

Pet News

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has spread through our country since March 2020, it was difficult to remain in touch with the outside world and get our animals adopted. Thus, you will find that this issue has only two adoption photos, but we hope to make up for it with other educational, informative and sometimes humorous content. Stick with us and keep our animals in mind for future adoptions – thank you.

Here is a photo of one of our available, adoptable animals – also to be found on the DCHS web site and Petfinder.com



Junior is about a year old and a very sweet little guy. He is on the small size and loves to play with just about anything. He is a little shy at first but when he is petted he just loves it. He can purr a lot. He doesn't really care to be picked up and petted but he does love to get stroked and can be vocal when he wants to be loved on. He is good with the dogs and other cats in the house. He will let you pick him up and cradle him like a baby and give him belly rubs but when you stop he likes to get down.

Junior is litter box trained, neutered and shots are up to date. If you are looking for an older kitten that is lovable he is your fellow.

"Just a minute" is too long

Dogs die in hot cars EVERY summer.

Let others know that it's not okay to leave your dog in a hot car and find out your city's non-emergency police services number and animal services number so you can report it if you see it.



Source: spca.bc.ca/pet-care/health-safety/dogs-in-hot-cars.html



It only takes 10 minutes for the inside of your car to reach a temperature that can cause heatstroke.

Heatstroke symptoms



hard panting,
red tongue/lips



rapid
pulse



lack of
coordination



weakness
& tremors



convulsions
& vomiting



collapse,
coma & death

... and did you know that more pets go missing on July 4th than any other day in the year?

FIREWORKS TERRIFY PETS! KEEP THEM SAFE!!



Create a safe-haven for your pets in a sheltered, escape-proof part of your home with plenty of water. Also, turn on the TV to help mask the fireworks with familiar sounds. Make sure that your pet is tagged or microchipped in case he/she does get loose.

Here's our first adoption for this newsletter . . . and it's a good one !!



By the looks of this photo, "Shadow" and Vickie make one happy pair. Her foster mom, Joan, gave her the name of Shadow as this lovely kitten would enjoy playing with her own shadow in the sunshine. Vickie tells us that Shadow will likely be spoiled – no kids or other animals in her house, so this lucky kitten will get all her attention.

Thank you, Vickie!

**Accidentally stepped on my
husband's foot:
"Sorry."**

**Accidentally stepped on my
dog's paw:
"Oh my God, I'm so *SORRY!*
Are you ok buddy? I'm SO, SO
sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you.
I LOVE you. You want a treat?
You're the best boy, yes you are."**

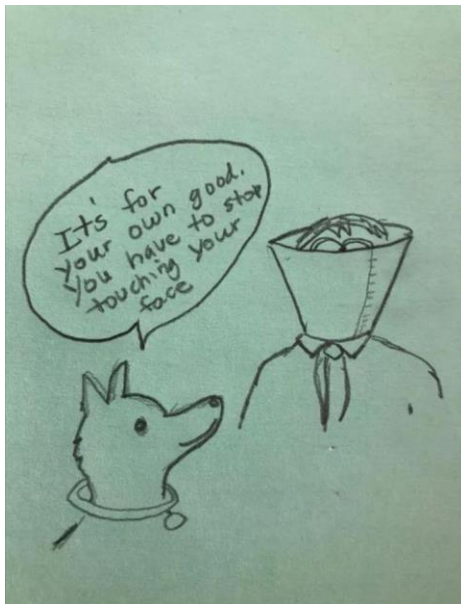
WHO IS YOUR REAL FRIEND?



**This really works...!
If you don't believe it, just try this experiment.**

Put your dog and your spouse in the trunk of the car for an hour.
When you open the trunk, which one is really happy to see you?

Although our country has suffered thru severe illness and death in the past four months, we still manage to find animal humor to make us smile. We hope you enjoy these cartoons in the spirit they were sent



Best thing about quarantine: I discovered my cat watches the sunrise every morning.



Quarantine is going well but I'm pretty sure the cat is cheating

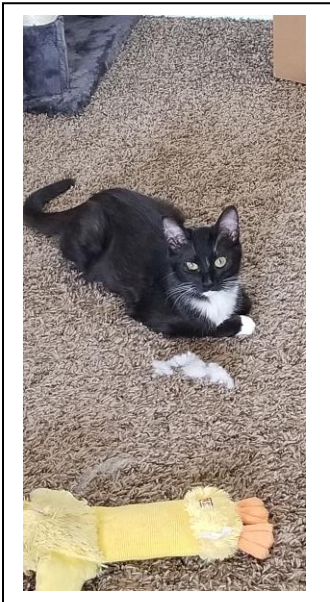


"Indeed, there is nothing on this earth more peaceful than a sleeping, purring cat."
— Jonathon Scott Payne



↑ and here are Kona (pit bull mix) and me (your friendly newsletter editor), wearing our protective gear. These masks have a HEPA filter inside for extra filter protection, and were kindly made for us by a generous neighbor. We're gonna stay safe!

. . . and here's our second furry adoption . . .



Please meet "Indie" – sorry, no photos of her adopters. Our foster mom, Chris, tells us that this little kitty was adopted by Susan and Allan on June 19. Since they split their time between Marble, Colo. and Washington DC, Indie will get to fly twice a year. Susan wanted an older kitty & one who loves laps, and Chris said that Indie meets that description perfectly. Thank you, Susan & Allan, for adopting this sweet girl, and be sure to send us photos of her in her new home(s).



A Good Laugh

Upon entering a small country store, a stranger noticed a sign saying **DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG!** posted on the glass door. Inside a harmless old hound dog was asleep on the floor besides the cash register.

He asked the store manager, "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep, that's him," he replied.

The amused stranger inquired, "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

The owner responded, "Because, before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."



How to Remove a Tick from a Dog (courtesy of Pet Basics from Bayer)

No matter how careful you might be, chances are that your dog will pick up a tick if they spend any time outside. Ticks are known for carrying diseases like Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease, which makes removing a tick from your dog as soon as you see it important. *Once you find a tick attached to your dog's skin, what's the best way to remove it?* Here's what you need to know:

What You Need to Remove a Tick from Your Dog

- Latex or rubber gloves (if you have a break in your skin, the disease that the tick is carrying potentially could be transmitted to you)
- Tweezers with a pointed end
- Antiseptic or soap
- Alcohol
- Small jar

How to Remove a Tick from Your Dog

Follow this step-by-step guide to get rid of ticks on your dog:

1. Put on your gloves and use water or alcohol to flatten your dog's hair around the tick. Ticks bury their head into the dog's skin so all that is sticking out is their backend, which means you need to be careful when removing a tick so that you don't leave the head embedded. Additionally, do not attempt to squeeze the tick, as this could push bacteria-rich tick saliva into the bite wound.

2. Using your tweezers, grab the tick as close to your dog's skin as possible.

3. Pull the tick out in one straight motion. Don't squeeze too hard, pull too fast, or twist the tweezers.

4. After you get the tick out, take a picture of it with your phone and then place it in a jar with alcohol. Why should you get a photo first, though? So you can show your vet and they can identify the type of tick in the event that your dog starts to show any symptoms. Alternatively, you can tape the tick to a notecard or piece of paper for disposal, or to take to the veterinarian for identification. Taping the tick down in this fashion is effective because it dries the tick out, ultimately killing it.

5. Clean your dog's wound with antiseptic or soap and water.

After you have removed the tick, there's a good chance that there will be another one on your dog's body, so be sure to check their coat thoroughly. Also check the feet, foot pads, and ears, as ticks often frequent these areas. Monitor your dog for any changes in behavior over the next few weeks or months, and visit your vet if any unusual symptoms arise, such as lethargy, lameness, or rapid breathing.



What to Do if the Tick's Head is Embedded in Your Dog's Skin

Sometimes, a tick might break in half during removal, leaving its mouth parts still in the skin of your dog. This is not uncommon. If there is enough of the mouthparts that are still seen and can be grasped by the tweezers, go ahead and try to pull the remaining part out. If this is not the case, or if a good grasp cannot be had, it is best to leave the area alone and let the body work the mouthparts out on its own, just as a splinter does in human skin.

Simply wash the area with warm soapy water and keep an eye on it to make sure it is healing and not becoming red or inflamed. Continual prodding of the area with tweezers may not only be painful for the dog, it could push the mouth parts further into the skin, causing irritation and potential infection.

No one wants to have to go through the process of removing a tick from their pet. Protecting your dog with a tick preventive may help avoid this unpleasant process — both for you and your pet.

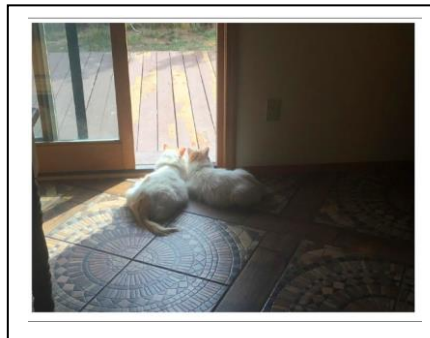
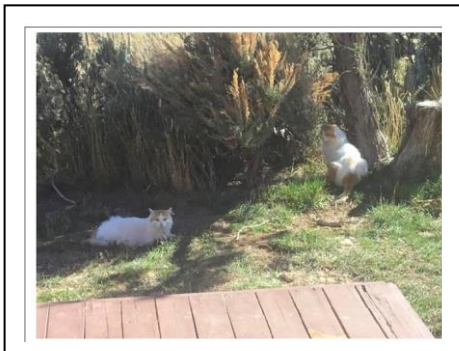
We have lots of adoption updates for you this time – please keep them coming . . .

You saw Muse's backside in our last newsletter (adopted in October 2018 by Lexi & Chase of Crested Butte, Colo.), but this time we received numerous photos of Muse showing how comfortable she is in her new environment. She is truly loved . . .



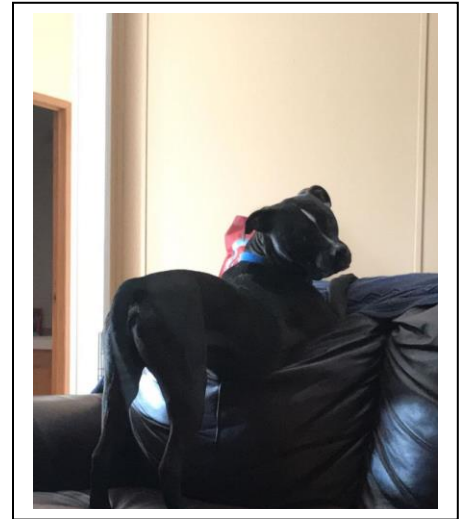
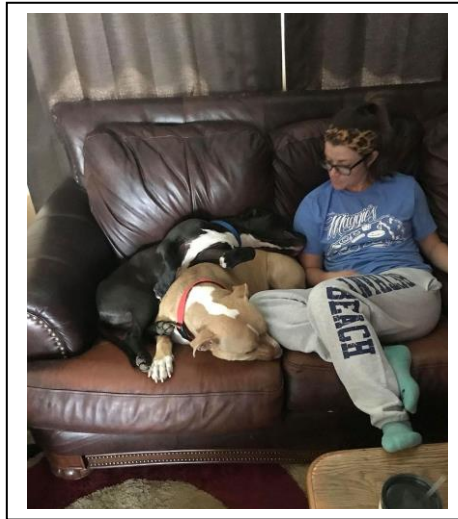
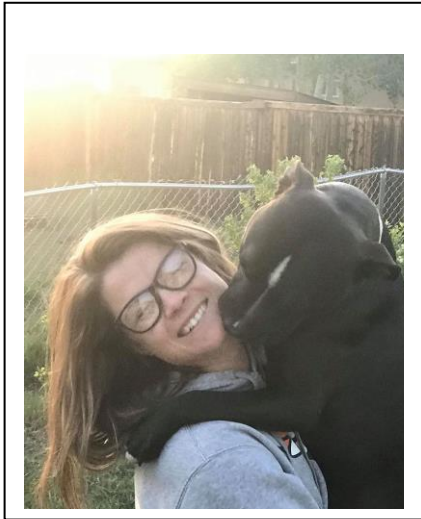
. . . and here we have more happy & content kitties. Joan, our kitty foster mom in Delta, received an email from Cindy in Crawford, Colo. telling her how wonderful "Trooper" and "Wally" (adopted in April 2019) were in their lives. Here are photos to prove it . . . ↓

We are told that Trooper and Wally are both wonderful, loveable, affectionate cats who like to chase butterflies outside, wrestle in the house, and sit on their owners' laps while they watch TV (or any other quiet time). We love it!

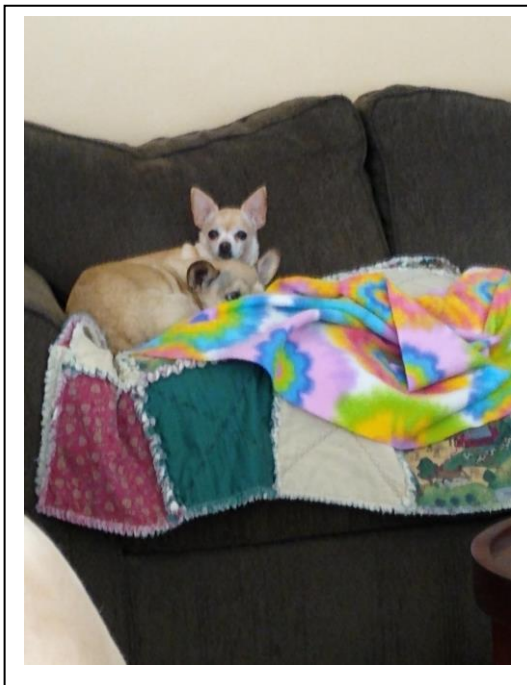


Here's one happy pit bull and a great adoption

"Mason" was adopted by Jesse and Shelby at the end of Summer 2019. They had lost one of their old pitties and needed a friend for the remaining dog. By just looking at these photos below, we can tell that Mason could not ask for a better, and more loving, home. ↓



↑ Shelby tells us that Mason loves his new brother, and loves life! Looks like he loves his Mama as well & gives the best, sloppy doggie kisses. Thank you both for giving Mason the home he deserves.



← "Sadie," at least in this photo, is the "top dog" in this family. She was adopted by Diane of Montrose, Colorado in the summer of 2017, who often sends us photos and tells us how Sadie is such a special Chihuahua and a wonderful part of her life.

As you can see by the photo also, Sadie and her best bud, Joey, have formed a bond, and are well taken care of by Diane. Thank you, Diane!

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to an old friend

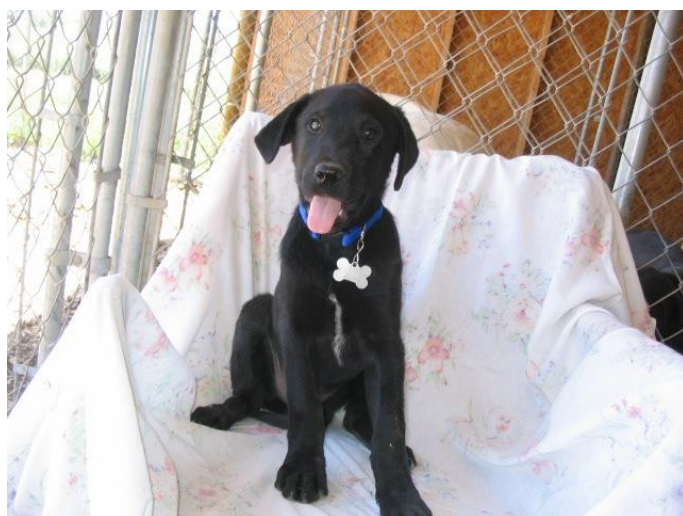
Carol, our former foster mom in Crawford, received this email from Jake's mom in mid-April . . .

Hi Carol,

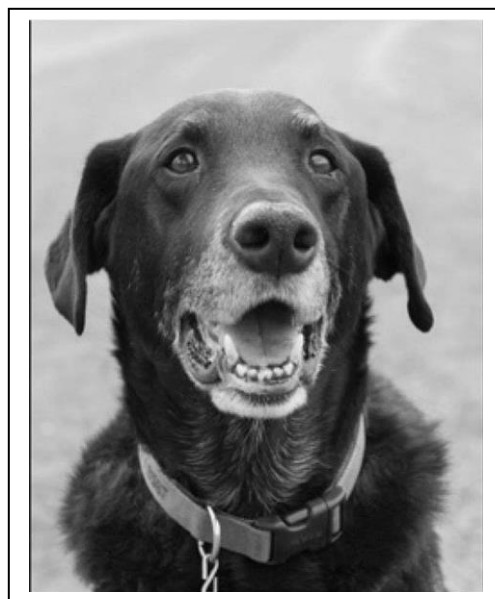
It is with a heart consumed with overwhelming, devastating sadness, but I wanted you to know; we lost our most beloved, Jake, last Friday. He never thought he was a dog. He was a person, one of his people. He was loved so, so much and returned all of it ten-fold.

Angie (Jake's mom)

"Jake" had a wonderful 13 years of life, love, and happiness with Angie and her family – the best life that a dog could ask for. We send our sympathies for the loss of your best friend . . .



Adoption photo – July 2007



Goodbye, Jake

You may have noted that at the beginning of this page, we said that Carol Nations was our *former* foster parent. Let it be noted that after 16.5 years of devoted love and commitment to her foster dogs and puppies, Carol has decided to step back from foster care and give some time to herself & her companion animals. She is still involved with DCHS in other ways, but she will certainly be missed by us & other rescue groups she dealt with as a foster mom. Our thanks to you, Carol, for all your years of service and for all the animals you saved.



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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