

Pet News

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December 2016

A Rescue Dog's Christmas Poem

Based on the epithet that: "A dog is not just for Christmas"

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town,
every shelter is full - we are lost but not found,
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare, we hope every minute that someone will care,
They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,
"Come here, Max and Sparkie - come fetch your new ball!!"

But now we sit here and think of the days. . .
We were treated so fondly - we had cute, baby ways.
Once we were little, then we grew and we grew -
now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.
So out the back door we were thrown like the trash,
they reacted so quickly - why were they so rash?

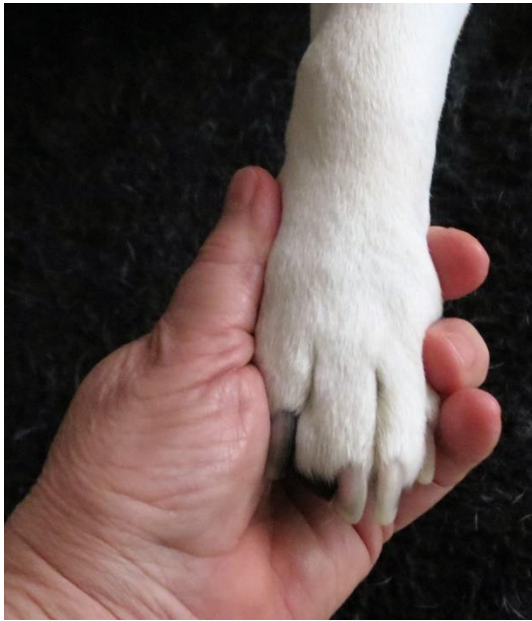
We "jump on the children," "don't come when they call,"
We "bark when they leave us," "climb over the wall."
We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed,
now we suffer the consequence of the errors they made.
If only they'd trained us, if only we knew . . .
We'd have done what they asked us and worshipped them too.

They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye. . .
"Maybe someone else will give you a try."
So now here we are, all confused and alone. . . in a shelter with others who long for a home.
The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,
with so many to care for, they can't stay to chat.
They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer. . .
we know that they wonder how long we'll be here.

We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads. . .
of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.
Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears -
our friends filled with emptiness, worry and fear.
If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn -
Could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?

We count on your kindness each day of the year -
Can you give more than hope to everyone here?
Please make a donation to pay for the heat . . .
and help get us something special to eat.
The shelter that cares for us wants us to live,
and more of us will, if more people will give. . . *Author unknown*

Lend us your Paws Donate to Delta County Humane Society



We would like to ask you at this charitable time of year – could you lend a paw and give just a little to our non-profit organization?

Our grant funds are item-specific such as spay/neuter, building, etc. but we can always use help with general funding for dog and cat food, medications, surgeries – and these needs are constant.

Please help by sending in the last page of this newsletter with your donation. **THANK YOU!!**

Here are some reminders of why we do this work – former adopters send us current photos showing us how happy their rescue animals are in their homes , and the happiness the animals give their owners. . .



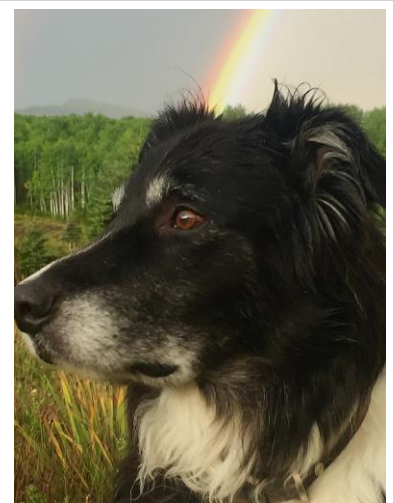
"Temerity"

Email message & photos received September 2016 – "Zephyr" adopted in 2010 and Temerity adopted in 2015 – both from Carol in our Crawford foster care facility. . .

Dear Carol,

Zephyr & Temerity continue to bring sunshine, radiance and love. Temerity has grown to be a lover & a killer; bringing me her treasure daily, keeping my pest population in check. Her motor is virtually nonstop! Zephyr's presence is a gift each day, the cliché of a best friend.

I wholeheartedly commend you and am truly grateful for your role in enabling my life to be enriched by two amazing beings.
Heather



"Zephyr"

"Without my pets, my wallet would be full, my house would be clean, but my HEART would be empty."

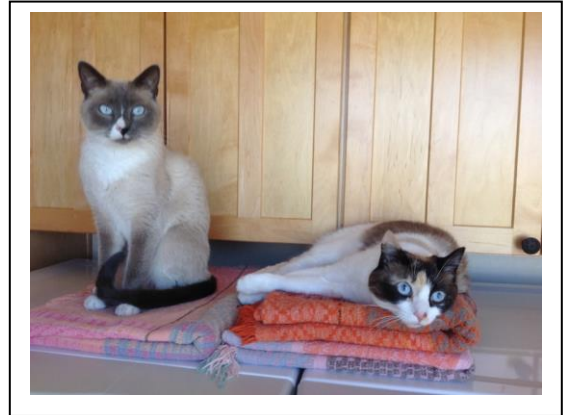
. . . . Christina Barker Jones

More former adoptions. . .



"Zoe" was adopted by James and Cyndi in 2015, again from our Crawford facility. She now has a new feline pal named "Merlin" - looks like they're a good match and very happy in their home.

"Cisco" and "Lizzie" were adopted by Ellen in Albuquerque, NM in December 2012. Both Joan (Delta) and Carol (Crawford) cared for these cats (kittens at the time) before their adoption. Ellen tells us she's so in love with both of them, and we can certainly tell that by how gorgeous they look! →



You Can't Go Wrong with KONG

If you've ever purchased a Kong toy for your dog, you know that the Kong brand toys are nearly indestructible and worth every penny you spent on them. In October, the Delta County Humane Society was fortunate to be the recipient two huge bags of toys, treats and a couple of boxes of rubber KONGS from the KONG COMPANY.

We would like to extend our sincere **THANK YOUs** to the **KONG COMPANY** for their kindness and generosity – our shelter dogs will enjoy their new toys for years to come. Dogs will come and go, but the KONG toys will provide exercise and fun for each new rescue that we take in for many years. Thank you KONG COMPANY for your toy donations to DCHS, and for thinking of the animals !!

This is only part of the donation received by the Delta County Humane Society from the KONG COMPANY – there was another bag of toys like these, in addition to two boxes of the red rubber Kong toys. Our rescue dogs and cats are going to be very happy for a long time – Thank you so much!! →



This lady is “for the birds”



Stacy had a special addition “for the birds” added to the back of her garage.

We would like to introduce you to our volunteer bird lady – Gloria (aka “Stacy”) Griffin. She has been associated with the Delta County Humane Society since 2006 and uses her specialized bird rehab talents to nurse injured birds back to health. Stacy has treated everything from hummingbirds to hawks, adding just the right dose of love along with medical needs for her birds.

The spring of 2016 was a busy one for Stacy as she took care of 3 doves, 2 baby swallows, one baby swift and 2 cockatiels. Last year she cared for 15 birds. It is an amazing gift she has, and we all appreciate the hard work she puts into the care of each and every bird she rescues. Under certain circumstances, Stacy also cares for domestic birds that need to find homes.



Flight cage



“Baby Magpie”

Please welcome our new Delta County Humane Society Spokespet . .

Introducing “Mr. Pibb”



Mr. Pibb is now the new Spokespet for the Delta County Humane Society. He was found as a tiny kitten and was very frightened, not knowing what would happen to him. One of our loving volunteers rescued him, decided he was definitely worth saving, and took him into foster care. Mr. Pibb grew into a gorgeous and elegant cat, who now lavishes love on all who meet him. He is still looking for his forever home but in the meantime he has lots of toys, plenty to eat and a warm bed at night. He needs to be an inside cat, so if you think you have room in your heart for this wonderful kitty, please contact Kathie at 970-856-8070.



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Once you have clicked on the above link and reached the AmazonSmile page, be sure to bookmark it for future purchases at Amazon and automatic donations to Delta County Humane Society. If you shop at www.Amazon.com we will not receive the donation – you must enter through the smile.amazon.com program in order for DCHS to receive the donations. Thank you so much!!



Delta County Humane Society and Yvonne Rowland
cordially invite you to our

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND FUNDRAISER

December 9
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

796 1525 Road, Delta, Co 81416

Donations will be accepted for medical expenses for Sprout, a terrier mix found apparently hit by a vehicle on November 17, 2016, on H50 Road. She had multiple fractures to her pelvis and hind legs. Two Rivers Veterinary Clinic graciously took her in for the initial diagnosis and then released her to North Fork Veterinary Clinic for surgery. Her legs were repaired, but she will be looking at additional surgery to repair her hip which was also injured. Please help us help her by enjoying a tour of a Christmas Wonderland, refreshments and drawings with your donation toward her medical fund. This little gal is really a trooper!

If you can't attend, you can mail a donation to DCHS, P. O. BOX 1111, DELTA CO 81416 or go online at deltacountyhumanesociety.org and donate there.

YOUR donation will enter you into a drawing for a couple of very nice Christmas Pieces.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!!



End of the Year Adoptions . . .

The fall and winter months typically show fewer adoptions, but the ones that we do have are precious – like these, for example:



← Claudia, a Montrose resident, was looking for a companion kitten and soon found that “George” fit the bill. He will certainly keep Claudia company and keep that smile on her face for many years to come. Thank you, Claudia, for allowing room in your home and your heart for George.

"There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast." -Anonymous

“Bruno” (forefront) now has a new home in Nucla, CO with Nora and Raymond, plus a younger brother named Tigger.

Nora and Raymond are definitely lovers of the Boxer breed, and were thrilled to add Bruno to their family. Thanks to you both! →



Did you know holly, mistletoe, and poinsettia plants are poisonous to dogs and cats? If you normally use these plants to decorate your home, they should be kept in an area your pet cannot reach.

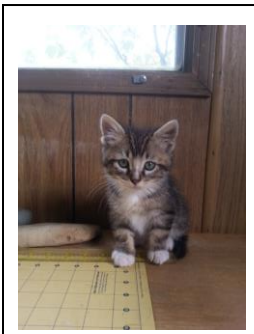


← What could possibly make a young dog happier than a forever family of four, a backyard to romp in, and the promise of lots of walks! – Thank you Scott & Karlie (mom & dad), Finn & Lucy for adopting “Marvin” and throwing in that special ingredient of “love” so that he has the best home ever at your place in Glenwood Springs.

Our adoptable cats & kittens get to enjoy the outdoors in safety. . .

Allison Gerfin, one of our foster moms, loves cats, and took on the job of building her own catio next to her house so the resident & foster felines could move from inside the house to enjoy the fresh air – but still be safe from predators. Great job, Allison!

She was also lucky to have four adopters visit her in October and adopt five of her kittens – we've shown the kittens & their new Colorado locations below



"Boots" – Hotchkiss



"Jazpurrr" - Crawford



"Lucy" – Hotchkiss



"Rio" & "Jimmy" – same home in Montrose



Our foster mom in Cedaredge, Kathie Flynn, had her catio built in July 2014. The cats here can also move from inside to outside via a window. This catio has seen lots of feline foster care in the past two years. Kathie also feeds a colony of feral cats in Cedaredge, so she is a busy woman. Thank you, Kathie!

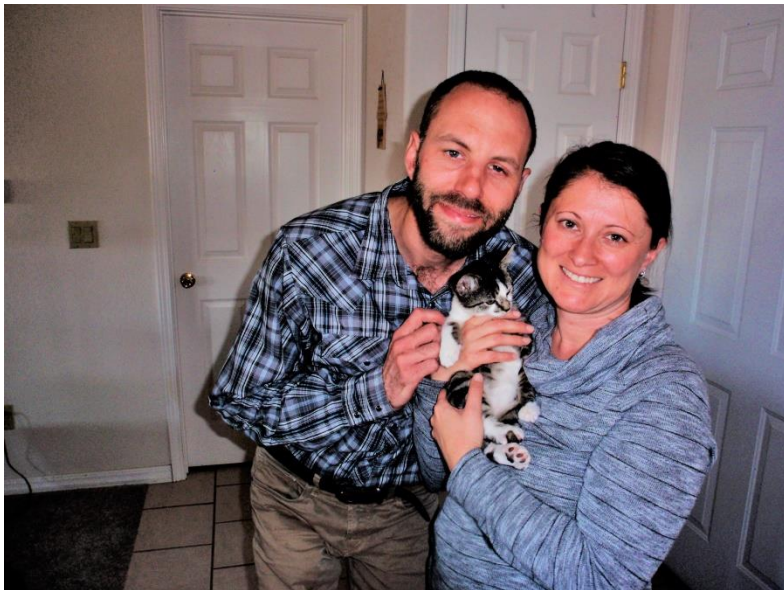
More forever home adoptions. . . .



We LOVE return adopters!!

←Tammy and Michael adopted Bayou from Carol at our Crawford facility last year, and now felt it was time for another dog. This time they came with their children (Kailey, Reagan & Madison) to adopt "Onyx."

What a great life Onyx will have with this wonderful family – you can almost see her smiling already.

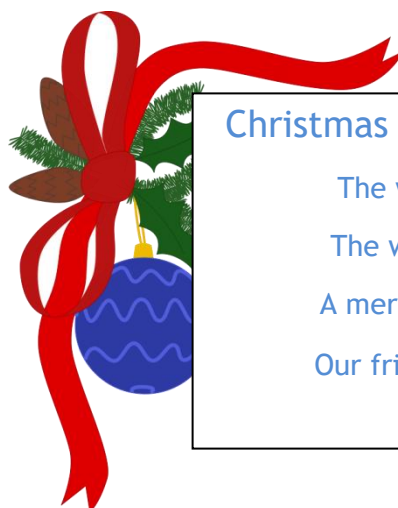


"Kirby" got his forever home with Justin & Heidi because they took the time to play with all the kittens at Joan's place before they decided that Kirby would be the special kitten they would adopt. He's going to have a wonderful home in Hotchkiss with his new owners and even a dog who likes cats – how great is that!

"Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear." -- Dave Barry



**I'm writing a letter to Santa
How do you spell "Filet Mignon"?**



Christmas Message to You

The wish is old,
The wish is true,
A merry Christmas
Our friends, to 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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MEMBERSHIP: \$10 (annual) \$20 (supporting) \$100 (lifetime)

MEMBERSHIP: \$_____ DONATION: \$_____ PHONE: _____

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OF DELTA COUNTY