



Pet News

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The Forgotten Dog's Christmas Poem

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Everyone take heed...and please pass this around to everyone thinking of getting a puppy or dog this holiday season...

Twas the night before Christmas when all thru the house, not a creature was stirring not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that St. Nick soon would be there.

The children all nestled snug in their beds with no thought of the dog filling their head.
And mom in her kerchief and I in my cap knew the dog was cold, but didn't care about that.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash figuring the dog was free of his chain and into the trash.
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow gave the luster of mid-day to objects below.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear but Santa Claus with his eyes full of tears.
He unchained the dog once so lively and quick, last year's Christmas present now painfully sick.

More rapid than eagles he called the dog's name and the dog ran to him despite all his pain.
Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen on Comet on Cupid on Donner and Blitzen.

To the top of the porch to the top of the wall, "Let's find this dog a home where he will be loved by all.
I knew in an instant there would be no gifts this year for Santa had made one thing quite clear.

The gift of a dog is not just for the season. We had gotten the dog for all the wrong reasons.
In our haste to think of the kids a gift, there was one important thing we missed.

A dog should be family, and cared for the same. You don't give a gift, then put it on a chain.
And I heard him explain as he rode out of sight, "You weren't given a gift, you were given a life."



Welcome, Kitt Wilcox !!'



That new pleasant, helpful voice responding to you when you leave a message on the DCHS voice mail is that of our newest volunteer, Kitt Wilcox. She has signed on to help answer the calls left on our animal help phone line.

Apparently Kitt is good at multi-tasking – not only does she help with the phone calls, she has also jumped in to help with DCHS events, taken in strays, & already has adopted out a dog – all since early August – this is in addition to taking care of her own family. Can we clone her? Thanks, Kitt !!

Also, welcome home to Kitt's husband, Joel, on leave from the U.S. Navy!

The last two adoptions in August. . . .



← Bob & Tammie took "Shadow" home with them at the end of August. He'll have inside beds & an outside dog house, plus all the love he can handle.

"Anna" was adopted by 2-yr-old Jack & now they can both run on several acres, in addition to being loved by mom, Shannon, & Grandpa →



Happy Adoptions in September



← Matt with "Riley"

"Jude" with Mathias, Maria, Lori, Marc & Izzy. →



The tale of 2 dogs: "Riley" came into foster care & only 6 days later he was adopted! As you can see, Riley and Matt are a perfect match (smiles all around), and Riley might even get to go on business drives with his new owner. "Jude," on the other hand, was relinquished by her owner to DCHS in May, with the hope of returning for her someday after steady employment was secured. Unfortunately, the former owner could not return, and after waiting 3 months, Jude was put up for adoption. Another month ensued, and then Jude got his wish – a forever family from Palisade, CO. Now he has 4 new family members, plus a "best bud," Izzy, to lather all kinds of love on him – plus a grandma who has a farm with lots of room to run. A good home for a fellow that had to wait too long.



Happy Holidays Everyone !! 🎄

My name is Petunia, and I'm the official spokespet for the Delta County Humane Society. I'm a darn lucky dog and have a wonderful family, with a super Mom, to take care of me. However, our rescue dogs & cats are still in need of food and medical care until their new families come along.

Could you please spare a few dollars to help us out? After all, 'tis the season and even animals need your help.

Our donation form is on the last page of this newsletter, or you can just pop a check in the mail to:

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THANK YOU SO MUCH !!

One special September adoption . . .



“Sprite” adopted !! (kitty on the left)

← We mentioned on the previous page that it took 4 months for Jude to be adopted. Imagine being a kitten, and growing into an adult cat, and then finally the right family comes along just for you. Sprite was a kitten born of a feral mother, taken in with her siblings by her DCHS foster mom, Kathie, & cared for in that foster facility until recently, 2.5 years later.

Thanks to social media, Richard & Pam of Denver, found Sprite's photo & profile online, & drove all the way to Cedaredge to adopt Sprite. We love that they will keep her as an inside kitty & she'll have 3 other sister cats to play with.

A Cat's Top Ten Favorite Christmas Songs

10. Up on the Mousetop
9. Have Yourself a Furry Little Christmas
8. Joy to the Curled
7. I Saw Mommy Hiss at Santa Claus
6. The First Meow
5. Oh, Come All Ye Fishful
4. Silent Mice
3. Fluffy, the Snowman
2. Jingle Balls
1. Wreck the Halls!



More September adoptions . . .



← DeLoss, of Delta, has been wanting a kitten for a long time, and was able to adopt “Billy” with the help of his friend, Carolyn. That’s one happy smile on the face of this young man – looks like the perfect match !

This is Kitt Wilcox’s (see pg.2 above) first adoption for DCHS and this is what she had to say - - “Hannah is now living in a beautiful home on the golf course with Dick and his wife! I had several calls but I knew straight away that they were perfect for Hannah! I’m glad that my first adoption was with such a gentle and beautiful girl as Hannah. →

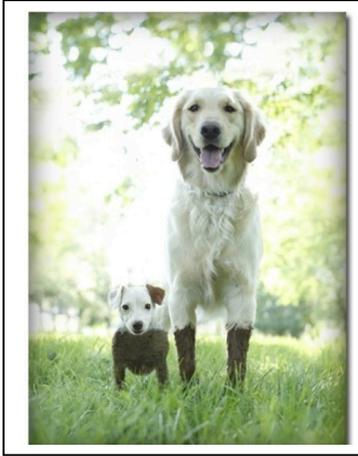


← It was definitely a challenge to get a photo of “Ivan” with his adopters, Joe & Heather, of Grand Junction. All he wanted to do was kiss them, and play, play, play. Joe has had Labs before in his life and was looking for the perfect “black Lab puppy.” Thank you, Joe and Heather, for deciding that Ivan was the one that you wanted in your lives!

Bryan and Elizabeth of Grand Junction see their cats as their “family” and we’re so glad that they do – that way Pete & Elliott were able to stay together thanks to their love of cats. We’ve already heard from the new adopters that the kitties have settled in nicely, are having a great time with all their toys & kitty tree, and are nice enough to allow Bryan & Elizabeth to sleep with them in their bed. →



"Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever." (Karen Davidson)



It's good to be tall !!



I can't wait until they deliver the new stove - We need a new box!

Here we are in October, and more adoptions . . .



← Two Peek-a-Poos in their lives – how much better can it get? “Jackson” (left) will now be living in Grand Junction with Louise and Keith and the resident dog, Max. Not only does he get a bed to sleep on and his own back yard, he also gets to be an RV dog!! They often take off on RV trips and the dogs always go with them. Adventure awaits !!

Mike & Karen of Delta adopted one kitten (“Dooley”) for their three children – boy, how lucky can one cat get! There’s going to be lots of playing in this household – he’s sure to get more than enough love and attention from his three new buddies.

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How many teeth do dogs and cats have?

Dogs start out with 28 deciduous (baby) teeth, cats start out with 26 deciduous teeth. By six months of age, these baby teeth fall out and are replaced by permanent teeth, 42 in the dog and 30 in the cat.

Will I find the baby teeth, and what happens when they don't fall out on their own?

You may or may not find the teeth as they fall out. As dogs play and chew on toys, you might see a tooth.

Likewise, as a cat grooms, you may find a tooth in the fur.

If the deciduous teeth don't fall out and the permanent teeth erupt under them, this can lead to problems, such as increased tartar formation, malocclusion problems, and gingival (gum) irritation. These retained teeth are usually removed at the time of spay or neuter uneventfully.

When should dental care start with my pet?

The earlier the better. With the help of your Veterinarian, be on the lookout for retained deciduous teeth and malocclusion (bad bite) problems. Your Veterinarian can teach you how to care for your pet's teeth and gums early on.

How can I tell if my pet has a dental problem?

Bad breath is often a first indicator of dental disease.

Gently lift the lips and check for tartar, inflamed gums, or missing/broken teeth.

Cats may exhibit increased drooling. Both cats and dogs can exhibit reluctance to eat or play with toys, "chattering" of the teeth when trying to eat, lethargy, bleeding gums, eroded teeth, and failing to groom (cats).

Why do cats look you straight in the eye and then slow blink?

Even though cats are considered masters at concealing their thoughts and emotions, they do try to show affection to their owners by slow blinking at them. Researchers call these slow blinks, "kitty kisses."

The slow blinks are a cats' way of saying, "I like you and I trust you." Next time you notice that a cat is giving you this feline eye wink, try and slow blink back, more often than not, a cat will continue to slow blink with you.

As for staring contests, cats save that intense look for when they are on alert or are feeling animosity toward someone or some situation, so it's best to avoid looking your cat directly in the eyes if you want to keep those happy feelings.



DCHS volunteers promoting our rescue group at the Tractor Supply event in Delta – Saturday, September 19, 2015. President, Jackie Schoonover, forefront, and Stacy Griffin, right. Joan Taylor & Carol Nations not pictured.



This is so great! “Fred” and “Skylar” were adopted TOGETHER to a really nice couple (John & Thekla) in Cedaredge who lost their cat after 13 years. They do, however, have two Malamutes for Fred and Skylar to play with.



MEDICAL ADVICE FOR YOUR PETS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

While you indulge in seasonal treats this holiday season, remember that your pet should NOT eat most of them. “People food” can cause dogs and cats significant digestive distress, dangerous blockages, and even death.

DO NOT GIVE YOUR PET:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcoholic beverages • Chocolate • Caffeinated beverages • Salt • Table scraps • Uncooked meat or poultry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moldy or spoiled food, garbage • Bones or fat from meat or poultry • Onions or garlic (raw, cooked or powder) • Grapes, raisins or currants • Macadamia nut • Milk & other dairy products | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mushrooms • Raw eggs • Dough containing yeast • Sugary foods • Xylitol
(artificial sweetener) |
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Instead of feeding “people food,” keep a variety of pet treats handy so your pet can safely celebrate with you. Most importantly, if your pet eats something he shouldn’t, contact your veterinarian immediately.



It was a busy 2 months for our Crawford foster Mom. . . .

Her kennels were empty (a very rare occurrence) when Carol, our Crawford foster mom, got the phone call that a Mama Pekinese with her five pups needed a place to stay. In addition, “Max,” the father (a Shih Tzu mix) to the pups and his son, “Ryder,” also needed to be included for foster care. Carol said “No problem. I’ve got the room for them now, so bring all eight of them to me.” The pups were tiny and clocked in at only 2.5 lbs. each when they were ready to be adopted out. Carol took numerous phone calls but managed to find the right families for each and every one (see below).



Pekinese Mom “Brina” with her five Peke-A-Tzu pups at 6.5 weeks old



“Brina” was the last one to go home to Denver with her new adopted family but she made one little girl (Avalyn) very, very happy!



“Max” was the first to be adopted by Emily & her son. He was taken home by them to live with Emily’s grandmother, Vi, who lives in Greeley, Colorado.



The only little girl pup went home to Grand Junction with Chris.



Ron took two of the little rascals home with him to Rulison, Colo. – although his step-daughter got to hold them on the ride home.



“Odie” needed a smaller buddy to play with, so Ian, Gary & Sandy of Grand Junction helped him out by adopting a pup.



This little pup was the last puppy to leave, but he didn’t need to worry. Paul & Nichole made the round-trip from Denver in 1 day to make sure he was theirs & was loved.



Emma & Ava finally got their wish for a family dog when their parents, Kelly & Josh, adopted “Ryder.” We’re sure that they’ll be busy showing off their new buddy to friends in Grand Junction.

Another way to help the Delta County Humane Society . .

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You may already be aware of this way to help your favorite non-profit group (hopefully us), but the next time you shop at Amazon, you can designate the Delta County Humane Society as your non-profit of choice. It's easy! Just bookmark this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0924097> - click on it and change your choice of donation to the Delta County Humane Society. All future eligible purchases that you then make through Amazon.com will automatically give .05% of your purchase to our organization – at no additional cost to you. This is called the *AmazonSmile* program. Ask your family and friends to bookmark this link too so all their eligible shopping will benefit Delta County Humane Society. Thank you, thank you!!

More happy faces and animals in our November adoptions . . .



← We challenge you to find a happier couple than Andy and his new dog “Bam-Bam.” Look at those smiles !! Andy does a lot of his work from home, so little Bam-Bam will be able to spend lots of time with his new owner.

Would you care to tell that soldier he can't sleep there?

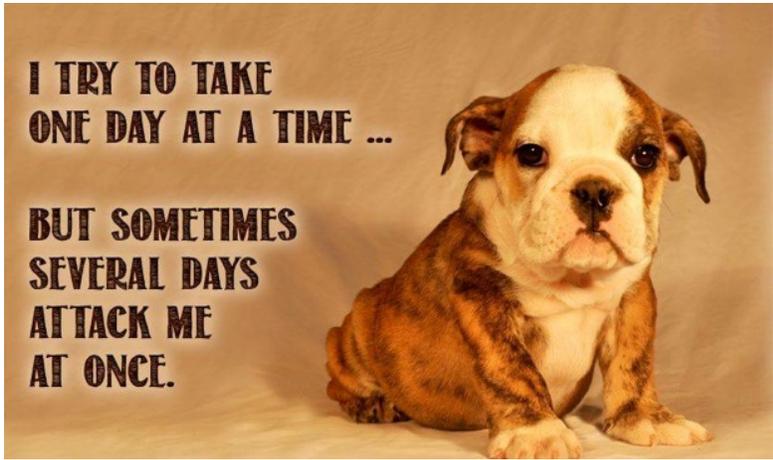
. . . if a picture is worth a thousand words, then this picture is priceless! I'll bet no one will go over and shake him to awaken him.



Picture of a soldier sleeping during an airport layover with his canine partner. There is no measure of loyalty greater than that shown here. Sleep soundly soldier.

A worthy goal in life is to be as good a person as your dog thinks you are!

God bless our Military men and women and God Bless America!



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