

# Pet News

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## October is Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month



**“Kona” – adopted in 2018**

## Why is it better to adopt a pet from a shelter?

Not only are you saving a dog's life when you adopt a dog from a shelter, but you are also helping to stop the cruelty often found in commercial breeding facilities, commonly called “puppy mills.” Raids on these facilities often discover female dogs in unsanitary conditions living in small cages, forced to produce litter after litter of puppies while being denied human compassion and companionship. The bonus is you will save money when you adopt a dog who needs a safe and loving home.

### AMAZING FACTS ABOUT DOG OWNERSHIP

#### Increased physical activity and socialization

Owning a dog forces otherwise “potentially” lazy humans out of bed early every morning and off the couch late every day for walks, and hopefully to the local dog park once a week for some serious dog and human playtime.

### **Better Stress Management**

Petting a dog has a calming effect on people by stimulating the release of relaxation hormones and lowering levels of stress hormones in the human body, according to multiple studies including a report by Harvard Medical.

### **Dogs Promote a Natural High**

Simply gazing into your dog's eyes releases a bonding hormone in humans called oxytocin, according to one study reported on in the journal "Science."

### **Lowers blood pressure and heart rate**

Humans experience a reduction in blood pressure and a decrease in heart rate when petting a dog.

### **May protect us from heart disease**

The American Heart Association released a statement in 2019 that owning a dog may in fact protect us from heart disease, based on their review of all available research on the calming effects of owning a dog.

I think the reason we are born with two hands is so we can pet two dogs at once.



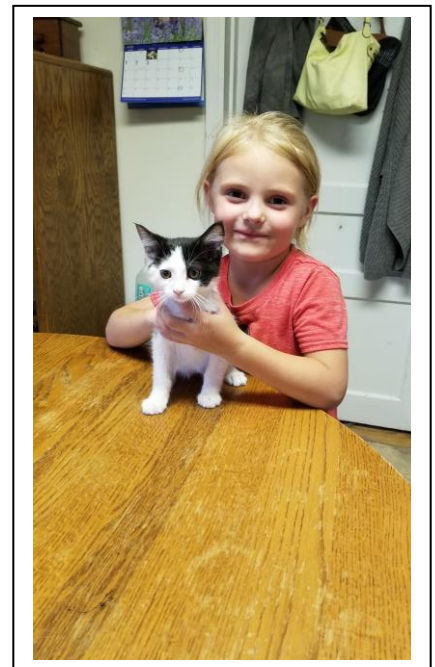
## ***The Magic of Kittens means Mega-Adoptions . . . .***

*. . . these little cuties were all adopted from our foster parent, Chris, at her home in Cedaredge, Colo.*

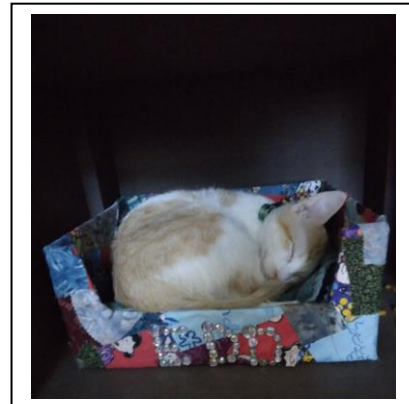


← “Rose” went to Gunnison, Colo. on Sunday, July 3, to be the new love of Lindsey's life. Lindsey is going to college to be a physical therapist. Chris met up with Lindsey in Montrose and handed Rose to Lindsey - she was purring and Lindsey had a big grin on her face. Lindsey has had cats all her life so Rose is in good hands. We can see a happy future in this kitty's life. Thank you!

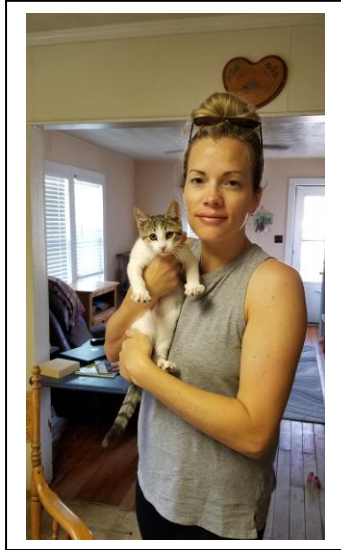
Please meet Natalie and her new kitten “Ozzie.” It was July 7 (Natalie's birthday) and her present was to pick out a kitten to take home. Natalie & her family spent some time playing with them and Ozzie was the final pick. Ozzie will join the family in Paonia, Colo., and he will be the only pet so he is going to be spoiled! So cute! →



“Conner” went to his new home in Cedaredge, Colo. on July 15. The photo on the left is of Connor and his new best friend, Waverly. Her mom, April, told Waverly she was getting a kitten but kept it a surprise – so Waverly kept herself busy by making Connor a bed (photo on right). From the look on Waverly's face, we could tell that she is excited and happy with her new friend. Thank you, Waverly, for adopting Connor, and making him so comfortable in his new bed. ↓



... more adoptions by our foster mom, Chris, in Cedaredge, Colorado ...



← Kendal, who lives in Crawford, Colo., is holding “Lady Gaga” on her July 30 adoption date. Lady “G” is going to be a surprise for her daughters, Keegan and Kamryn, when they arrive home soon from visiting family in Montana. Since this kitten will be the only pet in their house, she will get lots of love and attention. Thank you!

“Charlie” also went to her new home on July 30. Jen and her daughters were driving from Glenwood Springs, so Chris & Charlie drove to Paonia to meet them there for the adoption. The photo shows Jen holding Charlie, with Emma, Ava and Olivia who is hiding behind mom. Charlie will get lots of attention with 3 girls in the house. It’s a good thing too because Charlie loves attention. →

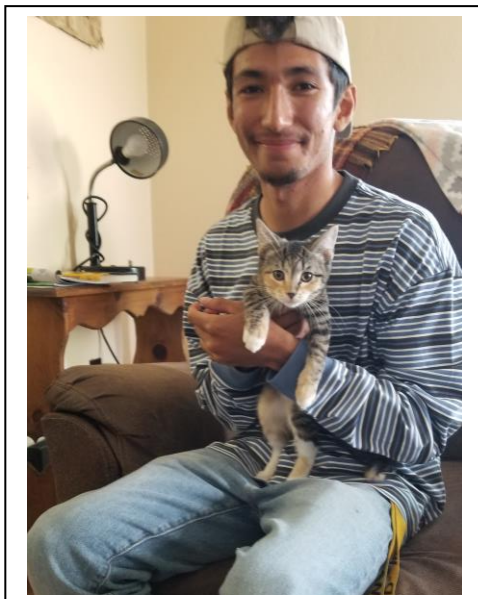


*A cat has absolute emotional honesty: human beings, for one reason or another, may hide their feelings, but a cat does not.*

\_ Ernest Hemingway



Steffani and her husband, Don, spent an hour playing with “Axel” and just fell in love. Axel will join their family of 1 cat named Clover, and 2 dogs, so he will have lots of love from his new owners, and 4-footed friends to play with. ↑

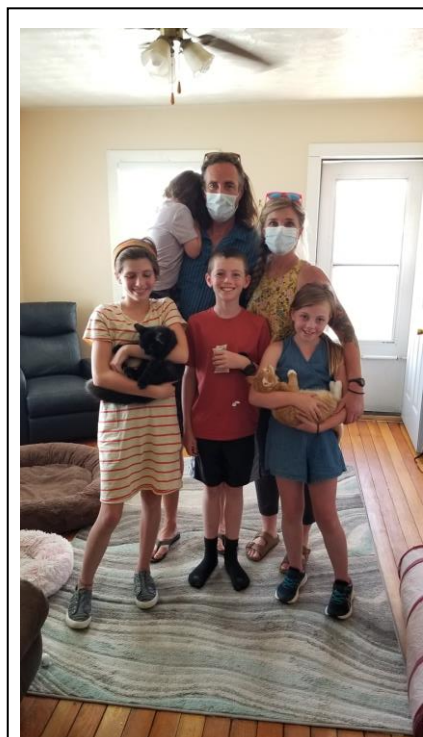


← Here are “Pixie” and Raul, who drove from Glenwood Springs, Colo. to pick her up. She will be the only pet so she will get plenty of love between Raul, his siblings, and mom and dad. Mom is the only one who didn't know about Pixie because she was a surprise for mom who just had surgery. The family fell in love with Pixie’s cute little face and blush on her cheeks.

This family had contacted Chris about adopting “Bonnie & Clyde,” but when they drove over from Glenwood Springs to see the kittens, Bonnie was stressed with all the activity and remained hiding. Then along came “Archie.” He went right over to Zeke (son) & laid down in his arms. Joy (Mom) declared that he was the other choice for the family. Archie and Clyde were just fine with the activity of the kids so Chris knew that they will be great!

The photo shows mom and dad (Joy and Mike) then there is Selah, holding Clyde, (all black kitten), Zeke, Sunny (holding Archie) and little Salome (she doesn't like having her picture taken.)

A great adoption for two kittens by the perfect family! →



← Rosini and Rick have a 15-year-old cat and they adopted an older kitten from the Surface Creek shelter. Well, the 15-yr-old cat was not interested in playing so they decided the new kitten needed a playmate. Thus, their adoption of “McGyver.” Within a few days, McGyver was right at home & had a new “best bud” to play with (see photo to the right).

Thanks for taking a chance on McGyver – a terrific adoption!



## ***More pages of kitten adoptions – fantastic !!***

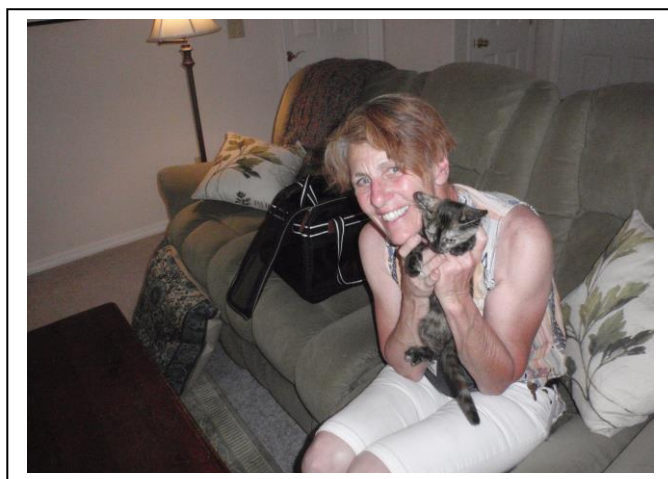
*Now it's Joan's turn (foster mom in Delta) to show you her adoptions . . . .*



← This beautiful kitten was adopted by Kristin of Grand Junction, Colo. She fell in love with “Spirit” on Petfinder and came to meet her. Kristin was looking for a playmate for her 1.5 year old cat, Sampson. Spirit and Kristin quickly decided that Spirit was the one! A perfect adoption!



← “Luna” and “Grace” went to their new home in Montrose, Colo. on August 5. They were adopted almost since the moment that Joan got them at three weeks old. Della and Mark made sure they visited them often and the kittens were so excited to see them on adoption day. They knew they were going home to a wonderful new life. Thank you for adopting two !!



← Adele saw “Torie” on Petfinder and knew she wanted to adopt her. Adele lives in Meredith, Colo., and it was awhile before she could get to Joan’s house to meet her. It was fun to see. Adele sat on the floor and Torie came right to her wanting to play. Now, Torie will be living on a big ranch that Adele and her husband care take and have lots of people and animals to keep her busy.

*More adoptions by Joan . . .*

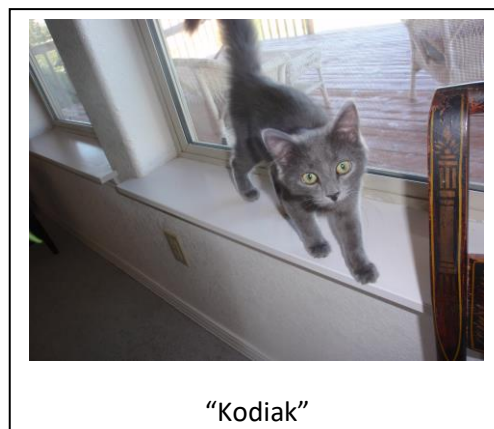
Joan tells us that Chay and her mom, Michelle, came to meet “Kiwi” and it was the perfect match. Kiwi is a little shy around new people and they knew just how to approach her. They had adopted from Joan before and showed her pictures of Max, also a Tuxedo, who they adopted last year. Now Kiwi and Max will be happy cats and the best of friends. A super home for kitties ! →



Connie and Jim, who live in Montrose, Colo., came to meet “Bodhi” and fell in love with him. It didn’t take Bodhi long to think that they were pretty special too. He’ll be the only animal in their house and get all the attention. Bodhi will like that, for sure. Thank you! →



“Ogee”



“Kodiak”

The story on these two cuties is that Joan talked to Jerry (a prospective adopter) not long ago, and she knew that he wanted to find a Russian Blue mix kitten. When she got Kodiak, Joan thought she might fit the bill. She let him know about Kodiak and sent pictures. He wanted to meet her. It was great, he loved her! Even more wonderful, after spending some time with her, he knew that he couldn’t adopt her without her brother, Ogee. Fantastic ! They belonged together and now they get to stay together. Thank you, Jerry!

*Another double adoption by Joan . . . too cool . . .*



"New Guy"



"Bentley"

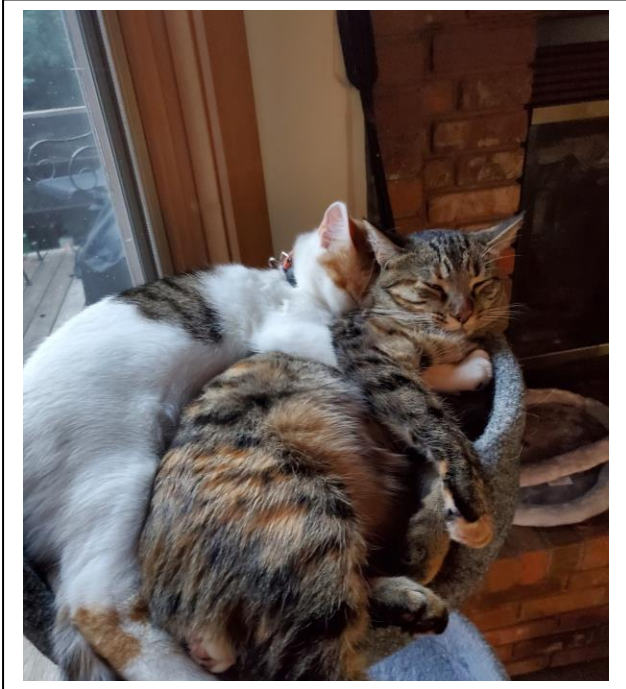
Molly called Joan looking for two kittens to adopt. She became interested in Yukon and Denali and came over to meet them. When she sat on the floor, it was Bentley and a kitten that Joan had just taken in, who came right to her. The new guy crawled up in her lap and promptly went to sleep. Bentley lay down beside her to get his tummy scratched. Guess which kittens got adopted. What a wonderful adoption! These two have become good friends in a short amount of time and they get to stay together with Molly at her home in Delta, Colo.

Not that anybody's counting, but just between two foster moms (Joan & Chris) they adopted out **20 kittens** in the past 3 months. Congratulations to you both !!!

### **Interesting Cat Facts . . .**

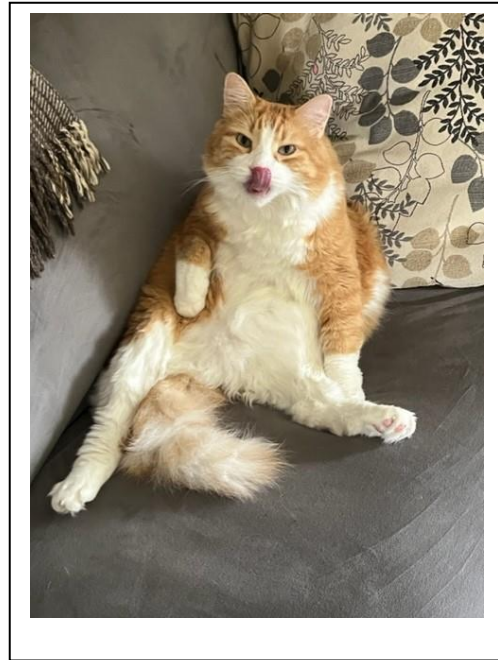
1. Cats spend as much as 50% of their awake time grooming themselves.
2. When your cat rubs their head on you, they're not just showing affection. This behavior, called "bunting," is actually a way of rubbing their scent on you so as to claim ownership of you.
3. When your cat kneads your skin, it's because they're extremely content. Kittens do this to their mothers in order to stimulate milk production, so when your cat makes biscuits on your stomach, it means they're going to their happy place.
4. Cats have funny ways of showing you that they consider you a friend. "Friendship cues" include draping their bodies over yours, smacking you with retracted claws, and of course, sticking their butts in your face.

*These are former “fosters” – now livin’ the good life . . .*

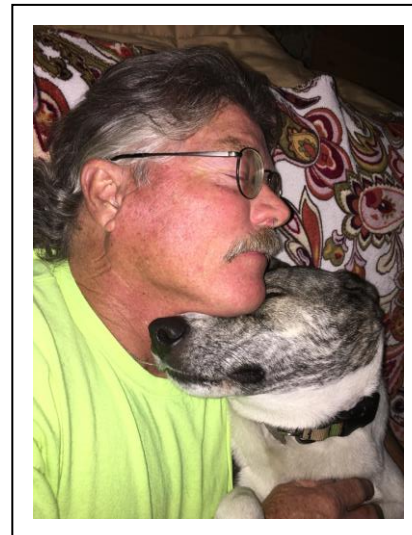


Jackie (foster mom) adopted out “Elliott” six years ago. He is definitely living the good life! →

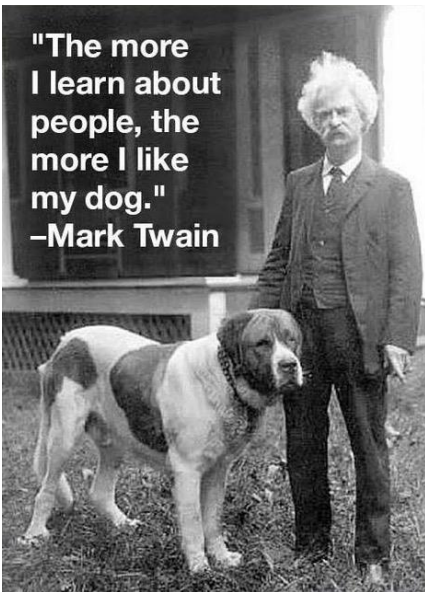
← This is “Fargo” and friend. Fargo was a little on the feral side, but last April Cory wanted to give her a try anyway, and she is just wonderful now. Very affectionate and obviously the other rescue cat thinks so too!



“Emma Lou” was adopted by the Digbys in 2018, and from the first day of her adoption she was a cuddler. This is one of her favorite cuddle positions. Sweet girl. She has certainly taken advantage of the love and attention given to her from her owners. Four years later, and all is well and good for Emma Lou. Terrific adoption! →



← This is Squeaky and Little girl that were adopted almost a year or so ago. The Hustons had to wait 2 months for Little Girl because she was only 4 weeks when they adopted her. Squeaky is the black one and Little Girl is grey and white.



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