

Pet News

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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!! A special thank you goes out to Yvonne R., who raised \$1,000+ in 2021 with her fabulous birthday and holiday fundraisers !!

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 . . .

Veterinarians: Gretta Carmichael, DVM William Houseweart, DVM Allan Dorr, DVM
Clark Martin, DVM Jeff Hirsch, DVM Susan Raymond, DVM
Susie Hirsch, DVM Natalya O'Regan, DVM

Alpine Fence Altrusa International Amazon.com Animal Assistance Foundation	City Market Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund Adopt-A-Pet.com County of Delta, Colorado Delta Ace Hardware	Delta County Independent Feral cat trapper – Fran G. Feral cat colony caretakers Surface Creek Animal Shelter Tails Adoption Center
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<p>... and a special thank you to our wonderful DCHS volunteers: Jackie, Joan, Chris, Carol, Kathie, The Rhineharts, and Quincy!!</p> <p>... and our phone volunteers, Edna & Sharon, who tirelessly respond to all of your messages</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.	John H. Dolores B. Jean H. Vivian G. Stacy G. Tara I. P.L.C. Michael B. Naomi S.
	Jacqueline K. George L. Thomas F. Jodi P. Lynn W. Sheila/Russell L. Alma F. James B. Brenda T.	Helen J. 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.

Five Good Reasons Why You Should Spay or Neuter Your Pet

(excerpts from www.brown.edu)

1) Spaying or neutering increases your pet's chances for a longer, healthier life.

- Spaying your pet before her first estrous cycle (that is, before she reaches sexual maturity) greatly reduces her chances of developing breast cancer and completely eliminates the threat of uterine and ovarian cancer and uterine infection, which are common occurrences in unaltered females.
- Neutering your male dog or cat prevents testicular tumors and may prevent prostate problems. Neutering also decreases the possibility of perianal tumors and hernias, which are commonly observed in older, unaltered dogs. Because neutered cats are less likely to roam, the threat of abscesses caused by bites and diseases transmitted by fighting are greatly reduced.

2) An altered dog or cat is a better pet for your family.

- Males neutered early in life are less aggressive toward other males and are not distracted by females in heat. Therefore, a neutered male will be less tempted to leave your property and cross that dangerous highway searching for a mate. Neutered males also are less likely to mark every one of your (or your neighbor's) expensive shrubs with his urine as well as inside the house.
- Spaying your female pet eliminates the problem of stray males camping in your yard and decreases her desire to roam and breed.

3) No family wants to cope with an unwanted pregnancy.

Spaying prevents your pet from giving birth to unwanted puppies or kittens.

4) Spaying results in a cleaner female dog and home.

Because female dogs pass bloody fluid for about ten days, twice a year, as a part of their estrous cycle, constant care must be taken to avoid carpet stains in homes with such animals. Spaying your dog eliminates this problem.

5) You are helping to alleviate the dog and cat overpopulation problem.

Each year, millions of unwanted dogs and cats are euthanized (killed) at shelters across the country. Although pet behavioral problems are the main reasons animals are given to shelters, many orphans are the result of accidental breeding by free-roaming, unaltered pets. The more pets spayed or neutered, the fewer dogs and cats will have to be destroyed.

February 2022 is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month – Be a responsible Owner!

For low-cost assistance in Colorado, please check out this link:

Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance

[Colorado Spay & Neuter Clinics | Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance \(\[bergenspayandneuter.org\]\(http://bergenspayandneuter.org\)\)](http://coloradospayandneuter.org)

These four kittens had the Best Christmas Ever !!!



. . . and will now enjoy many more New Year's celebrations too

On Christmas Eve day, a grandfather from Telluride, Colo., arrived at Joan's foster home to look at kittens for adoption. Joan had these four orange tabbies (pictured above) ready for adoption. As you can see, all the kittens look alike, and all are boys – but Gene had no trouble picking out the two kittens he wanted to take home with him.

However, while Joan was filling out the adoption papers, Gene remembered that his daughter was looking for a kitten for her family. He contacted her and after much picture taking and messaging, they decided that the other two kittens would be perfect for his grandchildren! Gene left Joan's place with FOUR adopted kittens, two for him and two for his daughter, Sam, and her children. Since they all live in Telluride, Colorado, it's a perfect adoption situation for the kittens, and they are going to have wonderful homes!

Remember, Gene and Sam, you promised to send us photos showing the kittens' new homes and families. Thank you for opening your hearts to this cute gang of kittens!

Just for fun. . . .

One day a lady took a dingo to the veterinarian. The doctor looked at the dingo and shook his head. "I'm sorry your dingo is dead," said the doctor. "How could you be so sure," the lady said. So the man left the room and come back with a Labrador Retriever. It stood up on its hind legs and sniffed the dingo and shook its head. The doctor left the room again and come back with a cat. The cat also sniffed the dingo and shook its head. The doctor said that the dingo was 100% dead. With the lady still in shock, the doctor handed the bill to the lady. "\$400, why \$400?" The doctor replied, "If you have believed me first it would have been \$60." "But why still" the lady insists. To which the doctor says "Because you had a lab report and a cat scan!"

Although this touching article is written about dogs, I think we can substitute any of our animal companions and the story still has the same meaning. So for all you animal lovers.....

Where to Bury a Dog

There are various places in which a dog may be buried. We are thinking now of a Setter, whose coat was flame in the sunshine, and who, so far as we are aware, never entertained a mean or an unworthy thought.

This Setter is buried beneath a cherry tree, under four feet of garden loam, and at its proper season the cherry tree strews petals on the green lawn of his grave.

Beneath a cherry tree, or an apple, or any flowering shrub is an excellent place to bury a good dog. Beneath such trees, such shrubs, he slept in the drowsy summer, or gnawed at a flavorful bone, or lifted his head to challenge some strange intruder. These are good places, in life or in death.

Yet it is a small matter. For if the dog be well remembered, if sometimes he leaps through your dreams as actual as in life, eyes kindling, laughing, begging, it matters not at all where the dog sleeps. On a hill where the wind is unrebuked, and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream he knew in puppyhood, or somewhere in the flatness of a pasture land where most exhilarating cattle graze. It is all one to you, and nothing is gained, and nothing lost — if memory lives. But there is one best place to bury a dog.

If you will bury him in this spot, he will come to you when you call — come to you over the grim, dim frontiers of death, and down the well-remembered path, and to your side again. And though you call a dozen living dogs to heel, they shall not growl at him nor resent his coming, for he belongs there. People may scoff at you, who see no lightest blade of grass bent by his footfall, who hear no whimper, who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them, for you shall know something that is hidden from them, and which is well worth the knowing.

The one best place to bury a dog is in your heart.

Courtesy of Danielle at *The Animal Connection*

Valentine's Day brings out the love in all of us – even the animals. Enjoy!



We say goodbye to a friend, and former volunteer - Gloria “Stacy” Griffin

Gloria Griffin, age 81, passed away on December 30, 2021. We will miss her. Gloria, or “Stacy” as she liked to be known, was an active volunteer with the Delta County Humane for approximately ten years. Stacy liked dogs and cats, but her passion was caring for birds – she was devoted to her injured birds and was the reason so many of them could be returned to the wild.



Photo of Stacy with her closed-in aviary that she had built in 2007.

Most of Stacy’s rescue birds were baby birds and it was impossible to know what kind of bird it was until it grew out its feathers and its beak took form. Stacy would be up every 2 to 4 hours to make sure that the baby birds were fed and kept warm. Once the bird could eat on its own and had a full body of feathers, then Stacy could put it in her aviary outside so it could learn to fly. It was always a bittersweet day for Stacy when it was time to release her rescued bird back to the wild – she knew it was why she did the job she did, but it was still sad to see them leave - although she did have one American Robin that returned to her backyard every spring to say hello by landing on the ground and hopping up to her feet, as if to say “thank you for saving me.”

The only bird that wasn’t released back to the wild was her “Sweet Willie” who came in with a deformed beak, one bad eye & hardly any feathers. Stacy had to trim her beak regularly so that Willie could eat the food she required, and also had to medicate her bad eye. After *four* years of constant care, Willie could finally fly around inside Stacy’s home. Willie’s care was truly an act of love by Stacy.



Goodbye Stacy – your love and devotion to the rescue birds in your care made you one special DCHS volunteer, and a special friend to all of us.



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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