

Pet News

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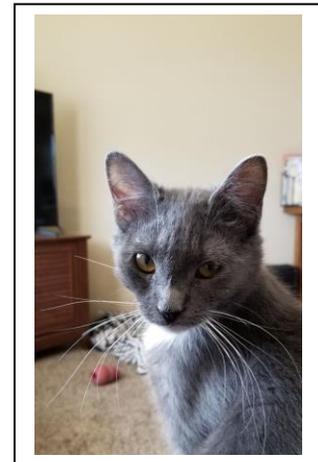
October 29, 2020
is
National Cat Day

. . . and, in honor of our feline friends, this issue is mostly dedicated to cats, kittens, pussycats, mousers (well, you get the idea) . . . Here are two kitties who are currently looking for their forever home – can one of them (or both) come to live with you?

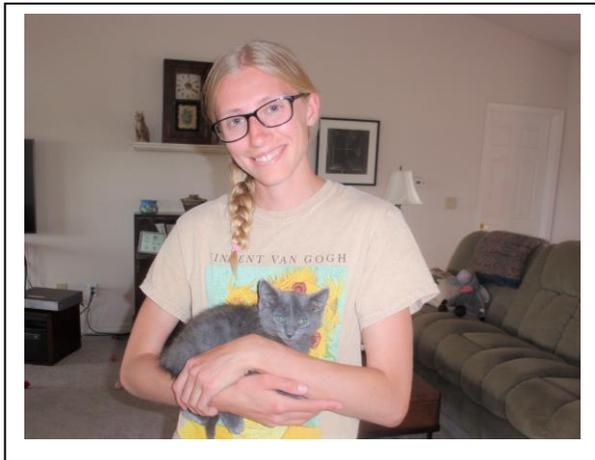


← Oliver is about 16 weeks old and is a character. He has developed a liking for laying in the bathroom sink. He loves to play and sit in the window sill watching the activity outside. He loves to play and comes running when he hears the squeaky toy. He does very well with dogs and other kittens. He can be a real lover when you cradle him in your arms and then stroke him under the chin. He turns on the purring then! Call Chris at 970-201-3827 to inquire.

“Trooper” is still in foster care, and we can’t understand why. He is about a year old & a very sweet little guy. He is good with the other cats & dogs in his foster home. He will let you pick him up and cradle him like a baby and give him belly rubs but when you stop he likes to get down. Call his foster mom, Chris, at 970-201-3817 to find out more about Trooper. ↓ →



Lots of kitty adoptions to show you this time



← On June 28, “Malcolm” was on his way to his new home in Gunnison. Our foster mom, Joan, tells us that Lindi saw him on Petfinder just about an hour after she posted him. She had been looking for a kitten for a long time and Malcolm was the one. Lindi came to get him with her mother and boyfriend so that they could meet him and Malcolm loved everyone. A wonderful home for Malcolm!!!

Wow, Joan is on a roll with kitten adoptions! Nicole came from Grand Junction on July 25 and decided that she needed two kitties in her life, and didn’t want to separate “Blue” and “Speckles.” Nicole and her husband love felines, because now they will have a total of four cats in their household. They are going to provide a wonderful home for these two lively kittens. Thank you! →



← Now it’s Chris’ (foster mom in Cedaredge) turn to start getting her kittens adopted. Ron & Cheryl live in Grand Junction, Colo. and came to meet “Gemini” on August 1. She fell in love with “mom” and “dad” and went home with them the same day to meet their small dog and her soon-to-be BFF. Thank you both for selecting “Gemini” to be part of your family!

CAT FACT

Cats are North America’s most popular pets; there are 73 million cats compared to 63 million dogs. Over 30% of households in North America own a cat.

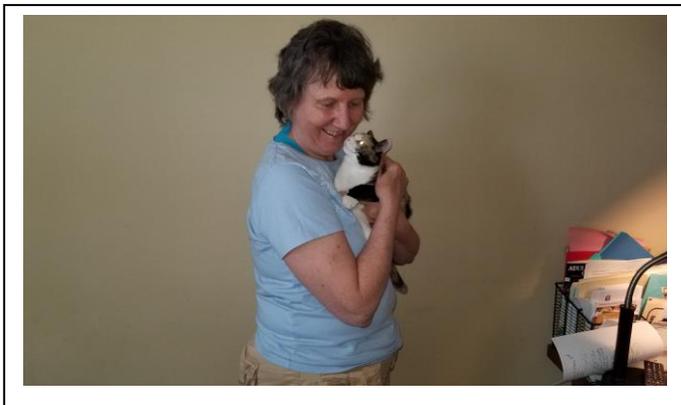
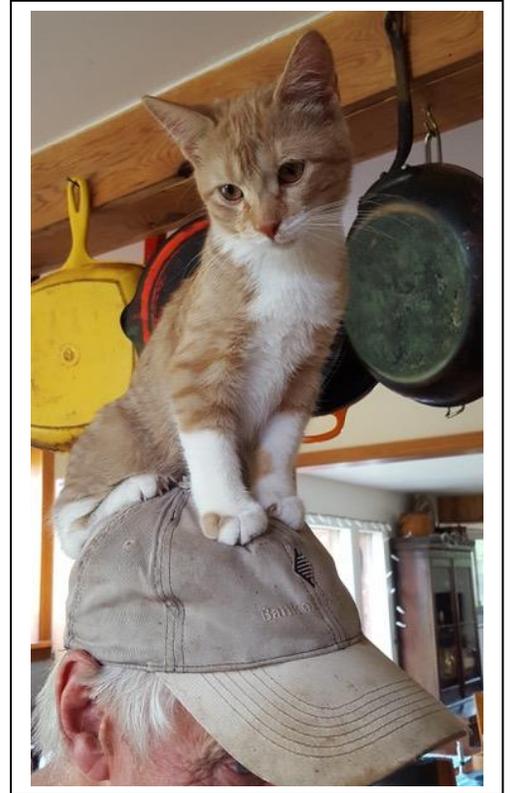


“I wonder if they did this for my benefit.”

. . . and here's a second page of adopted kitties



↑ Laurel and David drove from Carbondale to Chris' foster home in Cedaredge, Colo. to adopt Toasty (nka "Murphy"). They recently lost their 14-yr-old orange tabby and when they saw Murphy up for adoption, they knew he was "the one." This was confirmed when Laurel sung to him and he cuddled up to her shoulder. A perfect match! As you can see by the photo received from them 10 days later, Murphy loves to "ride high" and has chosen David's cap as his favorite viewing point. →



← Patches (nka as "Phoebe") went home with Scotia on August 15. She told Chris that she had calico cats in the past and now wanted another one. This photo tells it all – you can see the love in the eyes of both Scotia and Phoebe. A wonderful adoption for Phoebe, and a wonderful relationship for both of them in the future!

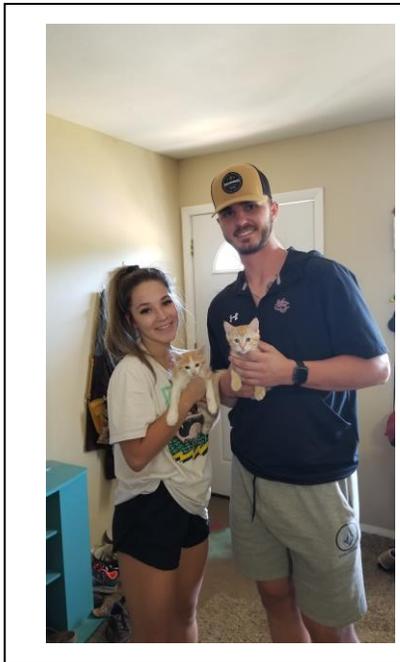


← Meet Aiden, Brendan, Jaymison, Deborah (holding "Turtle") and Jason – they look very happy with their recent kitty adoption. Deborah wanted a tortoiseshell breed and Turtle filled that requirement, and then some. Although Chris said that Mom especially wanted this kitty, we can tell that Dad and their boys are excited too. They have another 4-footed friend at home to meet Turtle, a very sweet hound, but we think there is enough love in this family for both of their companion pets. Thank you all for adopting a rescue cat!

. . . . and we've got more feline adoptions – fantastic !!



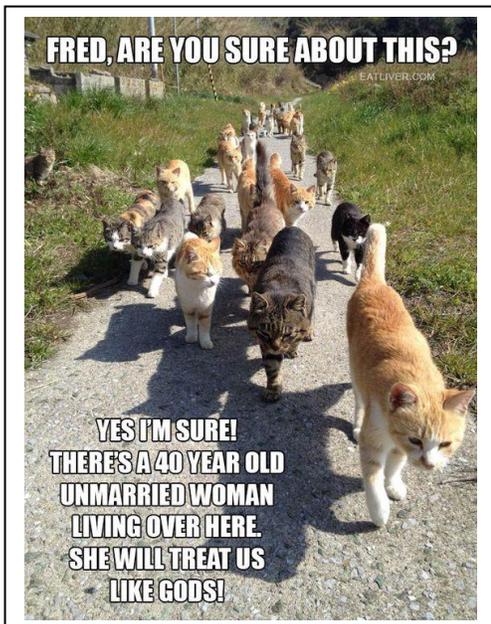
← Another double adoption – way to go, Joan! Susie, who lives in Gypsum, wanted to adopt “Puff” (yes, the white kitten), but when she arrived at Joan’s foster home, she fell in love with both kitties and didn’t want to separate the two brothers. So, now “Puff” and “Crooked Foot” are living happily with Susie, along with her parrot and two dogs, who happen to love kittens. Thank you, Susie, for making room in your heart for two beautiful kitties!



← Ellie lives in Grand Junction, Colo. and is a student at CMU, so she thought adopting one kitten would be fine – until she saw these two cuties, “Mango” and “Marmalade.” Although she did consult with a friend about adopting two kittens, we think she secretly knew that she couldn’t separate the brothers . . . and we’re so glad that Ellie adopted them both. Chris, our foster mom, said that Ellie has followed up with her, and although this is Ellie’s first time owning felines, all is well and she is enjoying time with her 4-footed friends. Thanks so much, Ellie, for taking the two of them!



↑ Due to a recent loss of a kitten, David and his wife felt they needed a replacement. David asked Chris if they could come and see her foster kittens. Their daughter, Dovey, picked up “Peaches” to love on her and the kitten reciprocated by patting lovingly on her face. It was a done deal. Now Peaches has a great forever home with a loving family. Thank you!



What to Know about Cat Vaccinations (courtesy of Pets.webmd)

Shots protect your cat from diseases caused by viruses and bacteria. They can also strengthen her immune system.

Whether you have a kitten or an adult cat, your vet can help you figure out which vaccines are best and how often your kitty should get shots. It usually depends on her age, overall health, and lifestyle.

When to give vaccines. Kittens should start getting vaccinations when they are 6 to 8 weeks old until they are about 16 weeks old. Then they must be boosted a year later. The shots come in a series every 3 to 4 weeks. Adult cats need shots less often, usually every year or every 3 years, depending on how long a vaccine is designed to last.



Which shots they need. Some vaccines are recommended for all cats. They protect against:

- Rabies
- Panleukopenia (also known as feline distemper)
- Feline calicivirus
- Feline viral rhinotracheitis

The feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, and panleukopenia vaccinations often come in a combination shot (FVRCP), which is sometimes called the “distemper shot.”

Your cat may need extra shots depending on how much time she spends outside, how often she’s around other cats, and the diseases that are common in your area. They include:

- Chlamydia: A vaccine for this bacteria is often part of the FVRCP shot.
- Feline leukemia: This serious viral infection spreads through many bodily fluids like saliva, feces, urine, and milk. The vaccine is recommended for cats who spend any time outside. Feline leukemia cannot be cured, so prevention is a priority.
- Bordetella: Cats who go to the groomer or stay at a kennel should get vaccinated for this infection that spreads quickly in spaces where there are lots of animals. The vaccine won’t prevent the disease, but it will keep your kitty from getting very sick from it.

If your cat stays inside all of the time, you might think she’s automatically protected from these kinds of diseases. But she could still catch airborne germs that might come in through a window or door. And even the most docile kitties sometimes make a run for it. If your cat gets outside, you want to make sure she’s protected. Indoor cats may also pick up bacteria and viruses when they stay at a kennel and if you bring a new cat home.

Keep in mind that vaccines don’t offer total immunity from diseases. To help your pet stay healthy, limit her contact with infected animals and to environments where diseases may be more common.

Can you believe it? Four pages of kitty adoptions in the last 3 months by DCHS – it has to be a record!! - and all accomplished by two dedicated foster moms, Joan and Chris !



← Joan's last adoption in September was to Kimber of Grand Junction, Colo. She saw "Snowflake" online, and convinced her mom, Jennifer (on right), to make the adoption deposit. Mom also drove her to Delta so they could take this beautiful kitten home. Kimber also brought along her other cat, Autumn, to meet Snowflake and they got along quite well. Snowflake will have a wonderful home with her new family, and her new BFF Autumn. Thank you for making room for another feline in your heart and your home!

"There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats." - Albert Schweitzer



Adopted Pet Updates (okay, we put in a few dogs here)

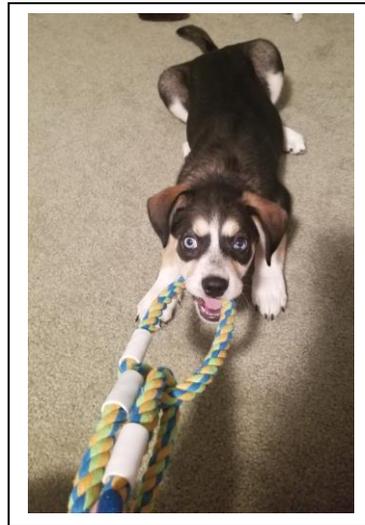


← Cliff and Linda of Grand Junction, Colo. adopted “Emma Lou” in June 2018 and are always happy to share pictures of how she is doing. Here’s Emma in a very relaxed pose, showing that she can look adorable even when upside down and sleeping.

Nick and Ariel of Aurora, Colo. adopted their pup in July, 2019 and have sent us wonderful photos of “Cortana” and an update of how she is doing in their lives. →

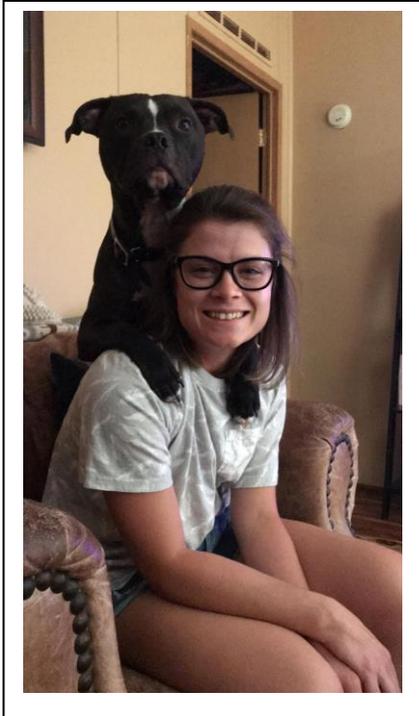
Ariel tells us that when they brought Cortana home, she & her big brother, Nintendo, became best friends immediately. She has a sweet personality and her goals in life are to snuggle & play. Once she starting growing, they took her on hikes, and found that she was a natural at it. Cortana loves people, especially kids, and is great with other dogs.

We are told by Nick and Ariel that Cortana is the best dog they could have hoped for – and, likewise, we think Cortana got the best home. Thank you for the photos & update on her first year with you – we love hearing the success stories. →



← Here’s another yearly update. Sandy and David adopted “Billie Jo” and “Haddie” in August 2019, and they tell us that both kitties are doing great. They are still friends and play, fight, wash each other and, of course, still sleep together sometimes. Thank you both for giving them both such a wonderful home – we can tell that the four of you are one, big happy family.

... and there's more



← How can an adopted dog show his folks that he loves them? Well, obviously, as “Mason” does in this wonderful photo – giving his mom, Shelby, the very best hug he can and showing that beautiful loving face of his to the camera. He was adopted by Shelby and Jesse in the summer of 2019, and they tell us that Mason is “the best dog ever!” Great photo, Jesse !

Alan & Susan, of Marble, Colo. and Washington DC, adopted this sweet kitty in June 2019. Chris, foster mom, had nursed her thru a bout of mycoplasma – but look at her now. Susan tells us that “Lexie” is healthy, has put on weight, and is obviously loving & plays well with others – like their 2-yr-old grandson in this photo. Thanks for sharing this cute update on Lexie! →



“Cats have it all — admiration, an endless sleep, and company only when they want it.”

— Rod McKuen (poet, *Stanyan Street & Other Sorrows*)

“If a dog jumps into your lap it is because he is fond of you; but if a cat does the same thing it is because your lap is warmer.”

—A.N. Whitehead (mathematician and philosopher)

More information on Mycoplasma (courtesy of VetInfo)

Mycoplasma is a bacterial responsible for infectious disease in cats, humans, other animals, and even insects and plants. Mycoplasma infection can affect cats in a multitude of different ways.

Mycoplasma Infection Explained

Mycoplasma is a bacteria that can cause infection in cats of any age, breed or gender. Mycoplasma can also infect humans, dogs, other animals, plants and insects. Mycoplasma can infect almost any organ in the body, and can cause all kinds of symptoms. Often, the symptoms of mycoplasma infection are similar to the symptoms of other infectious bacterial and viral diseases of cats.

Cats who are under a great deal of stress, who are already sick, or who have low-functioning immune systems, may be at a higher risk for mycoplasma infection. Cats with cancer are more vulnerable to mycoplasma infection.

Symptoms of Mycoplasma Infection in Cats

If your cat becomes infected with mycoplasma bacteria, he could exhibit some or all of the following symptoms:

- Coughing, sniffing and sneezing
- Spontaneous miscarriage or infertility
- Frequent urination or problems evacuating the bladder
- Bloody urine
- Colitis, which causes mucoid or bloody diarrhea
- Lethargy, weakness, depression and fatigue
- Loss of appetite and weight loss
- Conjunctivitis
- Lesions or abscesses on the skin

Diagnosing Mycoplasma Infection in Cats

Because your cat's symptoms could be caused by a wide range of other bacterial, viral or fungal diseases, your vet will need to run several tests to confirm the presence of mycoplasma bacteria in your cat's body. A complete physical exam, including blood, stool and urine tests, may need needed, as well as X-rays. Provide your cat's complete medical history, or as much of his medical history as you possibly can, to aid in diagnosis.

Treating Mycoplasma Infection in Cats

Most mycoplasma infections in cats can be treated with antibiotics. Your cat may need to be hospitalized if his symptoms are severe. In severe cases, supportive therapy, including IV fluids, may be needed to stabilize your cat's condition. In less severe cases, your cat may be able to recover at home with the help of antibiotics.

The prognosis for mycoplasma infection is usually good if the cat is otherwise healthy. If your cat is suffering from a concurrent disease, his prognosis may be poorer. In either case, your cat may need one or more follow-up visits with the vet to keep tabs on his recovery progress.

Keep a close eye on your cat while he is recovering from mycoplasma infection. His symptoms may not begin to get better right away. Your vet will need to know about the type and severity of any symptoms your cat is still experiencing after he enters treatment. Make notes of your cat's general behavior, energy level and appetite; an improvement in these areas can indicate that your cat is recovering well from the infection.

There is no vaccine to prevent mycoplasma infection. Disinfectant soaps can kill mycoplasma bacteria on surfaces in the home.

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