

Pet News

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Web Sites: www.deltacountyhumanesociety.org or www.petfinder.com

A Puppy's Christmas



It's the day before Christmas
And all through the house
The puppies are squeaking
An old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had merrily
Hung on the door
Is scattered in pieces
All over the floor.

The stockings that hung
In a neat little row
Now boast a hole in
Each one of the toes.



The tree was subjected
To bright-eyed whims,
And now, although splendid,
It's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them.
"Be good", I insist.
They lick me, then run off
To see what they've missed.
And now as I watch them
The thought comes to me,
That theirs is the spirit
That Christmas should be.



Should children and puppies
Yet show us the way,
And teach us the joy
That should come with this day?
Could they bring the message
That's written above,
And tell us that, most of all
Christmas is love.

[Anonymous]



It's a Puppy – Palooza !!!!

During the months of October and November , Carol, our foster mom at our Crawford facility, was overrun with the patter of 84 little feet – that's right, 21 puppies! Apparently, the City of Delta shelter was inundated with dogs and puppies and asked Carol & DCHS to help out. On October 3, she took in two litters of pups, along with the Mama dogs – here are their photos . . .



← This is Mama “Sophie” and her brood of eight pups, all in assorted colors. Sophie appears to be a Shepherd mix – the father involved is missing in action, so his breed is unknown.

These pups were 2 weeks old upon arrival and are doing well under the watchful eye of their mother. They went up for adoption on Nov. 1st.

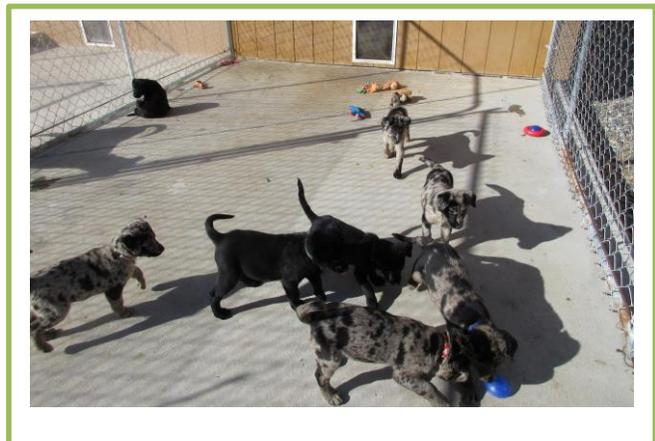
This young mother is “Maddie,” and she brought her five youngin’s with her, after giving birth only two days before. She looks to have the markings of an Australian Kelpie.

One of these pups turned out to be an anomaly – his rear paws each have 5 toes! - yup, he’s a polydactyl puppy! We’re calling him “Sasquatch.” →



Then, on November 1, this batch of Lab/Catahoula mix pups (4 boys, 4 girls) arrived – at eight weeks of age . . .

So, if you’re looking for a sweet puppy to complete your family, check with Carol at our Crawford facility, or go online to look at their current photos on our web site or Petfinder.com. to find out which cuties are still available.

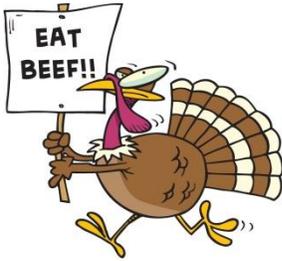


Keeping Pets Safe for the Holidays



DECORATIONS

Never use tinsel (intestinal hazard)
Avoid using glass ornaments
Tree needle oil can be toxic if chewed (same symptoms as ingesting poinsettias – see below)
Don't add chemicals (including aspirin) to the water for a fresh tree – can be toxic or deadly if drunk by your pet



HOLIDAY FOOD

Never give your pets fatty foods, chocolate (highly toxic), bones or nuts. All can cause intestinal problems.
Say NO to counter-surfing or garbage trolling!



FIRE HAZARDS

Put out all lit candles when leaving your home
Keep extension cords, wires & batteries out of paws' reach.



PLANT TOXINS

Mistletoe is poisonous to pets and, if ingested, dogs and cats may experience gastrointestinal upset and show signs of poisoning such as a sudden and severe drop in blood pressure, difficulty breathing, low heart rate, and a sudden change in mental function. If a large amount is ingested, then an animal could experience seizures and possibly hallucinations or even death can occur. Both fresh and dried mistletoe leaves and berries are toxic.

Holly can be dangerous and is considered poisonous. Symptoms of ingestion may include an extreme decrease in energy, vomiting, diarrhea, upset stomach, and unusually excessive drooling.

Lilies: Cats are particularly susceptible to the dangerous toxins in lilies and lily bulbs. A cat ingesting any part of a lily can lead them to have kidney failure. Other poisoning signs include: vomiting, depression, and loss of appetite.

Poinsettia: While it has a rather low level of toxicity, if your pet does gets its paws on it, there is still a chance that poinsettia plants can cause irritation to the mouth and stomach leading to vomiting.

Other holiday hazards to avoid: Alcohol, aluminum foil, bows on toys, overhanging tablecloth, popcorn and/or cranberry garland.



*2nd ANNUAL DELTA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
FUNDRAISER*

HOSTED BY YVONNE ROWLAND

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COST \$5.00 DONATION

DRAWING DONATION \$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE -PARADE OF TREES

Join us for a fun evening and help us increase our spay/neuter subsidy program which helps lower income families with the cost of spaying and neutering their furry companions to reduce the number of stray and unwanted animals in Delta County.

Each year we provide significant subsidies to help curb the birth of new puppies and kittens. We offer information on why a spayed/neutered animal is healthier and happier and encourage everyone to be a part of the solution.

You can help be a part of the solutions by attending our fundraiser, or sending a donation to DCHS, P. O. Box 1111, Delta, CO 81416, or going online to deltacountyhumanesociety.org and using our donation tab there. Just make a comment that you want the donation to go to the spay/neuter fund.

THANK YOU, by working together we do make a difference.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!

FROM ALL OF US AT DELTA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Please meet our new kitten foster care lady

Let us introduce you to our newest volunteer – her name is Quincy and she resides in the City of Delta, Colo. She has taken on the responsibility of fostering kittens, especially from feral cats, so they have the chance to be socialized and adopted.

Quincy grew up in Delta County, then left to pursue other adventures, but ended up back in Delta for the past 5 years. She works as a dispatcher.

We are very pleased that Quincy has decided to join forces with DCHS, and will help to lower the cat overpopulation in our county. Thank you, Quincy, for filling a very necessary need – we look forward to a long & happy relationship.

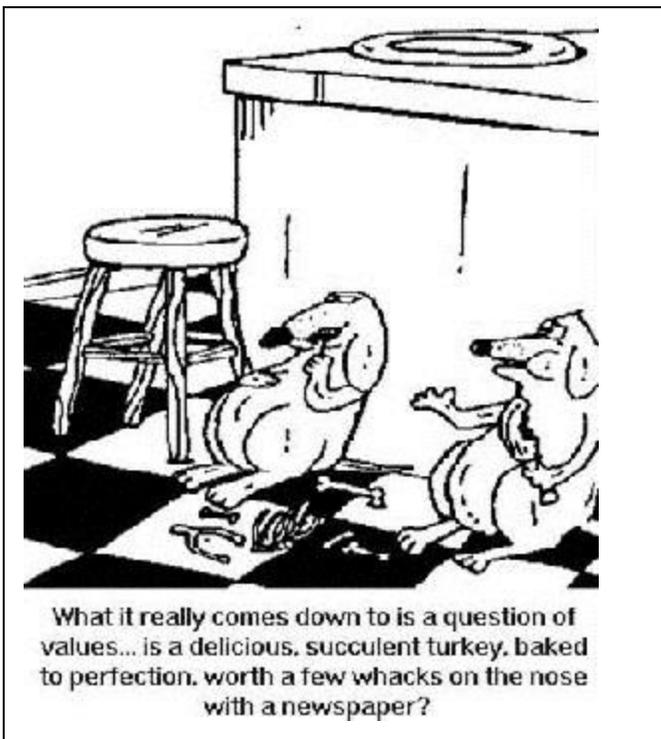
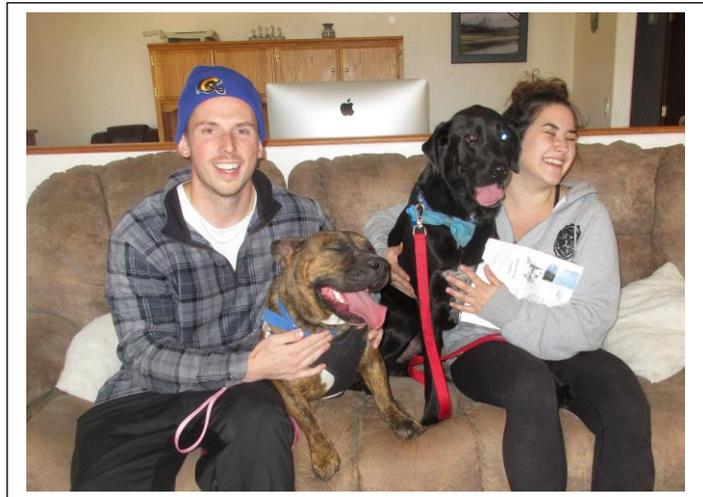


October was Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month . . . We did our part!

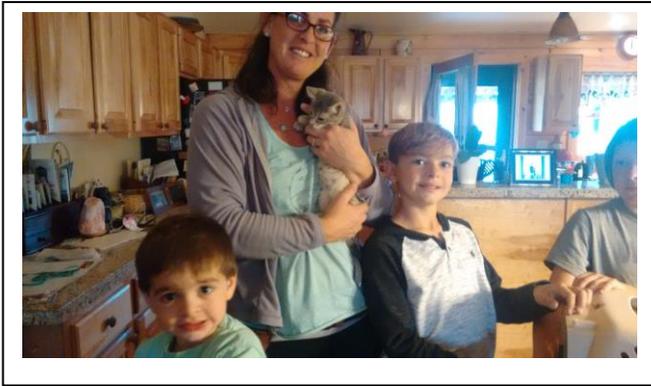


← Lucy, who lives in Paonia, took this lucky pup home with her on October 6. Lucy had planned to pick up her adopted puppy on October 13, but came home from her vacation early so that she could be with her new best friend – how great is that! It would appear that these two are going to share the best of adventures together.

Tanner & Madison put an immediate deposit down on “Cookie” when they saw her online, and drove over from Denver on October 14 to pick her up. From looking at all the smiles in the photo, we can tell this will be one, big happy family. Cookie is ecstatic to have a forever home and a Lab buddy named Kooper. →



Our Felines got wonderful homes in October too



← On October 20, Chelsea, holding “Moose,” and Ian (Dad - not pictured) allowed their two boys, Max and Sam, to pick out their kittens – “Tortie” was too shy to get in this picture. They have had cats in their family before, so are familiar on how to handle & care for these new little ones – having two kittens adopted together is a wonderful idea – we thank you for opening your hearts & home to Moose & Tortie!

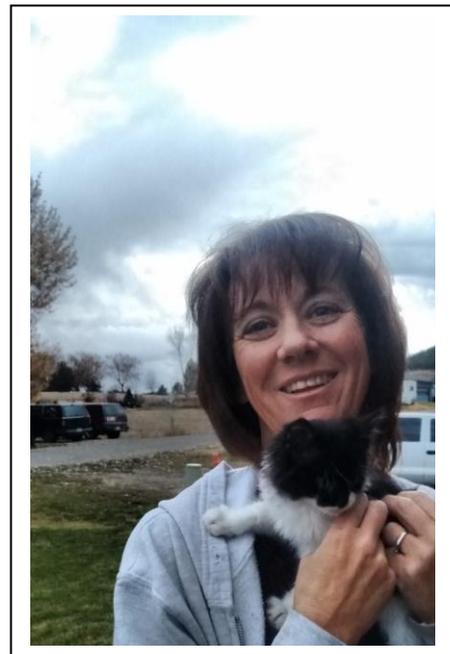


← This is the story of a lady (MaryAnn) who wanted to adopt a kitten, and her friend (Rochelle) who just came along “for the ride.” Sure enough, the lady who came along as support for her friend was the one who ended up adopting a kitten. Rochelle, pictured here with “Tommy Toes,” fell in love with him & took him home with her to Montrose at the end of October. Tommy Toes will have lots of love and a dog to play with at his new home, and MaryAnn has offered to cat sit whenever Rochelle and her husband travel.



Rita and her husband, Barry (not pictured), adopted this fluff-ball, aka “Cookie,” on October 30. He’ll have a Standard poodle, an Aussie mix and a German shepherd/Husky mix to boss around at his new home in Hotchkiss.

All these kittens were adopted from Chris, our foster mom in Paonia. As you can see, she did a good job of getting these kittens into wonderful homes.



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If you haven't noticed, it's cold outside now – here are some tips to keep your pets safe in the winter months. . .

Keep pets inside. Cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather. It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but that is not true. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept inside.

Provide shelter: We don't recommend keeping any pet outside for long periods of time, but if you are unable to keep your dog inside during cold weather, provide him/her with a warm, solid shelter against wind. Make sure that they have unlimited access to fresh, non-frozen water (by changing the water frequently or using a pet-safe, heated water bowl). Bedding should be thick, dry and changed regularly to provide a warm, dry environment. The door to the shelter should be positioned away from prevailing winds. Space heaters and heat lamps should be avoided because of the risk of burns or fire. Heated pet mats should also be used with caution because they are still capable of causing burns.



← Here's an example of the easiest, cheapest, and WARMEST dog/cat shelter you can make. This one shows just bales of hay stacked in a u-shape. To make it even safer for your pet, you can 1) place a 4x4 sheet of plywood on top of the sides before you put on the top bales; 2) place your structure on, or around, a wood pallet to keep the ground cold away; and 3) place a tarp over the structure to keep the hay dry – the tarp can be secured by sliding the edges under the hay bales.

Check out YouTube.com to see a video of how this structure was made in under 5 minutes – type in “Build a Straw Bale House for Your Dog in Two Minutes”

Check the paws: Check your dog's paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injury or damage, such as cracked paw pads or bleeding. During a walk, a sudden lameness may be due to ice accumulation between his/her toes. You may be able to reduce the chance of iceball accumulation by clipping the hair between your dog's toes.

Wipe down: On your walks, your dog's feet, legs and belly may pick up deicers, antifreeze, or other chemicals that could be toxic. When you get back inside, wipe down (or wash) your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove these chemicals and reduce the risk that your dog will be poisoned after he/she licks them off of his/her feet or fur.

Prevent poisoning: Clean up any antifreeze spills quickly, as even small amounts of antifreeze can be deadly.

Avoid ice: When walking your dog, stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and other water. You don't know if the ice will support your dog's weight, and if your dog breaks through the ice it could be deadly.

Recognize problems: If your pet is whining, shivering, seems anxious, slows down or stops moving, seems weak, or starts looking for warm places to burrow, get them back inside quickly because they are showing signs of hypothermia. Frostbite is harder to detect, and may not be fully recognized until a few days after the damage is done. If you suspect your pet has hypothermia or frostbite, consult your veterinarian immediately.

Not funny, but then maybe funny when it's not your pet . . . or your tree



“Pretend like it didn’t happen . . .”



“Oh good, you’re here – the tree just fainted”



. . . there is no way to explain how this happened . . .

Cat Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray this cushy life to keep.

I pray for toys that look like mice, and sofa cushions, soft and nice.
I pray for gourmet kitty snacks, and someone nice to scratch my back,
For windowsills all warm and bright, for shadows to explore at night.

I pray I’ll always stay real cool and keep the secret feline rule,
To never tell a human that,
The world is really ruled by cats.

Author unknown

November was the beginning of puppy adoptions . . . lots of them!



← Leslee and Robert heard by “word of mouth” that Carol had puppies almost ready for adoption, so they were the first ones to call and ask to see them. They fell in love with this little guy but had to wait a week before he was ready to go home with them. They have named him “Chance” because they’ve always had girl dogs and decided to take a *chance* on a boy. He was officially theirs on November 2nd – we doubt that they will be disappointed because he’s a male dog – just look at the love in their eyes.

Grant and Katia, from Grand Junction, brought their two young boys, Milo (age 8) and Emry (age 5) with them so they could pick out their new puppy – a very tough decision for the two youngsters. This little guy eventually won their hearts and will now have a loving home with lots of play time with Milo, Emry and their current resident dog. BTW, their new puppy’s name is “Kanga.” The dog they already owned is named “Roo,” so when calling both dogs it will be easy to say “Kanga-Roo.” Too cute! →



After arriving home on adoption day, Kanga’s mom took these photos of their new puppy with his new 4-legged pal. We thought they were too adorable not to share with you . . .



← Jennifer and her son, Bear, who live in Montrose, have an Aussie/Lab named “Bo” that needs a playmate so this cute boy pup is going to have lots to do. Bear has decided that his new puppy would be named “Peanut.” Here’s a follow-up photo of Bear and his two best friends. →



More puppy adoptions (this page & previous page are all Sophie's puppies)

Montrose residents, Beau and Mysti, along with their son, Carter, picked out this sweet and loving puppy. This little girl was nervous at first and needed lots of hugs and love to feel secure and she certainly got it. Carol, our foster mom, asked Carter "Where is she going to sleep tonight?" Mom Mysti jumped in and said "IN BED WITH ME!!" - certainly not the answer Carol was expecting.. ha. This entire family loves dogs and this little pup is in for a lot of spoiling. →



This Fruita, Colo. family – Kaitlyn, Gabrielle, Kristi and David - decided that two puppies had to fill the void left by a treasured dog they lost. We can't argue with that logic, and are very happy that they decided to adopt them both. Kaitlyn is studying about parvo disease (good information to have), and there are two teenage boys in the family too, so these pups will have plenty to keep them busy. Thank you for fitting two more into your family! →



The last two pups went home with this nice family from Grand Junction – Isaac, Ray, Ali and Karen. They've been waiting to have a dog in their lives for a long time, and now they have two !! We feel sure there is enough love from this family to cover two puppies – just look how content the pups are in their arms. →



A day later, Carol was told by this family that the names they picked for their puppies were "Snickers" and "Doodle." Great names !

NOTE: Carol put these 8 pups up for adoption online on November 3 – all were adopted in 48 hours!! - a new record for Carol & DCHS!

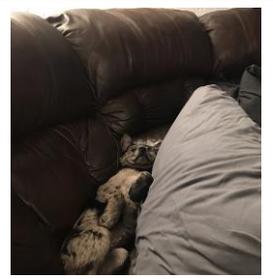


*Happy Holiday wishes to all of you from all of the volunteers
at the
Delta County Humane Society*

On November 10, the CataLab, or Lababoula puppies – whichever you prefer (Labrador Retriever/Cataboula mix), went online for adoption . . . and they didn't last long. . .



← Danyelle had picked out their puppy two weeks before they were ready, but brought her children along on November 10 to be the first to take their puppy home . . . and home for this pup (whose name is now “Belle”) will be in Clifton, Colo. Two parents, 3 kids, and a cat name Ares will keep this puppy busy!

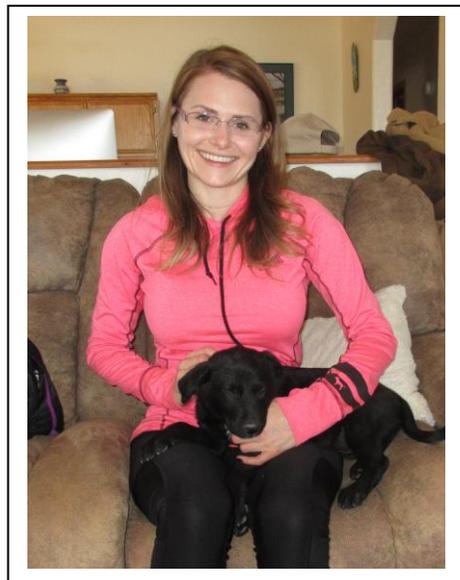


↑ *So spoiled!*



← Blake and Sheri brought their son, Royce, to pick out his new puppy on November 18. As Royce recently lost his old dog, this little girl pup will give them both a new beginning. They live in Grand Junction, Colo. and also have 2 other dogs to keep the little one company.

Julianne, of Grand Junction, Colo. is in LU-U-U-V with her puppy. Could that smile get any wider? By all the kisses and licking given to Julianne by her new best friend, we were sure that he was happy to have a new Mom and a new home too. →



← After receiving numerous photos of their new pup from his Mom & Dad (Blake & Sheri, above), Wyatt and his girlfriend, Elisia, wanted to pick out their own puppy, and decided on this little cutie on Nov.19. Now there are two happy families with happy puppies – we think there might be some playdates for the 2 pups in the future.

ADOPTION UPDATES

We always say that we love to hear from past adopters, and are so pleased when we get updates from them regarding the pets they've adopted from us. Here's an excerpt from an email received from Allison and Watson (who was adopted in Sept. 2017 from Carol at our Crawford facility) . . .

Hey Carol,
Watson is doing great! He has gotten used to the horses and now I can let him off leash while I'm at the barn. He also has been coming to work with me as I inspect construction projects. I got him a little orange vest that he looks adorable in! He is a smart little guy and a very quick learner. Watson is a great dog and I love him to pieces!
Hope all is well with you and you're continuing your great work!
Allison



. . . and here's a very special update from Naomi who adopted "Sadie" on January 4, 2010. At age 2, Sadie had been kept inside a corral, with very little attention, and was very skittish with strangers. Naomi fell in love with her adoption photo and drove over from the Front Range to meet Sadie. There was no question that Naomi and Sadie were meant to be together – Sadie immediately bonded with Naomi, and went home with her the same day.

. . . now, fast forward 8 years, 10 months, and we've been told that Sadie now has a bigger family to enjoy. Naomi married Adam (& his dog), and they now have two children, Ava (age 2), and Nora (age 2 mos.). Here Nora is pictured with Sadie, who Naomi says is the BEST babysitter. Thank you, Naomi, for giving Sadie such a good life for close to 9 years now.



We apologize, but, as of the end date to print our newsletter, we've run out of room to show all of the adopted dogs/puppies/cats we had in Oct/Nov – so please check back with us when we issue the January 2018 issue of the DCHS Pet News – we'll be sure to catch up then and show you the remaining adopted animals.

. . . .Hmmm. . . we adopted out so many animals that we ran out of room to show them all – that's a good thing, right?



Happy Holidays Everyone !!

Yes, this is my happy face. All of our animals have been very good this year and deserve to enjoy the holiday spirit too. If you find a few extra dollars in your pocket that you could donate to us, it would be greatly appreciated. Your kindness would go a long way to help feed, medicate, and care for our foster dogs and cats. Thank 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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