

Pet News

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The Dog Days of Summer are fast approaching – here are some ideas to help keep your 4-footed friends comfortable . . .

On a hot summer day, fill up a plastic kiddie pool with water and ice.



Make an ice lick by freezing toys, bones, and chicken broth into a cake mold.



An inexpensive and easy summer treat for dogs: Cut up apples in chicken broth and freeze in an ice cube tray.



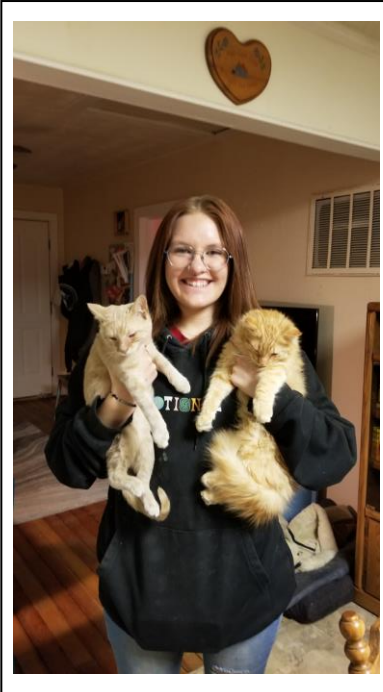
Summer Don'ts – here are some summer hazards pet owners need to be aware of.

- **Don't leave your dog in a parked car.** Even with the window cracked, temperatures can rise up to 30 degrees in the matter of a few minutes. Pets are in danger of heat stroke when the indoor temperature reaches 110 degrees - even when it's 70 degrees outside, it is going to be suffocating in a quick amount of time in that car.
- **Don't tie your dog up outside in the blazing sun.** If you plan to let your pet outside, make sure that it can find shelter under a tree shade, a porch or other structure. The heat is not only a danger to your dog, but your pet can also become sunburned if it's a thin-coated or wire-haired breed.

It's certainly unpleasant to take your dog outside when it's snowing or raining, but don't forget that dogs' paws are just as sensitive to heat as human skin.



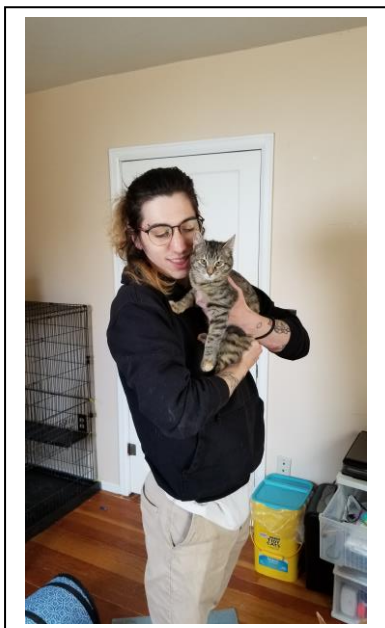
It's a *KITTY-PALOOZA* of adoptions this time . . .



← “Bismark” and “Minot” got their forever home together. Kassidee, of Austin, Colo., had originally come to see Bismark because she loves DLH felines, but then when she got here she fell in love with Minot also. What's not to love, right? Kassidee and her boyfriend already have two rescue cats but wanted to expand the tribe – and we're grateful that they decided on these two cuties. Thank you!

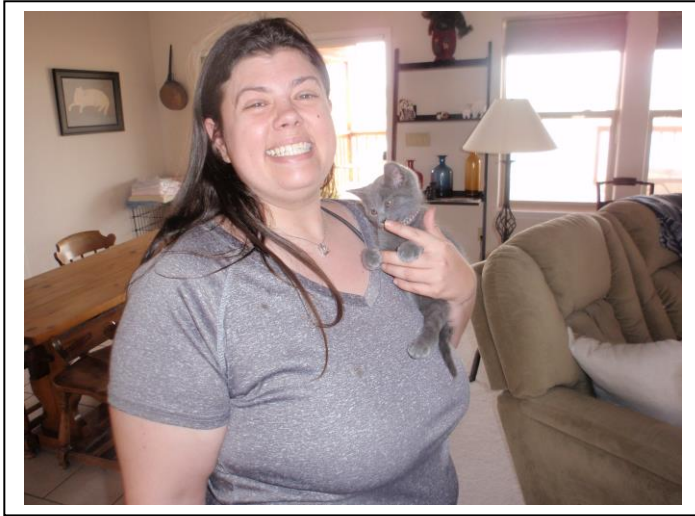


“Marco” and “Polo” have found the perfect home. LeeAnn and her granddaughter, Gemma, came to meet these two fellows. They had a pair of “bookends” that passed away and loved the idea of having another pair and didn't really want young kittens. Marco and Polo will join the family on a Delta farm that includes another cat and two mini Aussies that love to play with the cats. →



← “Fargo” was in foster care a little longer than expected, but as we all hoped, the right person came along in the form of Cory from Aspen, Colo. Fargo retained a little more of her feral behavior but Cory took it all in stride. He and his partner, Ria, had already adopted one previous feral kitten so they knew what to do. Cory sent follow-up pictures and said she is purring up a storm and coming around to get loves. Fargo now resides in Aspen and Cory works at the Aspen Pet Store so how lucky could a kitten get!

Note: All the kittens/cats shown on this page were adopted from our foster mom, Chris, who resides in Cedaredge, Colo.



← Caitlin had adopted “Sylvan” a few weeks prior, but April 28 was the day she could officially take him home. He had to be neutered first. We can’t tell who is happier – Caitlin or her new kitten. Sylvan will now have a forever home in Delta, Colo. with Caitlin, two cats and a dog. Such a wonderful adoption!



← “Alfie” went gladly with his new mom, Geneva, and her friend, Buckshot, on May 1 to his new home in Carbondale, Colo. Alfie knew Geneva was “the one” when they first met – he wanted tummy rubs and Geneva was willing to provide them. Now he can get tummy rubs all the time. Thank you, Geneva, for making Alfie part of your family.



← Lisa recently moved to Somerset, Colo. with her dog, but wanted sister kittens to complete her family. She was happy when “Storm” and “Cloud” became available for adoption – she said they were perfect. And, of course, we are so happy that the sister siblings can stay together in the same home. Thank you, Lisa!

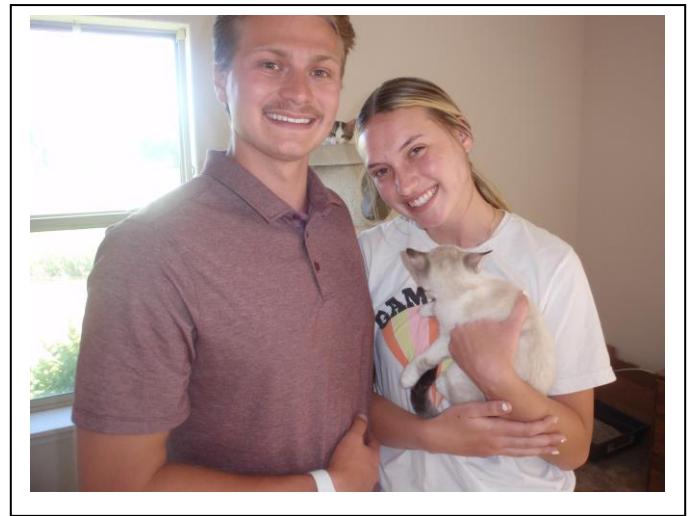
Note: All the kittens shown on this page, and the next page, were adopted from our foster mom, Joan, who resides in Delta, Colo.



← Meet “Gabby” who was adopted by 3-year-old Sunny and her Mom, Mariah, on June 14. Sunny sat patiently on the floor, and Gabby immediately went to her as if to say “I’m ready to go home with you.”

Unfortunately, the photo opportunity for Gabby and her new parents was missed, but hopefully they will send us follow-up pics of Gabby in her new Delta, Colo. home. Thank you both for choosing Gabby!

“Meezie” was adopted on June 14 and now lives in Grand Junction, Colo. with Koyu and his girlfriend, probably being spoiled rotten. As there are no children or other animals, she will have all the attention. They saw Meezie on Petfinder and had to come meet her. They thought she was the kitten for them and Meezie agreed. We do too – a great home for Meezie! Thank you for adopting her! →



← Janice had met “Magic” once before, but on June 15 she decided to make their relationship permanent by adopting him. This photo of Janice and her granddaughter was taken on Magic’s adoption day.

Magic is going to have a wonderful home, one that already has a dog named Wizard – perfect!

Tick Season is upon us (info contributed by Chelsea's Dogs blog)

April through September is generally "tick season," which poses dangers to your furry friends for a number of reasons.



Lyme Disease. In the same way that humans can get lyme disease from a tick bite, your dog can. Symptoms could take months to appear and include arthritis or swollen joints, fatigue, fever, lameness, swelling of the lymph nodes, and in extreme cases, kidney failure, which leads to death. Lyme disease is spread from deer ticks and is most prevalent in the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states, and California.

Canine Anaplasmosis. Spread by deer ticks as well as the brown dog tick, this disease can cause a high fever, diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite, fatigue, and swollen joints. The bacteria from the ticks spreads through the white blood cells throughout the whole body and in severe cases can cause seizures, brain disorders, nose bleeds, bruising, and possible death. It is most common in the same regions as lyme disease (see above).

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The American dog tick, lone star tick, and wood tick can all cause this infection that is identified by fever, loss of appetite, cough, conjunctivitis, and swelling in the legs and joints. Some dogs could develop seizures, lesions, unstableness, and an altered mental state – and weeks later the infection can cause nosebleeds, blood in urine or feces (which can then cause shock, organ failure, or death). This infection is prevalent in the Rocky Mountain states, California, and the south, but can occur nationwide in the US.

Ticks are no joke, and this season can be very scary when you are aware of all of the things that can go wrong from a tick bite. However, if addressed early, you and your vet can prevent the fatal symptoms listed above through early detection and treatment. Make sure to regularly check your dog over in these months, especially after he has run through wooded areas. To remove a tick, use a tweezer to grab the head of the tick and make sure that the head comes out when it is removed. Use rubbing alcohol on the bite and minor redness should subside in a few days' time. If it doesn't, see your vet.

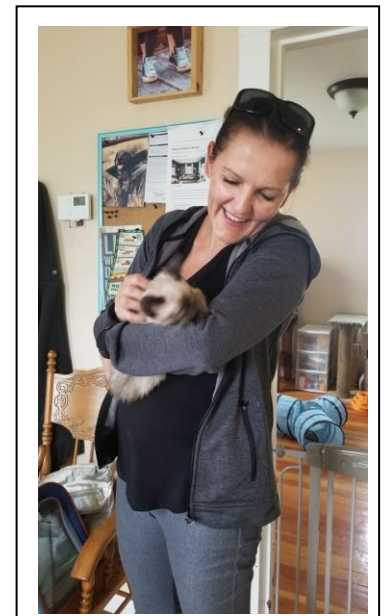
Look out for your dog's clues that can tell you if a tick has bitten them:

- Scratching
- Shaking of the head (ticks often live inside or behind ears)
- Chewing on feet, as ticks also shelter between toes
- Biting at hindquarters
- Sudden hair loss, usually behind ears, down the back or on back legs, tail and/or rump
- Red, flaky and scaling skin

Believe it or not . . . two more kitten adoptions !!



← Please meet Britt with her new kitten “Springsteen.” Britt contacted Chris about adopting Springsteen in early June, and was ready to take him home but found out her lease allows only 1 pet and she already had another cat. That didn’t deter Britt, and her landlord agreed to let her have another one so she came and picked him up on June 21. She has already sent Chris pictures of him settling in and eating right next to her other cat who is also a rescue. He will be well taken care of and spoiled. Thank you, Britt, for being persistent.



Joanna drove from Gypsum, Colo. to Chris’ home in Cedaredge, C to pick up “Bonjovi.” Even tho she was a little nervous about the drive because of the rain and possible closures of I-70 due to mudslides in Glenwood Canyon, Joanna preserved & adopted her kitty. She has another year old rescue cat that needed a buddy, and Bonjovi fit the bill. Joanna's daughter is a vet tech so he will be well taken care of. Thank you, Joanna. →





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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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