

Pet News

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You may have seen this poem before, but it's so sweet, it's always worth sharing again. Who knows – it could help a shelter dog find a home.

Before humans die, they write their last will and testament, giving their home and all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask...

To a poor and lonely stray, I'd give my happy home; my bowl and cozy bed, soft pillow and all my toys; the lap, which I loved so much; the hand that stroked my fur; and the sweet voice that spoke my name.

I'd will to the sad, scared, shelter dog the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

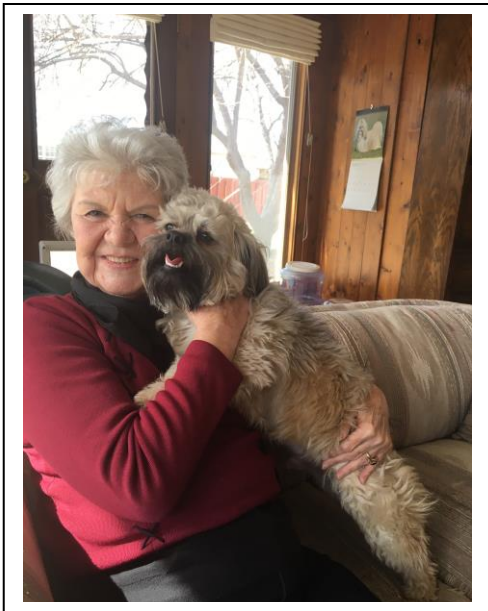
So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and the pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope, and give my place to him.

This is the only thing I can give...

The love I left behind.

– Author Unknown



We love these follow-up stories

In October 2015, “Scruffy” was adopted by Vi of Greeley, CO and has bonded with her totally. We received this photo of the two of them to prove that point. Even similar hairdoshmmm.

When our foster parents put their hearts and souls into caring for rescue dogs & cats, it does them good to see follow-up photos, or receive emails, letting them know that animals they adopted out are still being loved by their new owners.

Keep those photos coming – we love to see them!

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THANK YOU D.C.H.S.!!
OREO ADOPTED 01/2016



← Congrats to Chris, our Paonia foster mom, on her first adoption this past January, and “Oreo’s” new mom, Barb, from Hotchkiss, CO loves sharing pictures of her. You can certainly tell that Oreo is a gorgeous kitty, due to all the loving care she receives from Barb. It warms our hearts to continue to see our rescue animals in good homes.

Armed and Furry . . . *taken from AARP Bulletin*

Hunter Allie Carter’s aptly named dog, Trigger, stepped on her rifle and shot her in the foot. A recent report found at least 10 cases of dogs shooting people since 2004, usually in hunting accidents. The *Washington Post* could only find one case of a cat shooting its owner. The owner left his pistol on the kitchen counter where it could be easily knocked off – a temptation no cat could resist.



"Cayce" is going home with his new family in Silt !!

Cayce (G.Shepherd on left) had several people inquire about him, but no one would commit. Then his new family from Silt, Colorado, composed of Kurt, Annette, and Ally came to visit and said they definitely wanted Cayce in their lives. He will now live on 35 acres and has a new Golden Lab buddy named Lexi – by the time they left our foster facility in Crawford, they were best buds and chasing a ball together. We are all thrilled that Cayce finally has a forever home.

"Cats aren't clean, they're just covered with cat spit."

- John S. Nichols

...and here's a picture taken of Cayce the day after his adoption. Looks like he is settling in very nicely. What a good boy – thank you Kurt, Annette & Ally for giving him a chance. We love to see these pictures! →



... and "Anna" is going home to Delta !!

Becky said she was checking the internet every morning looking for another Heeler to join their family, and she didn't waste any time once Anna was put online for adoption. Anna was placed online for adoption about 9 PM on a Saturday evening and Becky sent an email inquiring about her at 7:15 AM Sunday morning. No waiting on their part – Becky & Todd showed up Sunday morning at 11 AM!! Anna was ready to go too – she didn't waste any time jumping in their car to go home. Now Anna and AJ (dog on right) will be able to play in their big yard and go for long daily walks. What a great home!

... and "Mama Dog" now lives in New Castle, CO

Shane and Samantha love the pit bull breed, and love all dogs in general, so adopting "Mama" (middle dog) into their family was meant to be. Mama had 2 pups about 3 months ago and was found abandoned in Delta, CO – lucky for them, a lovely lady in Delta was willing to foster Mama while the pups went to our Crawford facility. Now Mama has two new buddies to play with and two wonderful owners who will give her the love and attention that she deserves.



← and here is "Willow" (fka Mama) settling in with her new best buds, Joe and Endo. Shane and Samantha say she is the sweetest dog who never wants to stop snuggling. How great is that!

... and Willow's two pups each were adopted too ... (a wonderful ending to a story that could have ended sadly otherwise, except for the love of dogs by people who cared. . .)



"Gracie" has a new home in Grand Junction, Colo.

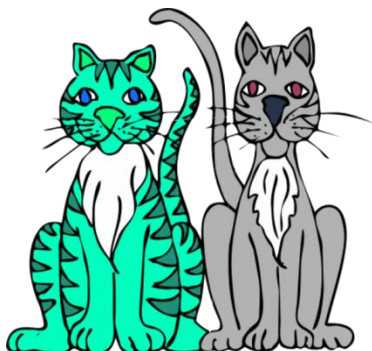
Adam came first to our Crawford facility to check out "Gracie" – then went home and both he and his wife, Rebecca, came the very next day to adopt this sweet pup. They have two other dogs at home, so Gracie will have friends to play with. We could tell that Gracie was very happy with her new parents, as she was busy giving kisses while they were holding her for photos. What a happy home she will have!



And "Katie" has a new home in Hotchkiss...

Katie will be living in Hotchkiss with Jo, Kurt and her new big sister, Bella the Boxer!! Bella visited several times at Katie's foster home and she and Katie have loved romping and playing.. now they can do it all the time. Looks like one happy family to us!

We just love people who are willing to adopt more than one animal. In this case, it was Debra and Jerry from Delta who decided to take two kittens (Little Grey Girl & Tippy Toes) home to love. This couple loves animals so we are sure that these wee ones will be spoiled rotten. →



FENCE PANELS NEEDED!!

Can you help? One of our volunteers wants to build an outside cat enclosure & could use any 6-foot high chain link panels that you can donate (width size not important). If you have any panels that you can give us, please contact Allison by phone or text at 970-210-2751, or email at allisoncat108@gmail.com. Thank you !!

Please welcome our new volunteers . . . Jordyn and Allison !!



Jordyn Vodopich signed on in March, 2016 to help out at our Crawford foster facility, but due to bad weather conditions, she really didn't get her feet wet until mid-April. Now she is dealing with "puppy overload" and busier than ever. Jordyn is 11 years old and a home school student. She watches a lot of animal programs and is very interested in animal rescue and wants some day to own her own rescue! She is very self-educated on many dog breeds and is very good at working with rescue dogs. She knew just how to approach the mother dog to keep her from being upset. She also quickly picked up on the quarantine system and how to not cross contaminate between the two sets of puppies currently in foster care. She also was just perfect in helping to take pups to the vet for their shots. This girl is a keeper!!



As of May 1, 2016, we were pleased to have Allison Gerfin join DCHS and sign on as a phone volunteer. Allison and Sharon Grotrian now comprise the team who will respond to your messages left on our voice mail system – two crackerjack ladies with a vast knowledge of animal care and how DCHS operates.

We apologize for the photo of Allison – wish we could see more of her, but she says the rooster is a camera hog.

Thanks, Allison, for coming onboard – we appreciate your help in answering phones, and your love of animals!

De-Skunking Your Dog . . . and maybe you too

Reprinted from The Humane Society of the United States



Skunks live all over the place, and if your dog gets curious about one, she may end up with a face full of stink. If your pooch gets sprayed, there are ways you can rid her of the scent without having to buy up every can of tomato juice in the area. Over-the-counter products (such as Nature's Miracle Skunk Odor Remover) are a quick fix, but if you don't have that on hand, you can prep the solution below.

Step 1: Keep Fido outside

You'll probably want to keep your dog outside while you get it together so she doesn't carry the smell indoors. Check her eyes; if they're irritated or red, immediately flush them with cool water.

Step 2: Mix the Ingredients

Mix together:

- 1 quart of 3-percent hydrogen peroxide (available at any pharmacy)
- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 1 teaspoon liquid dishwashing soap

Wearing rubber gloves, wash your dog with this solution immediately after she's been sprayed. **DO NOT** get the solution in her eyes. (If you don't have peroxide, baking soda, and liquid soap on hand, use vinegar diluted with water.)

Caution: Do NOT store this mixture or make it ahead of time, as the mixture could explode if left in a bottle.

Step 3: Clean and rinse

Rub the mixture through her fur, but don't leave it on too long (peroxide can bleach fur). Rinse her thoroughly.

Step 4: Shampoo

Next, wash your dog with pet shampoo and rinse thoroughly. By now, she should be de-skunked and smelling sweet. Thoroughly towel-dry your dog, and be sure to place her in a warm, sunny room for the next couple of hours so that she doesn't get chilled.

Owner cleanup

If your dog rubbed some of the stink onto you, you can rid your clothes of the smell by using regular laundry detergent mixed with a half-cup of baking soda.

Kittens & Puppies – Oh My!!

Joan, our foster mom in Delta, was hoping that some kittens would show up but didn't realize that she would be on overload in such a short time. She and Allison, another DCHS volunteer, were able to wrangle six kittens from a property in mid-May, and then another four kittens only two days later. Joan was able to fit 10 kittens into her foster home, but that was the limit. Allison had to take in three more kittens later at her place until Joan had available space. Thirteen kittens were a lot to handle, but those ladies did a super job and soon the little ones were moving out the door to new adopters.

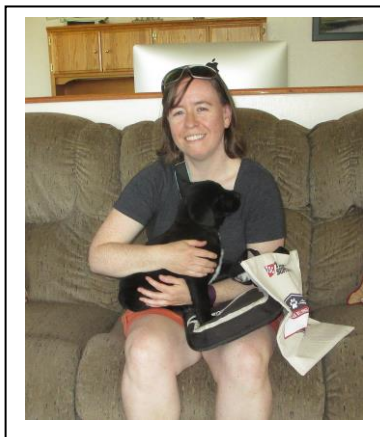


← The first little Siamese kitten to leave was adopted by Deborah in Delta, Colorado. Her 18-year-old Siamese had recently passed away and this little gal was the perfect replacement. This little kitty is going to have a wonderful home!



Then Siamese kittens #2 and #3 went home to Delta with Roberta and Dan – the kittens fell in love with them the minute they walked in the door. The kittens are pictured here with Roberta and her daughter. →

... and then the six pups that Carol (Crawford foster home) took in at 10 days old back in April finally grew up and were ready for adoption. These were the first two out the door...



← Suzanne chose this black & white girl pup to be her best friend and both went home to Gunnison on May 31.



After waiting a few days to make sure she had all the necessary puppy supplies, Kathy came on June 4 and took "Ginger" home to Delta. She plans on working with her puppy to have her become a therapy dog.

Happiness is a new puppy or kitten. . .

If smiles and joy were required to adopt a puppy, then Erin would certainly qualify – just look at this photo of her holding her new bundle of joy. Erin took her new best friend home to Gunnison – and, by chance, lives only two blocks away from Suzanne and her new pup (see pic on former page). →



Hooray – another kitten adoption! . . . and 3 more puppies find homes . . .



Lynn of Crawford, CO came with her two grandsons to look at kittens and picked “Popcorn” as the one to come home with them. Lynn also has a Pomeranian (who is smaller than the kitten) so they will have fun playing together.



Darion came with his father, David, to adopt his puppy. He saw the puppy online & knew that was the one he wanted to love & have in his life. Rumor has it that the pup might even be lucky enough to sleep with Darion at night.

A wonderful family from Grand Junction all came to adopt this little guy. From L to R, that’s Keith, Auralea, Elisabeth (holding puppy) & Ally. →



← The last little guy went home with a family from Fruita, Colo. That’s Mom, Kimberly, on the left and Dad, Grant, holding the pup. However, we’re all sure that Larissa and Katelyn had turns holding their new addition on the way home.

Wait . . . we have more adoptions.

Mary Lou drove with a friend all the way from Denver to adopt Lollipop (nka Max). She told us that she has always had Siamese cats in her life & recently lost an 18-year-old kitty. We're sure that Max will wiggle his way into her heart (if he hasn't already). Thank you, Mary Lou, for adopting him →



Luis (on left) came with his sister and brother to adopt Toby, who immediately accepted the boys and especially their sister by crawling into her lap & asking to be petted. It's nice to see an adoption become a family event, and we must say that the "Hello Kitty" shirt was a nice touch. Toby will have lots of lovin' in this family.

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Spay - Neuter Information

One of the goals of the Delta County Humane Society is to reduce the unnecessary puppy & kitten over-population in our county. FYI, if you qualify as a low-income resident of Delta County, we do presently have funds available to assist you in spaying or neutering your companion animals.

You can access a Spay/Neuter application online. Go to our website <http://www.deltacountyhumanesociety.org> - click on Spay/Neuter. Then click on Spay/Neuter Subsidy Application. Read the Instruction Box, complete your application, and click on Submit. It's as easy as that & your application is instantly submitted to DCHS for processing. No Computer? No problem? Just call our phone #874-2149. Leave a message that you would like a spay/neuter application - be sure to leave your name and mailing address too. Please note that mail-in applications sometimes take up to 4 weeks to process.





Summer's here – here are some ways to keep your dog cool in the hot temperatures

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1. **Know which breeds are at risk for overheating.** Certain breeds with “pushed-in” faces, such as Bulldogs, French bulldogs, Boxers, dogs that are overweight or have thick coats, and injured or geriatric dogs, present a greater challenge to owners. Keeping these dogs inside on warm days would be the wise choice.
2. **Remember that heat stroke can occur even at 70 degrees Fahrenheit.** Heat exhaustion can occur in just 15 minutes, at temperatures as low as 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and it may be hard to detect. Take your pet to the vet at the first sign of heat stroke — it's better to be safe than sorry.
3. **Refill their water bowls often – add ice cubes throughout the day**
4. **Keep them off hot asphalt.** Watch what they're walking on – if you can't put your hand on the ground for 5 seconds, it's not safe for their paws.
5. **Go for walks when the sun is not so intense.** Do walks earlier in the morning or late in the evening when the ground is cooler, or walk on the grass.
6. **Let them play in the water.** If you don't have a pond of water handy, even a kiddie pool in the backyard will help to cool your pooch.
7. **Leave them at home.** We all know that dogs love their car rides, but common sense will tell you that it is much better for them to be left at home where they can stay cool and comfortable.
8. **Use a cooling gel pack.** Cooling packs that can be inserted into vests or placed on beds can help regulate your pet's body temperatures.
9. **Watch for signs of heat stroke.** Symptoms of heat exhaustion include restlessness, anxiousness, pacing, bright red gums, and rapid heart rate while at rest (check their pulse by placing your hand on their chest). You can also check your pet's temperature via armpit or rectum; any armpit temp over 104 F is problematic, while any rectal temp over 105 F is dangerous. In more severe cases, your pet may exhibit symptoms like bruising, bleeding, wobbly or "drunk" walking, vomiting, diarrhea, and/or seizures.

If you want to feel how a dog feels on a warm day, just put on a fur coat.





"Whaddaya mean – let's go for a walk? We're already working hard to hold down this dog bed."

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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