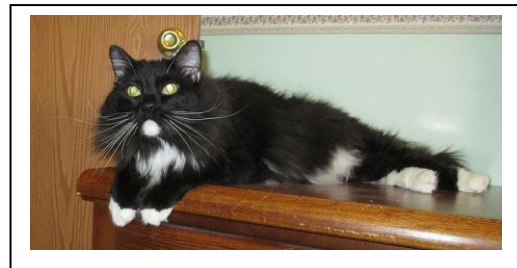
← *We just continue to make it easier for you to give us money. Look for one of these donation boxes at the office of Norman Vincent, DVM, Paonia, Colo. – location for second box TBD.*



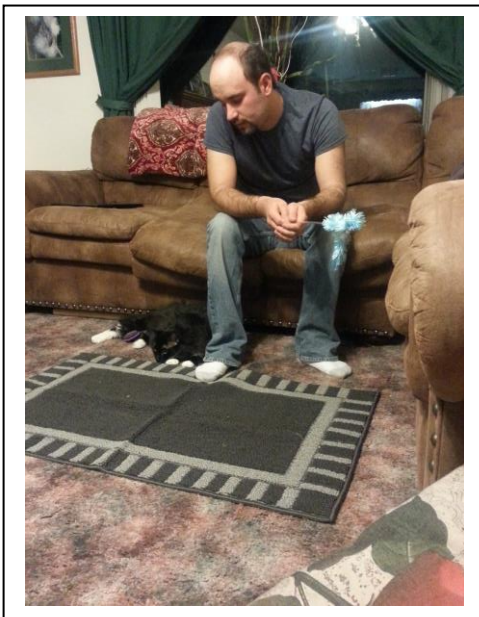
Continuing with our adoptions . . .

Guess what !! After hanging out with my pals in foster care for a few years, I was finally adopted by my forever family and now live with Samantha & Cameron, of Crawford, Colo. You might recognize me as the current spokespet for the Delta County Humane Society. I'll still handle that position until another qualified rescue dog or cat steps forward, but for now my primary job is to provide my new owners with love and protection - I might add that they do the same for me.

Sam & Cameron have given me a wonderful home - life is good for this big boy. I want to say thanks to the DCHS volunteer who saved me as a kitten and opened her home to me until I was adopted (Kathie - Cedaredge) - thanks also to Sam & Cameron for thinking that I would be a good fit in their home. I love it here!



"Mr. Pibb"



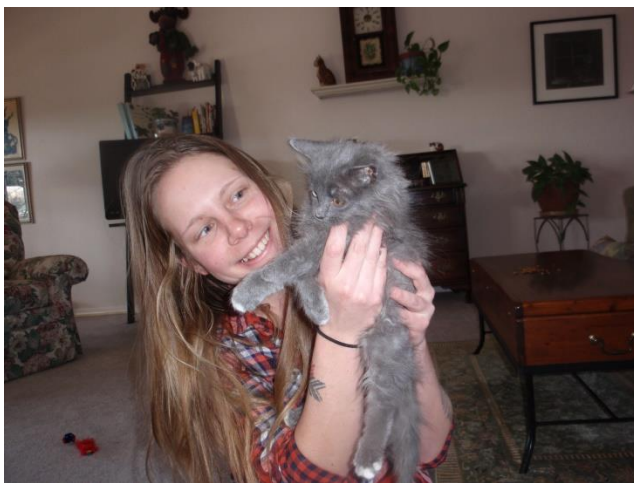
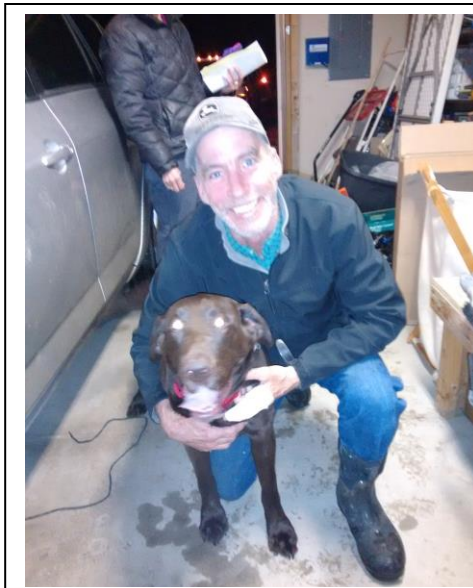
← *"Mr. Pibb" enjoying some quality time with Cameron*

"The trouble with sharing one's bed with cats is that they'd rather sleep on you than beside you." *-Pam Brown*



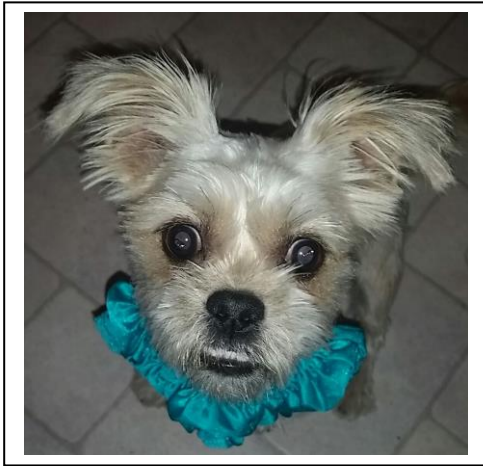
← “Onyx” and Mark are going to have a good life together, giving each other the best companion ever. Onyx needed a constant companion and since Mark is retired, he’ll be able to give her plenty of attention, walks, and most of all, love. This photo shows the two of them are just a “perfect match.” Thank you, Mark, for adopting such a sweetheart of a dog.

Do these two look happy or what? Tim of Cedaredge needed a new friend and companion and “Buddy” fit the bill perfectly. Tim had to hold onto Buddy for this photo as he was so excited about his adoption! Buddy’s new home includes cats, horses, goats, and 60 acres of running room – plus he will keep Tim company while he works in his shop. We know the two of them will make a great team. →



← Emily came from Placerville, Colo. to adopt little “Stormy” – nka “Frida.” Since Emily and Mike (not pictured) already have two cats and two dogs, Frida will have lots of friends. From Emily’s latest email to our foster mom, Joan, it sounds like Frida is finding her niche in this family, and is doing well with all of her 4-legged pals.

Remember Me?



DCHS held a fundraiser for me in December 2016 – enough money was raised and donated to help me have the leg surgery that I so desperately needed after a run-in with a vehicle. My name is now “Tilly” – fka Sprout. I have a wonderful new home, owners who love me, and my legs are strong enough now to jump up on a couch all my myself!

Thank you all for caring about me and allowing me to have a second chance at life!

PUPPIES ... PUPPIES ... PUPPIES ...

Mama “Bella” came into foster care very pregnant, and delivered her 6 pups in mid-January. Yes, there are 6 pups in this photo, but hard to tell because all are black with some additional minor coloring. Bella was an excellent mother to her offspring – in fact, they were the chubbiest puppies ever at Carol’s foster care facility in Crawford. At the age of 3 weeks, they were already up to an average of 6 lbs. 10 oz. each →

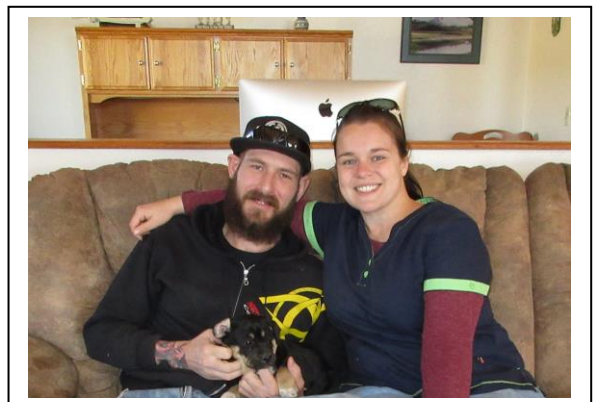


Adoptions of the pups started on March 1, and two of the pups were taken immediately by Arielle of Grand Junction, CO. She had been looking for lab mix puppies for quite a while, and these two cuties fit the bill. →



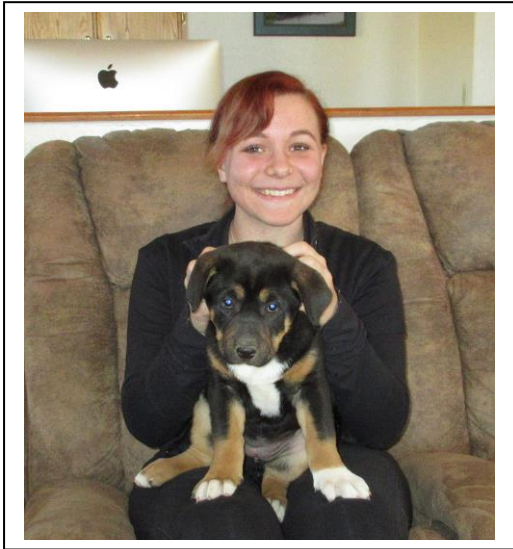
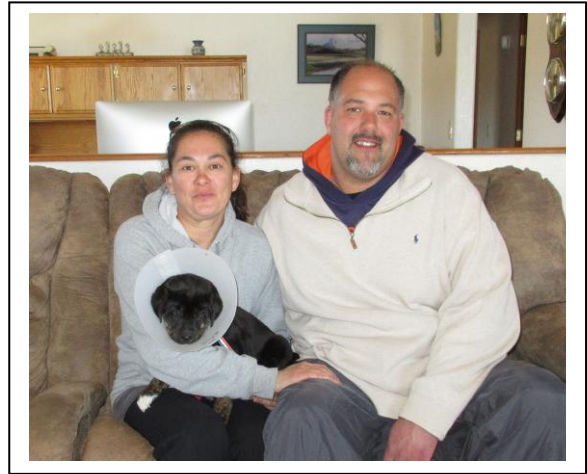
Jeffrey and Sarah, also of Grand Junction, took home Pup #3 – sure looks like a happy threesome to us! →

Both Arielle (above) and Sarah work as vet techs, so you know that these puppies are going to receive the best care possible. We look forward to receiving occasional growth & photo updates from them.



PUPPY ADOPTIONS CONTINUED

Pup #4 won the hearts of Adam and Brandy and she will now live in Montrose, Colo. They have already scheduled a “meet and greet” with their vet which tells us that this little pup is going to be well cared for and loved, and possibly spoiled. →



← Kaete took Pup #5 home to Fruita with her for lots of lovin’ – Kaete lives at home with her parents, but is taking on the responsibility for this pup who looks to be almost as big as she is. Good luck, Kaete, and please send us updates.

The last pup was adopted by Eric and Stephanie in Grand Junction. They lost an old dog last year and needed another dog to fill that void. They are naming their new puppy “Dakota Blue” – don’t you just love that name? They also have a Cocker Spaniel so Dakota Blue will have another dog to play with – yea! →



He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

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Our thank yous go out to all our recent, and previous, adopters – we appreciate that you decided to adopt a rescue dog instead of the “store-bought” or “breeder” variety.

More happy adoptions !!!



← Little “Howie” (Chihuahua mix) was adopted by the perfect family. Holly drove from Clifton, Colo., along with her 3 children (Jamison, Alyssa and Patrick) to adopt him. Howie now has 3 kids and another 4-legged Boxer pal to play with and enjoy – all the kids know how to play nicely with their animals – Howie hit the jackpot with his new forever home!

Lydia recently moved to Crawford, CO and knew she needed a companion. Lucky for her, we happened to have one of our foster care facilities right across the road from her new residence. She stopped in to see what dogs we had available and fell in love with little “Roxie.”

Thank you, Lydia, for taking Roxie into your heart and home – and welcome to Delta County!

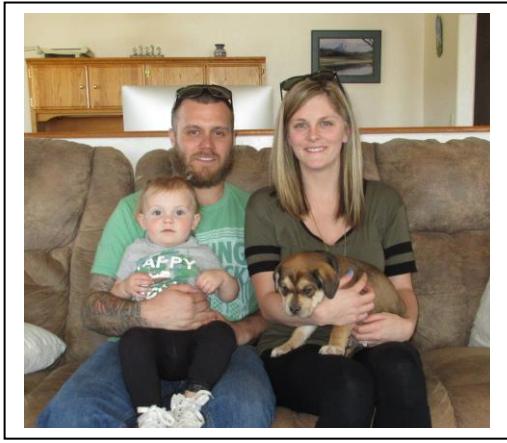


Here is our Second Round of Puppy Adoptions . . .



Carol, our self-proclaimed “Puppy Woman” at our Crawford, Colo. facility took in Mama “Miley” in January when she was close to delivering her litter. The photo to the left, taken on March 1, shows the pups eating their delicious gruel – that’s quite an assortment of colors and patterns on these pups!

The pups all stayed healthy and were able to be adopted out by mid-March. Check out the following pages showing all the wonderful adoptions.

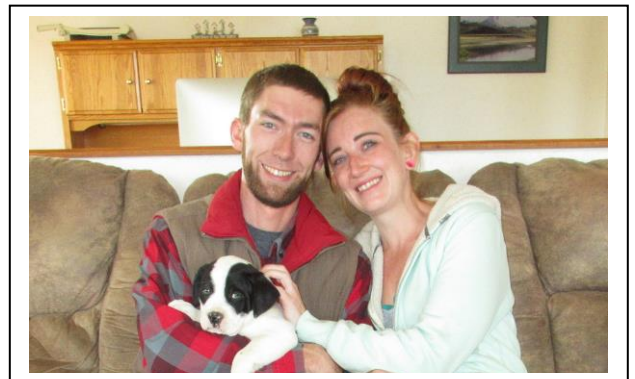


← Cory and Mykell fell in love with this pup and took him home to Grand Junction. Gavyn came along for the adoption too and is just becoming interested in dogs, but her brother and sister, Aydan and Taylor, were thrilled to know that they were getting a puppy. Unfortunately, for them, they had to attend school when Cory and Mykell adopted this cute puppy. We would love to get a photo of them someday with their new puppy (hint, hint).



← Sue needed a new best friend, and her son, Charlie, assisted her in finding just the right pup. We're sure that this little guy will provide lots of happy memories for Sue, and is currently enjoying his new forever home in Montrose.

Eric and Lauren of Cedaredge chose this little guy to complete their family. They waited until they had a home with a fenced yard before adopting a dog, so the pup will be safe and sound, obviously loved, and probably spoiled. You can tell from the smiles that this little fella will get all the love and attention he needs. →

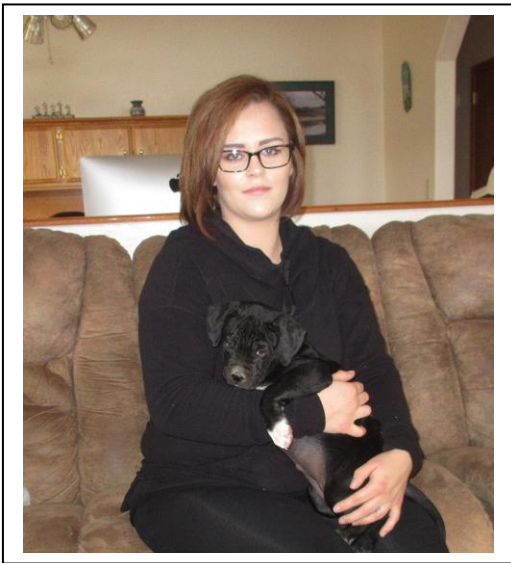


Although a lot of her family rode along for the adoption, we have to point out that this puppy belongs to Linda, the young lady in the middle holding her pup. She made numerous phone calls to our Crawford foster home to ask intelligent questions before she decided on this little darling. Jesus and Celia are her parents, and Vicky and Conrad are her cousins. We are sure that this little pup will enjoy living in Rangely with Linda and her family. →





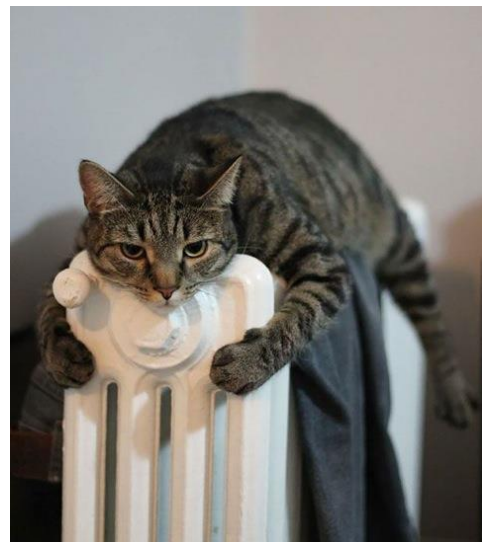
← Matt and Bri are new residents of Colorado too (transplants from Delaware) and now reside in Cedaredge, Colo. They felt they were ready for an addition to their family and selected this little girl pup. The puppy obviously was thrilled with the adoption as she was already warming up to both of them and ready to play.



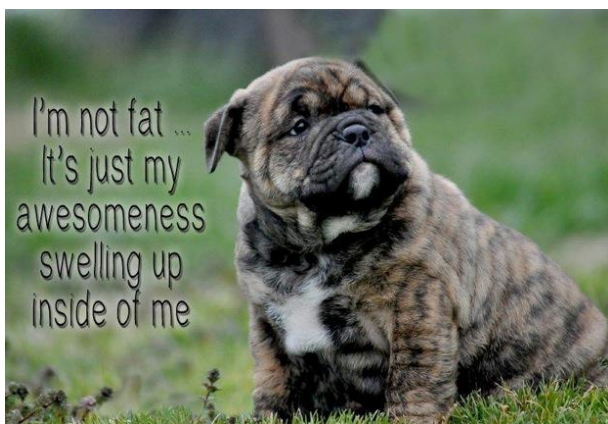
← Mckinsey has been wanting a pup for her kids and finally got one but she did not tell the kids. We can imagine that there was a lot of excitement when she showed up with this puppy at her home in Montrose. . . and it will be one happy puppy to be able to grow up with 3 kids in her life.



↑ Carlos drove from Glenwood Springs, Colo. to take home the last of Miley's puppies. Carlos lives with his parents, so this pup will receive lots of love in her forever home, plus have another dog to keep her company. Looks like a good home for this little girl!



"I'm not moving until winter is over."



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)

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