

# Pet News

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## April is National Animal Month

(following article courtesy of the ASPCA)

. . . and the good news is that the Final Congressional Budget, signed on December 21, 2020, now funds federal government agencies thru Sept.30, 2021, and includes Important Policy Victories for Animals . . .



Although the funding toward animals is not perfect, we thank congressional leaders for including the following new protections:

- **Disaster Preparedness:** The ASPCA applauds Congress for directing the USDA to move forward with a process it has delayed for seven years requiring puppy mills, zoos and animal research laboratories to develop plans to safely care for animals in case of an emergency—including natural disasters or pandemics. The rule would implement some of the essential components of the **PREPARED Act**, legislation championed by Reps. Dina Titus (D-NV) and Peter King (R-NY). We hope the USDA will now move swiftly to implement this desperately needed policy in the face of intensifying natural disasters and pandemic threats.
- **Animal Welfare Act Enforcement:** The bill includes language encouraging the USDA to make note of any animal care violations in federally inspected puppy mills on inspection reports.

- Humane Care and Management of Wild Mustangs: Congress allotted an additional \$14 million of funding for wild horses and burros linked with firm directives aimed at shifting the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro program toward **maximizing on-range treatment and humane care of horses**. This will help enable these herds to live wild and free for future generations without threat of sale to slaughter or mass killing management strategies.
- Funds for Domestic Violence Victims: Congress allocated \$2.5 million for lifesaving grants to keep domestic violence survivors and their pets together—a \$500,000 increase over last year's funding level.
- Horse Protection Act Funding: Congress more than doubled funding to enforce the Horse Protection Act—adding \$1 million to last year's funding level to exceed \$2 million—and included report language urging new measures that strengthen this law, which forbids the cruel practice of **soring**—the intentional infliction of pain to the legs of certain show horses.
- Boosting Enforcement Against Animal Fighting: Congress provided an additional \$500,000 for the USDA's Office of Inspector General to investigate illegal animal fighting.

This legislation also retains critical animal protection provisions from previous years:

- Protections for Horses: Longstanding anti-slaughter protections for domestic and wild horses.
- Humane Methods of Slaughter Act Enforcement: Dedicated resources to ensure that there are at least 148 USDA employees responsible for inspecting and enforcing the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act.

### ***Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week – April 18-24, 2021***

*If we want animal cruelty to stop, we have to take some responsibility. Whenever you see an animal in pain, not being fed or watered, forced to live without proper shelter, or tied permanently in place, PLEASE call your local authorities to report the matter. In Delta County, Colorado you should call the Delta County Sheriff at 970-874-2000.*

## *Check out these wonderful adoptions . . . .*



← This is “Buttercup.” Sorry, we didn’t get photos of her adopter family, but she went home with Becky and her son, David, on January 17 to their home in Montrose, CO.

Buttercup will have another feline friend in Smokey at her new home, along with a friendly bunny. A great start to a new life – thank you Becky and David!

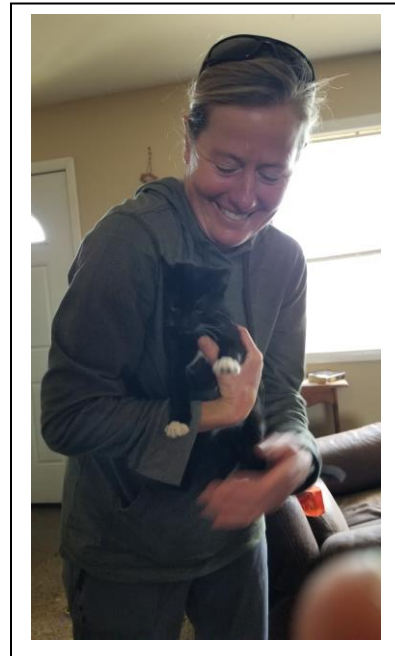


The above adoptions are a two-part story. “Curious George” (photo on left) was adopted by Marc and Theresa of Eckert, Colorado on January 28. They also wanted to adopt “Molly (right)” but she had an adoption deposit on her from another party. Too bad. The second part of the story is that Molly’s first adoption fell thru, and Theresa made a bee-line to Joan’s house (foster mom) to adopt and pick up sweet Molly. Now George and Molly, and Marc & Theresa’s existing cat, Zoomer, can all play and live together in their forever home. We love it!



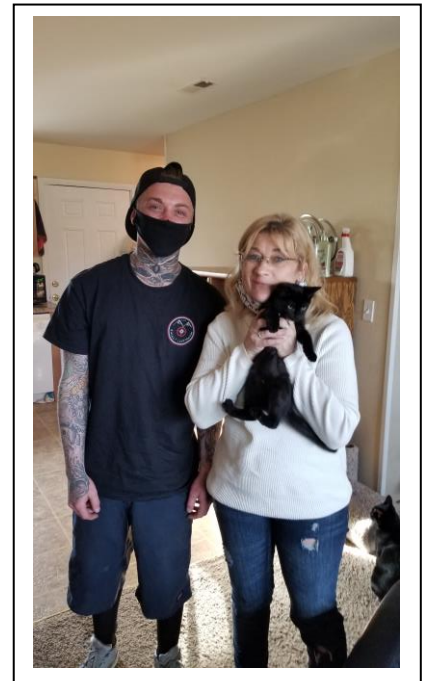
← Chris, our foster mom in Cedaredge, Colo., has been caring for a litter of kittens & now they are ready to be adopted. The first kitten to leave went to live with Marsha, of Fruita, Colo. She has never had a male cat nor a black & white one either, but decided that “Nosey” would be their first – he was just too adorable to pass up. Nosey will receive a new name, but that honor is reserved for Marsha’s grandson. Now Nosey has a forever home, and a Labradoodle buddy to play with – it’s going to be a great life for this cute kitten. Thanks!

On March 7, 2021 this adorable kitten went home to Grand Junction, Colo. with Kristen. She chose to adopt one of the females. This little girl will be the only pet in the house and Kristen works from home so double the attention! Kristen had been looking for a kitten and her friend that came with her said she had been talking about it for a while. Now she has the little girl that she has been looking for – hopefully we will get follow-up photos and find out what she named her kitten. Great adoption! →



← Another female kitten went home with her new owner, Lilly, and her mother, Shelly, on March 7. They have two other cats at home so this kitty will have other felines to play with, and Lilly is excited to call this new kitten her own. We can see that Lilly's kitten will receive lots of love and attention from her. What's her name now, Lilly?

The last kitten to go home on March 7 was “Batboy.” Brenton and his mother, Serina, drove from Gunnison to pick him up. Brenton recently lost his cat due to an illness, so he can now connect with this new little guy, and call him his own. They also have a rescue dog, and we're glad that they opened their hearts and home to another rescue animal. Thank you! →

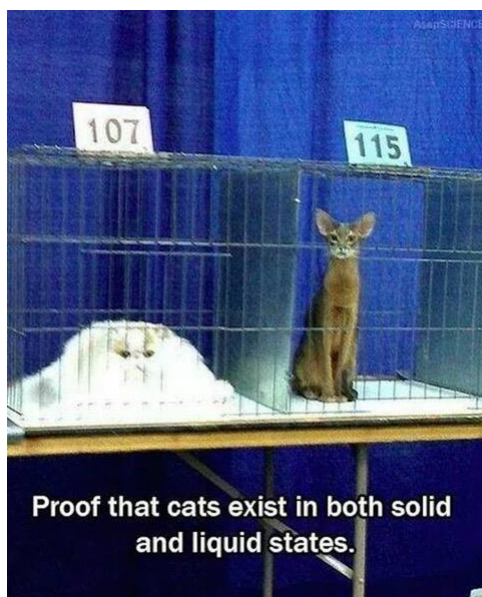




*Why are we showing you these cute kitty photos ? ? ?*



. . . because June 4, 2021 is **HUG A CAT DAY!!** Giving your cat a hug, or allowing it to give you one, will give you a good feeling throughout the day. Cats are not particular – they willingly give adults, children, and even other cats those loving hugs that give you that warm, fuzzy feeling.





# SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC!

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## ***PLEASE REGISTER AND HELP TO FUND THE NEXT BERGEN SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC***

*(Article contributed by Christine Porter)*

Bergen Spay and Neuter Alliance is a non-profit that works with local non-profits, veterinary and governmental agencies to provide spay and neuter, access to veterinary care and education services to the under-served rural communities of Colorado. Bergen's mobile surgical unit (named "Wendell") enables volunteers to work directly in the highest-need communities. Their focus is high-impact work that pushes boundaries and moving beyond the status quo.

Bergen Spay and Neuter Alliance was formed in 2019 and the Executive Director, Kristin Des Marais, has been involved with animal spay/neuter services since 2004 when she formed Four Paws Pet Center of Colorado, Inc. She dissolved this foundation to merge with PawsCo. to expand her ability to serve more dogs and cats. Kristin recognized the dire need of the rural areas for spay/neuter and veterinarian services, formed a new organization and Bergen Spay and Neuter Alliance was born. Bergen is named for a dear friend, Wendy Bergen, who passed away in 2017 from a brain aneurysm.

Since its beginning in 2019 through February 2021 Bergen has spayed, neutered and vaccinated 3,787 dogs and cats in 7 rural Colorado towns. Bergen held 4 clinics in Delta in 2020. During those clinics there were 482 female cats spayed, 350 male cats were neutered, 119 female dogs were spayed and 101 male dogs were neutered. The cats included community cats, otherwise known as feral cats.

Bergen clinics keep the fees as low as possible and the more donations, grants and other funding they receive enable the fees to be lower than shown on the previous page. Funding is especially needed for the program for spaying and neutering of the community cats. Community cat colonies can be maintained and kept healthy with a TNR (trap, neuter, return) program and a colony manager. This is a cause especially dear to a few dedicated Delta county residents and the volunteers for Bergen. Funding is needed for the clinic coming up on April 15 through April 18<sup>th</sup>. Thursday and Friday is reserved for dogs and then part of Friday and Saturday are usually dedicated to TNR. It is with the help and dedication of volunteers and Bergen that Delta is beginning to tackle this issue but there is still much to be accomplished.

If you would like to help, volunteers for the clinics can sign up and donations can be made to Bergen Spay and Neuter Alliance at the link shown below – please designate the donation for Delta County.

<https://bergenspayandneuter.org>

*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much" . . . Helen Keller*

**Here's the proper way to wear your face mask to protect against Covid-19 . . . we want you to be safe!**





## **BE KIND** *(found on Facebook – author unknown)*

Three veterinarians and one technician committed suicide this week. Each week varies, but we are losing good people- real people.

Make sure you are good to your vet.

Don't ask them vet questions unless you are in the clinic during hours, their time off is precious.

Don't accuse them of being without compassion because you can't pay the bill for the pet you own,

Don't jokingly ask for a "wing" in the hospital for the money you have spent, understand that veterinarians are graduating with \$300,000 to half a million in debt to make \$70,000/ year and be told they are rich.

Don't participate in the good old fashion lynching on social media if you hear about a vet who made a mistake - you likely only know one side of the story, and vets are human and make mistakes- they are probably harder on themselves then you could ever be.

Don't tell a vet you were gonna be a vet but you decided you couldn't handle the euthanasias - neither can they, and you make them feel heartless.

Don't believe that your vet is your "friend" because you know their cell number or they will give you advice after hours- respect that veterinarians are often too good and kind to tell you the truth- they only want to make sure your pet is okay, even at the expense of their own privacy and time. If you haven't been to dinner at their house- you aren't friends. Respect them as a professional and call the office or the ER.

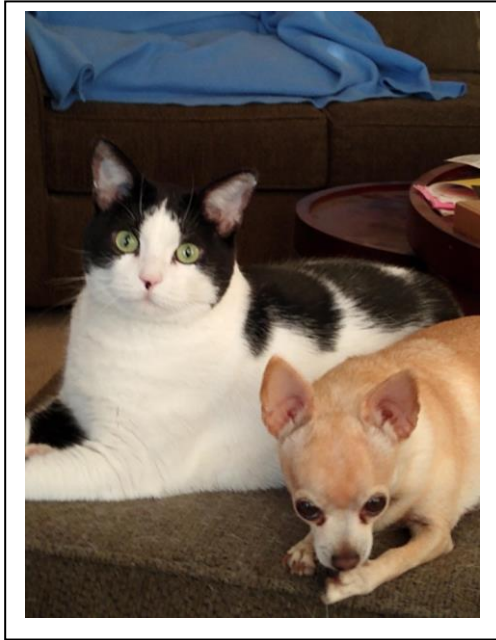
Remember that the vet seeing your puppy cried with the owner of the appointment he saw 2.4 minutes ago as he euthanized their best friend, and a grown man cried in his arms or a woman fell to her knees screaming. He may have had to explain death to the 4-year-old while she cried for her kitten, or euthanized 8 pets that day and felt their pain.

Vets are killing themselves because they are empaths with a perfectionist personality in many cases, trying to get through an impossible profession with all of these factors and more - and loving animals to their core too much is not the reason.

What can you do? Write your vet a thank you letter, send them food, tell them you care about them or they are special to you or they matter - or just plain BE KIND.

Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

## Adoption Updates



← This adorable Chihuahua “Sadie” was adopted by Diane in Montrose, Colo. in August 2017. Diane tells us that Sadie is a happy and loving companion, and she adores her Mimi cat – they also chase each other through the house. A perfect example of 3 years of happiness for both Sadie and Diane. We love it!

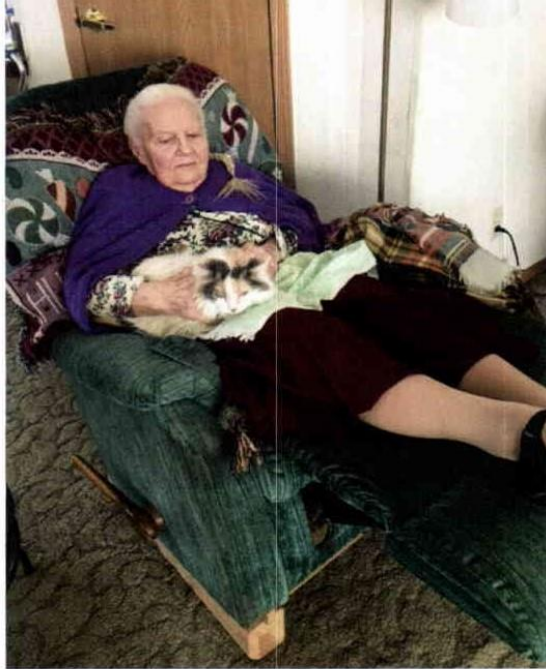
You may remember seeing a photo of “Kona” out hiking in our Jan. 2021 issue. Her owners, Enno and Penny, wanted us to see how even a Husky can be pals with a cat. From all the news we get from Kona’s owners, we can tell that she found the perfect home!

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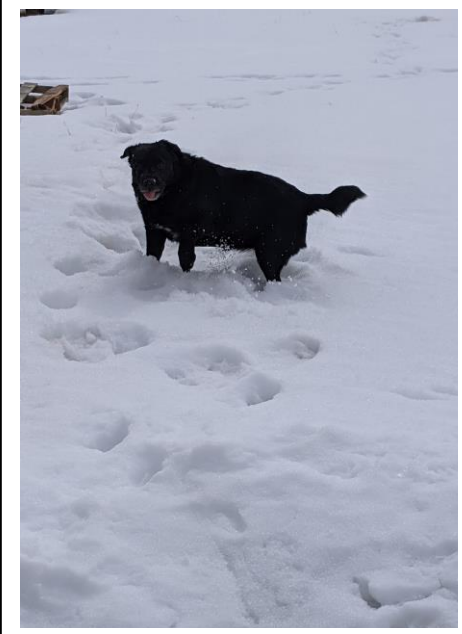


← Meet “Drax,” adopted in September, 2019 by Andy & Maria of Montrose, Colo. Drax was born & kept in not-so-desirable conditions until given to our foster mom, Carol. Maria & Andy had two pit bulls already and wanted to add a puppy to the mix. Drax lives the “good life” now with his mom & dad, his 4-legged pals, and has lots of running room at their house and 100-acre farm. Yea! →





← Annabell, of Denver, Colo., needed a friend and when she saw this kitty in February, it reminded her of a former feline she had in her life named Creamy. It was an easy decision for Annabell to take in this new kitty, who has been in foster care with Jackie for 2 years, and name her “Creamy” also. Both human and feline have had a good life together all this time. Annabell says that Creamy always reminds her of the good things in life, and Creamy is happy that she’s with Annabell – she’s a good example of how a feral cat can adjust to a loving home life. Thank you, Annabell!



“Bayou” was relinquished by her original owner, adopted by a second family & then years later relinquished again. Like they say, “the third time’s a charm” as Bob and Nancy of Montrose, Colo. walked into Bayou’s life in 2019 and gave her the home she deserved. This recent photo was sent to DCHS by her owners who say that Bayou is a wonderful dog! Apparently she likes the snow too, according to Bob and Nancy, who have hearts big enough to give love to their dog in her forever home. Thank you so much! →

## BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

May 2 - 8, 2021

As you should, be kind to your companion pets by giving them food, water & most of all, LOVE. However, here are a couple other ideas that will help animals that live outside of your immediate surroundings:

**1. Choose cruelty-free products.** Each year, 100,000-200,000 animals around the world suffer and die in laboratories due to cosmetics testing. Choosing to spend your hard-earned dollars on products from compassionate companies is one small act of kindness we can all do to support the rats, bunnies and guinea pigs commonly used in testing. **2. Leave wild animals in their natural homes.** Adults usually know better, but children have a natural curiosity. If they want to bring a snail home in a jar, use the request as an opportunity to teach them about natural habitats and kindness. The same goes for lizards, hermit crabs, caterpillars and so on. If they want to catch a firefly in a jar this summer, go ahead and let them. Setting the fireflies free after a few minutes of careful observation is a fun way to encourage their love of the natural world in a kind way.





Leonard Painter Andrews

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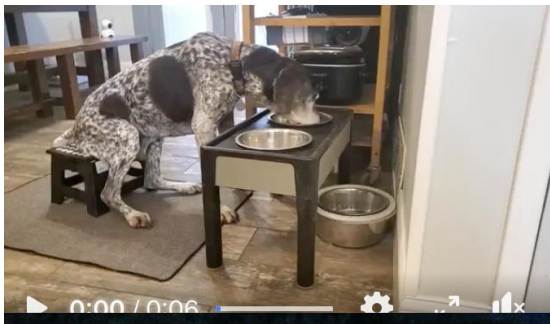


When I eat, my hiney gets heavy, and my mom has to hold me up so I can finish. But my mom saw my girlfriend Abby Cadabby's mom give her a step stool to sit on. So my mom went and bought the same stool for me, and now I can sit comfortably while I dine. Thanks Abby Cadabby and Justine! I'll always think of you when I'm sittin' on my stool, enjoyin' my meal!

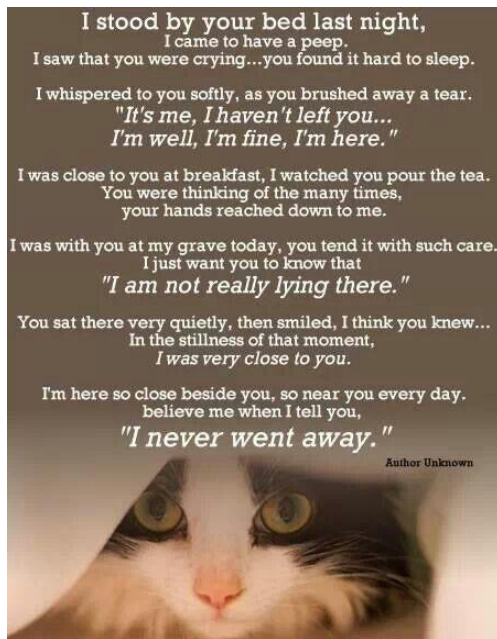
Also, I'm the only one in the house with my own stool. So I'm kind of a big deal, and I let my brothers and sisters know it.

[#AbbyCadabby](#)

Tiffany Painter



↑ Taken from a facebook account, we feel the above is self-explanatory. Simply put – “Lenny,” a wonderful dog, adopted from DCHS in 2008, is now approximately 16.5 years old, and has the best parents!!



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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