

Pet News

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Happy New Year!

All of the volunteers here at Delta County Humane Society want to wish you a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and thank all of our adopters and donors who love their animals and help support our rescue organization by donating bedding, food & other supplies, or by supporting our fundraisers this year!!

In addition, we would like to send out thank yous to the following parties – those people who help us to make what we do possible . . .

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<p>... and a special thank you to our wonderful DCHS volunteers: Jackie, Joan, Chris, Carol, Renee', Kathie, The Rhineharts, and Quincy!!</p> <p>... and our phone volunteers, Edna & Sharon, who tirelessly respond to all of your messages</p>	<p>Marquerite S. Tryon Family Tempe B. Christina B. Jim W. Nancy W. Carlotta P. Roberta S. Trish S. Pauline C. Brenda F. Lee M.</p>	<p>Karen B. Karen H. Vivian G. Marci and Wade L. Candice M. Lynn C. Lavonne S. Patty F. Yvonne R. Lue S. Garry & Margaret S. Denis & Beth S. Kathy & Grandma Tempe B.</p>
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New Year's Resolutions for Dogs and Their Owners

It's 2023, and the perfect way to celebrate the New Year is to set a goal that you and your dog can accomplish together. We all wish we could be the person our dog thinks we are, so here are a few New Year's resolutions that are perfect for you and your four-legged BFF:

1. Cut out the junk food

It can be so hard to resist feeding your favorite furry friend some delicious table scraps, and they certainly won't stop you. However, feeding your dogs human food that's high in fat, sugar, or calories can cause obesity in pets and secondary problems like arthritis and diabetes. Also, there are certain human food dogs can't eat without risk of severe adverse reaction that could even be life threatening. Make a resolution to dial in your dog's nutrition in 2023 — you'll be taking your dog on a healthy path for the rest of its life.

2. Dental care is important

Did you know that by the age 3, over 80% of dogs will likely display some sign of dental disease? Without proper care, and annual checkups with your vet, poor oral health can lead to pain, inflammation, and expensive teeth cleanings and/or extractions. Note: If your dog has bad breath, it might be a sign of dental problems. Perhaps a joint resolution would be to brush your teeth twice a day and your dog's teeth daily.

3. Learn something new

Forget that saying "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." If you select a few dog-training tips and have the patience to work with your dog, it's totally possible to teach your senior pet new behaviors/tricks.

Learning is a great way for both dogs and humans to keep their minds sharp, so try picking up a new skill for the New Year. Teaching your dog learn something new will also strengthen the bond between the two of you.

4. Go on adventures

Try to plan some new adventures to take with your pup. Perhaps take in a dog park, go on a hike, visit a state or national park, or take a road trip, big or small. These adventures will give you the opportunity to create memories with your pet that will last a lifetime.

5. Organization

Get yourself organized for the coming year, but also involve your pet and its needs. Toss out those old toys, invest in some handy storage bins, and file all your dog's records away in a safe place. Check that your pet's microchip information is up-to-date and confirm that your dog is current on all its necessary vaccinations.



**I think my dog
always follows me
to the bathroom
because I always
follow him outside
and he thinks
that's the way it
works.**



A page of possibilities

We would like you to see some of the feral cats/kittens who are under the foster care of Kathie Flynn. Although born feral, when fostered, loved and cared for, these felines can become the “love of your life” if given the chance.



It’s “Newton” on the left, and “Sketcher” on the right – neither kitty is deterred by water or grooming table when it comes to showing affection for their friend, Quigley.



The “gang” playing, and being watched by Kathie’s dog, “Elliot” – the kitten supervisor.



Kathie named this little kitten “Muñeca” (Spanish for “doll”), and says that she has gone from “tiny” to “mighty.” A beautiful example of what love & caring can do.

As of this writing, Kathie still had 15 beautiful, but no-longer-feral, kitties available for adoption. If you would like to adopt one, call Kathie at 970-856-5002 for an appointment to see them all.

Baby, it's cold outside !!!



Yes, we're currently in the middle of winter and it's time to think about protecting your four-footed friends when outside. Personally, I would never keep my dog outside for any great length of time in winter, but if you must, here are a few helpful suggestions to keep your pet safe and warm . . .

Dress Properly and Keep Paws Clean

When outside for a walk, dogs with less fur need help to keep warm, so a winter dog coat, sweater or jacket keeps them warmer. During your walks, ice, deicer and salt can build up in your dog's paws. If your dog licks its paws, he/she could be ingesting harmful poisons – so, be sure to wipe down your dog's paws and remove any ice buildup every time after a walk.

Provide Shelter

If your dog does spend a lot of time outside in the winter months, make sure you provide proper shelter – make sure it is insulated. The floor of the shelter should be insulated with straw to prevent cold from radiating up from the ground – and consider topping it with warm bedding. A shelter shown in the photo above provides excellent insulation for your pet, and is inexpensive to build. Placing a piece of plywood under the roof of the shelter will keep it from collapsing.

Keep your Dog Fed and Hydrated

Your dog should always have access to clean, unfrozen water. You can purchase a heated bowl for water that will always allow fresh water for your pet. Dogs that live outside may require more food to keep up their metabolism in winter months, but check with your vet first before changing your dog's diet.

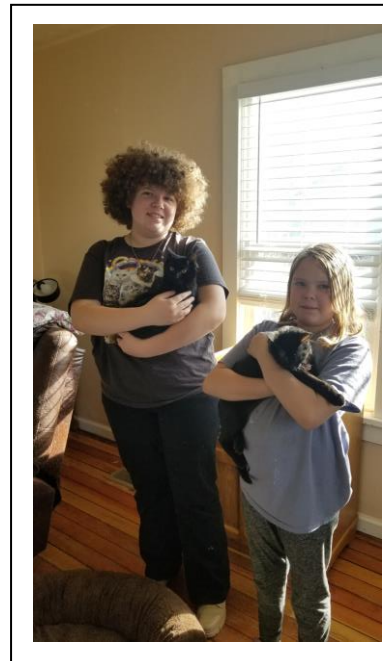
Please meet our recent adoptions . . .



← Adoption Day: December 20. However, Gen (Mom) and her son, Brogan, kept little “Lotus” hidden until Christmas when the kitty turned out to be the only present that her son, Owen, wanted. Owen is 11 years old and really missed their cat that had passed away – his only wish for Christmas was to have a new cat. We can only imagine that Lotus was a big surprise for Owen, and that he had the best Christmas ever. Perhaps Gen, Brogan, and Owen can send us some updated photos to show how Lotus is doing in her new Grand Junction, Colo. home.

These 3 kitties were adopted from our foster mom, Chris, in Cedaredge, CO.

Chad brought his daughters to see the kittens that were available for adoption. They recently moved to Delta and the girls had to leave their cats with their older sister in Idaho. Faith, the older of the two, decided that “Onyx” was the kitten for her, and Hope fell for “Bouncer.” They are both black but they will be easy to tell apart. Bouncer has short black hair and probably will not get too big. Onyx has long hair and at 4 months he already weighs over 5 pounds. Good choices, girls, and thanks for adopting two rescue cats ! →

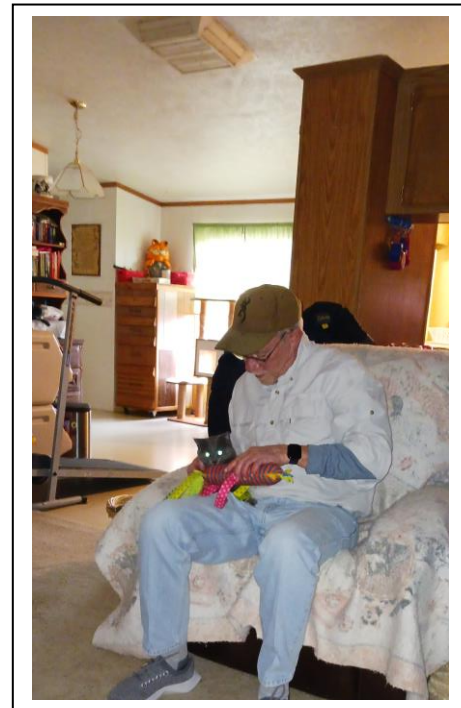


“Chloe” left Joan’s foster home on December 27 and went home with her new family in Delta, Colo. Janna, Jeff and their daughter came to meet Chloe and it was really great to see. Chloe is a little shy with new people but when Janna and Jeff picked her up, she decided they were her people. Sometimes, you just have to let the animal make the decision for you. Great adoption! →





It looks like Kathie (foster mom) is now down to 14 feral kittens left for adoption. As you can see by these loving photos, little “Buebi” was adopted by David on December 27. David had just lost his 17-yr-old cat on Christmas Eve and wasn’t able to be without a special fur baby in his life. Kathie tells us that Buebi went right to David, and it was love for both of them. →



Past, but purr-fect, adoptions



← These two lovebugs “Sparrow” and “Penguin” (formerly feral kittens fostered by Kathie), are now enjoying the love and attention of their new owners.

Monty (in photo) and his wife, Connie, adopted the black & white feline duo on October 21, 2022. This is a perfect example of how continued love and care by the adopter parent(s) can assure feral kitties a forever home.

All of us should be so lucky as “Ellie,” the adopted dog in the following photos. When Gertie decided that she wanted Ellie in her life, she drove from Gypsum, Colo. to Crawford, Colo. to meet Carol (foster mom) and the new “Lab in her life.”



Adoption day: March 17, 2012

Gertie loves to travel and hike, and, thus, her best friend, Ellie, gets to go on many adventures, as you can see by the photos below. What a friendship they have!!





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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