

Pet News

Delta County Humane Society

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A Rescue Dog's Christmas Poem

This breaks my heart every time I read it, and reminds me that dogs are not just for Christmas.

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town,
Every shelter is full – we are lost but not found,
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,
We hope every minute that someone will care,

They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,
“Come here, Max and Sparkie – come fetch your new ball!!”
But now we sit here and think of the days...
We were treated so fondly – we had cute, baby ways,

Once we were little, then we grew and we grew –
Now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.
So out the back door we were thrown like the trash,
They reacted so quickly – why were they so rash?

We “jump on the children,” “don't come when they call,”
We “bark when they leave us,” “climb over the wall.”
We should have been neutered; we should have been spayed;
Now we suffer the consequence of the errors they made.
If only they'd trained us, if only we knew...
We'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them, too.

We were left in the backyard, or worse – left to roam –
Now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.
They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye...
“Maybe someone else will give you a try.”

So now here we are, all confused and alone...
In a shelter with others who long for a home.
The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,
With so many to care for, they can't stay to chat,

They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer...
We know that they wonder how long we'll be here.
We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads...
Of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.



Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears –
Our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.
If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn –
Could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?

We count on your kindness each day of the year –
Can you give more than hope to everyone here?
Please make a donation to pay for the heat...
And help get us something special to eat.

The shelter that cares for us wants us to live,
And more of us will, if more people will give.
– *Author unknown*



Your Help is Needed

The Delta County Humane Society is asking for your help in monetary, or physical form. Funds are always necessary to provide food, vet care, and medications for the animals in our care. At this time of the year, when giving is most prevalent in our society, we are asking that you think of the animals too. Any monetary donation, in any amount, can be sent to our rescue group, at the address listed on page 1 of this document. Thank you so much !!

Also, we are always in need of volunteers who want to be foster parents, for dogs or cats. As you are aware, this is a serious commitment - caring for an animal until the right adopter comes along. DCHS will provide food, medical needs, dogloos, and kennels - you provide the love. Give us a call at the phone number listed on page 1 and leave a message. *'Tis the season for giving a foster dog or cat a chance for a forever home.*



Christmas came early for these sweet felines



← Daniel, of Cimarron, Colo., adopted this sweet kitty “Cedric” in early October from our foster mom, Joan. Since Daniel has no other animals in his household, and he loves cats, we can be assured that Cedric will be one spoiled kitty and take all the love and attention that Daniel will give him. Thanks, Daniel – be sure to send us some follow-up photos of Cedric in his new surroundings.



← Jim, of Delta, Colo., came to meet “Oscar” at the beginning of October and fell in love with him. However, he and his wife really wanted two kitties – so, he took photos of the other kittens in Joan’s foster care, sent them to his wife, and they decided on adopting “Gabby” too.

Here’s Jim again with their second kitty, Gabby.” Gabby was having her spay operation when he & his wife adopted both Oscar & Gabby, so they had to wait until October 16 to pick them up.



Thank you both for adopting two kitties into your life – perhaps you could send us photos to show us how they are adapting to their wonderful home.



Happy Holidays to us !!! meow, meow

By far, adoption is the best Christmas present for this kitty . . .



← There has been activity at Chris' foster home too. Here we have Nick and Courtney of Ridgeway, Colo., who picked out "Ash" as their adoption kitty on October 7. Chris had taken in Ash and her 5 kittens in August. Since Nick & Courtney preferred to adopt an older cat, they chose Ash over her kittens. We love you for doing this for Ash, as older cats are sometimes hard to adopt out. Please let us know how she is doing as time goes by.

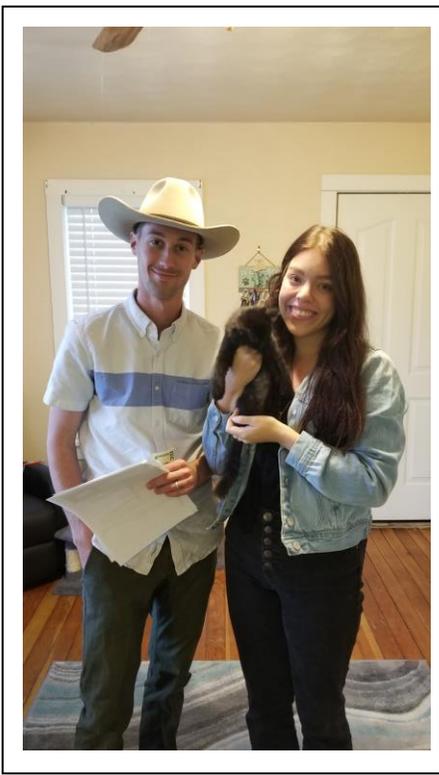
More adopters smitten with their kittens !!



← On October 12, Stephanie came to Joan's home, along with her daughter, Kimberly, looking to adopt a kitten. Kimberly had adopted her own kitten, Tulip, from Joan about 3 years ago. Stephanie fell in love with both "Harper" and "Skylar," and after several phone calls and photos to her husband, they made the decision not to separate the two kittens. Yea!! We absolutely love having two siblings go to the same wonderful home. Thank you.

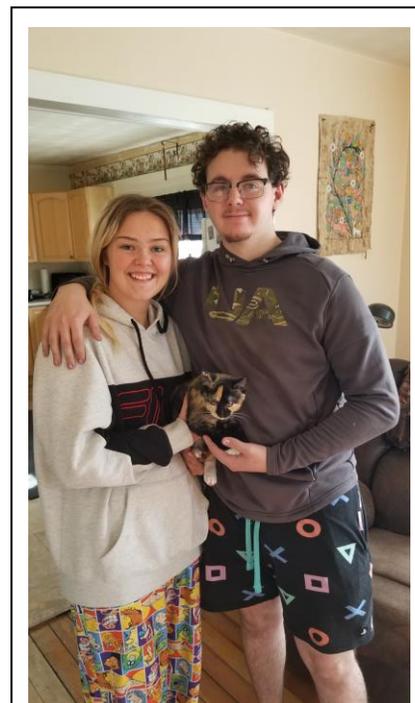
On October 31, "Pretty Boy Floyd" was on his way to his new home in Montrose, Colo. Joan tells us his new family includes (l to r) Amber, Savannah, Dani, two small dogs and a fish named Lloyd. Amber came to the house to install some blinds at Joan's foster home and fell in love with Floyd. He has a wonderful home!! →





← Nathan and Cassidy have lived in Marble, Colo. since the spring of 2021 and decided that they could make room for one more – that addition turned out to be the adoption of this sweet, long-haired beauty named “Dahlia.” Chris (foster mom) tells us that she will be the only 4-legger in the house, so being loved and spoiled is in her future. Great adoption!

October 31 was the big adoption day for both Gerard and “Isobel.” Chris had Isobel in her foster care and Gerard fell in love with her, and asked Chris to hold on to her for him until he found a place in Eckert, Colo. that would accept cats. That took a month, but now the two are together forever, along with his roommates’ kitties – good playmates for Isobel. And, as another plus, Gerard’s girlfriend, Trista, also loves Isobel, so this kitty won the jackpot by waiting 30 days. Definitely a win-win for everyone. →



← Elizabeth moved to Redstone, Colo. recently and wanted a kitten for her daughter, Elle. “Pearl” was being fostered by Chris, and this lovely kitty was the one chosen by Elizabeth to join her family. Now Pearl has her own little girl to play with, along with a puppy and another rescue cat. Elle was unable to come along with her mother on adoption day, but we can all see how happy Elle is with her new kitten in this photo. If cats could smile, we believe that Pearl, nka “Flora,” would have a grin as big as Elle’s. Thank you for this adoption!



← You can't tell by the photo, but "Turk" is a 3-legged cat. Marley came to Chris' home on Nov.7 to meet Turk – she had done her research on what to expect with an amputee feline, but still spent 1.5 hours getting to know him and asking questions of Chris on what Turk could and couldn't do. Marley officially adopted Turk that day but didn't actually bring him to her home until Nov.14 because she wanted to make her home ready for him. What a gal!

Marley thought he would probably go under the bed for a while when she got him home but he sat right with her on the bed and just purred and snuggled. Now Turk has a wonderful home on Redlands Mesa with Marley, her husband, John, and a Border Collie buddy. Thank you!

"Bubbles" was the kitten that Cindy chose to be a new family member; however, because he was scheduled to be neutered, she had to wait until November 14 to pick him up. No worries, Bubbles will catch up on all that lovin' now that he's home in Fruita, Colo. with Cindy, her husband, Doug, and son, Tyler. Thanks for adopting Bubbles as a new family member! →



Time to “toot our horn” for one of our volunteers . . .

Not every good story is shared with our viewers, but we felt that this one showed how our phone volunteer, Sharon Grotrian, went the “extra mile” to help out the Huseby family when they lost their dog. This is a copy of the letter received by DCHS, thanking Sharon for her part in Felix’s recovery.

9/3/21

Since mid-June my husband and I have been staying outside Olathe in our RV and planned to leave on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

On Monday, August 30, 2021 we went up the Uncompahgre Plateau and into the Dominguez Escalante Conservation area. On the way back we had the windows down and my Lab and Lab mix, Felix, were looking out the window at chipmunks, etc. We got all the way to the RV Park where we were staying and realized that Felix was gone! We thought he was asleep in the back seat of the truck when we put the windows up.

We immediately backtracked and could not find him and told everyone we saw to keep their eyes out for a little black dog. We went back to Olathe, filled our gas tank and headed back up again. In the meantime, my daughter called from the Denver area and I told her what happened and that we don’t have cell service for much of the time up there.

In her quick thinking she called you all and left a message. Sharon Buckley Grotrain called her back and told her to post his picture and location of where we think we lost him to the Delta County lost and found pets Facebook page.

Within about 20 minutes Teri Sheakley Davis messaged Melissa and told her she thought Felix was at her house about 4pm but wouldn’t come to her. Her doorbell camera captured his image and, YES, it was him. She thought he was headed toward town. We were up on the plateau quick a ways so we hustled back toward town. All of a sudden I see a small black dog running down the center line of the paved road, RIGHT TOWARD US. He had backtracked. It was Felix, soaking wet and back leg sore, but otherwise just fine. I did send Sharon some pics so you can see those if you contact her.

Between my daughter’s quick thinking and Felix’s 2 guardian angels he found his way back to us no worse for the wear. We will be forever grateful and, though the donation is smaller than I wish I could send, we want to recognize Sharon and Teri and couldn’t think of a better way to thank them.


Judi Huseby

Thank you, Sharon, for your kindness and assistance in making this a happy ending !!



DELTA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

cordially invites you to our

ANGELS WITH PAWS

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND FUND RAISER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

796 1525 ROAD
DELTA, CO 81416

\$5.00 COVER SUGGESTED

*DRAWINGS- SILENT AUCTION- REFRESHMENTS
BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS DECORATION VIEWING*

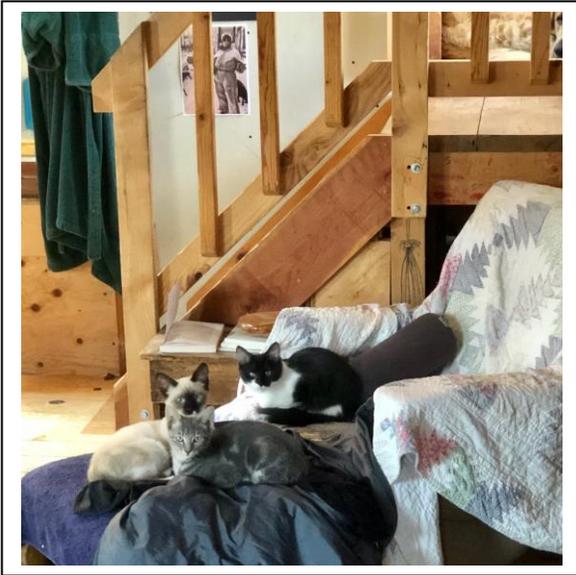
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AND SAFE CARE PROGRAMS*

COME – VISIT – ENJOY !!

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THANK YOU!

Updates of former adoptions – all in happy, forever homes . . .



← “Jersey” (B&W kitty) was adopted by Lisa in August 2021. At that time, Jersey was a feral cat, slowly warming up to people, and in Chris’ foster home – where she loved to hide out in various places. When Lisa arrived to pick up Jersey, it took both her and Chris 30 minutes to find Jersey – and her hiding spot was a new one inside the back of a recliner.

Obviously, as evidenced by the photo attached, Lisa has the patience and love to allow Jersey to feel comfortable in her home. Thanks, Lisa!

Time to meet the traveling-est cat we know. “Nutter-Butter” not only got a wonderful forever family back in July 2021, but now he has put on several more miles while traveling with them, as mentioned in the email they sent to us in November. Here are a few photos, along with the email received by his new mom, Jaime . . .

Hi Christine,

I’ve been meaning to send you a few pictures and an update on Nutter Butter for a little while. I know you pour so much of yourself, your time, and resources into fostering and taking care of these cute babies, and probably don’t often get to know how things end up for them.

He is living his best life and we are loving being a part of it! He still spends every night wrapped around my neck, purring and licking (which took some adjusting to as he has gotten much heavier! Lol) He has now been to many parts of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming on family trailer trips as we explore together.

Thank you for saving him, and protecting him, and nurturing him. He is so loved and cherished ♡





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)

MEMBERSHIP: \$ _____ DONATION: \$ _____ PHONE: _____

GYPSY FUND DONATION \$ _____ (feral cats)

Name: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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OF DELTA COUNTY