

Pet News

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Pumpkins aren't only for Halloween . . .



Pumpkin can also keep your dog healthy . . .

- 1. Urinary Health** - pumpkin is nutritious for you and your dog! Oils found in pumpkin seeds and flesh are believed to support urinary health. Dogs with urinary incontinence, in particular, may benefit from a little pumpkin in their diet. Your dog will thank you for this yummy snack, too!
- 2. Digestive Health** - Canned natural pumpkin is a great source of fiber and helps with digestive regularity. If your dog is experiencing constipation or diarrhea, mix a tablespoon of pumpkin straight from the can into their normal food. Not only will they love the taste of pumpkin but it may also ease stomach issues.
- 3. Weight Management** - Is your dog overweight or obese? Ask your veterinarian if replacing a portion of your dog's regular diet with canned pumpkin — which is low in calories — will help your pooch trim the waistline. *(above information courtesy of PetMD.com)*

Of course, common sense will tell you not to feed your dog the pumpkin seeds, or the flesh from an old Halloween pumpkin. Just a tablespoon of pumpkin directly out of a can of pumpkin in with his food is the best, and easiest, way to help your dog's digestive system.

Note: It's always best to consult a veterinarian before giving your pets any "people food".

Tonks goes home finally



← After two previous adoptions that didn't turn out well for her, and being a special needs dog (totally deaf) "Tonks" wondered if she ever would get her forever home. Then it happened – Megan and her mom, Laurie, both of Montrose, Colo., fell in love with Tonks, and already knew a bit of sign language. Tonks will be Megan's dog, and Laurie will help out with dogsitting when necessary. As you can see, Tonks was faint with relief that she now has a loving, forever, home – and we're sure that she will be wearing that smile for a long, long time.

. . .and a couple weeks later we got these photos – Tonks & Megan are so happy together . . .

Look at this special collar that Tonks now has – great idea! →



← Daisy (with the wild blue eyes) is going to live in Midway, UT on a nice small farm and have a couple of half grown kids to play with and 7 acres to romp around on. Daisy was turned in to DCHS as a stray, and now Nicole and her family will give her the best home ever! Thank you, thank you.

Did you know??

That a dog can locate the source of a sound in 6/100th of a second by using its ears like a radar.

It's puppy time again



These five little pups arrived with their mom at our Crawford facility in early July. Although the Mama dog was willing to nurse her pups, she was suffering from mastitis and unable to produce enough milk. Our foster mom, Carol, had to jump in and bottle feed these little darlings for a period of time until Mama dog was able to perform her motherly duties again. Mom is a Rottweiler, and Dad is unknown, although we think the mystery dog might have been a German Shepherd.

NOTE: Although puppies & kittens are cute and lovable, we continue to stress that the **SPAY or NEUTER** of your animals is still the best solution to solving the pet overpopulation problem.

. . . and again . . .

The last week in July brought these six cuties (Chihuahua/Schnauzer mixes = Chizers), 3 boys and 3 girls, along with their Mom. The pups were close to 8 weeks old and needed to be wormed badly. Carol at our Crawford foster facility took care of that responsibility immediately so that these dogs would be healthy when it came time for adoption.



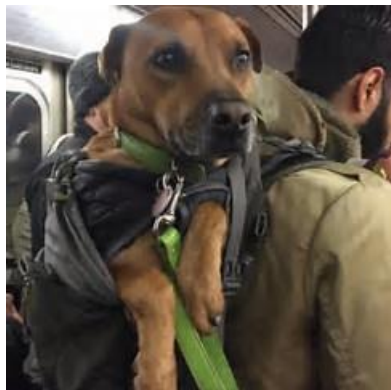
. . . and again . . .



↑ Looking like Lab/Pit mixes, these two little gals showed up at the end of July at the home of a Crawford resident who knew to call DCHS for help. Chris, at our Paonia facility, took them in.

Whatever works, right ??

The law in New York City is that you cannot bring a dog onto a subway train unless it fits into a bag. As you can see from the following photos, even those pet owners of larger dogs are not deterred by the rule. . . .



“You will never know loneliness when you have a dog; when you lose that dog it will be loneliness like you've never known.”

— Michael P. Naughton

The purrr-fect kitty adoptions



← Valerie took “Dusty” home with her to live in Delta, along with two other cats, a Border Collie, and a Schnauzer pup. We couldn’t ask for a better home for this kitty – lots of lovin’ from Valerie, and plenty of 4-legged pals to run and play with – Thanks, Valerie!

3 Kitten Adoptions – Sorry, no photos taken

Erin adopted “Jinx” and “Phoebe” from Chris (Paonia DCHS foster care). They will live on a small ranch in Cortez with other animals. They were already snuggling up with BooBear (Erin’s dog) before they left for home.

“Zeke” was adopted by Mary, also from our Paonia facility, and will now live in Hotchkiss with all the rest of Mary’s rescues, including horses, donkeys, turkeys, chickens & goats. Mary is a repeat adopter with DCHS as she adopted an older Border Collie from us last year.

Our condolences . . . Goodbye, Sweet “Willie”



In May 2010, our bird lady, Gloria “Stacy” Griffin, took in a very sad-looking baby bird. Chances of this bird living at all were slim – its beak was deformed, it had only one good eye, and barely had any feathers. Stacy loves birds, and figured this little girl should be given a chance – she started feeding it gruel and keeping it warm . . . and she consulted an avian veterinarian on how to trim back its lower beak so that it could continue to eat properly. Without Stacy’s love & attention to this little bird, it would not have survived. Did we mention that Stacy LOVES birds?

“Willie” continued to flourish in Stacy’s care, but we all realized, especially Stacy, that this little bird would never be able to take care of herself in the wild. Stacy adopted her, taught her how to transition from gruel/baby food to toast, muffins, seed, & apples. Bit by bit, Willie also learned to fly in Stacy’s home – short hops at first, then a little farther,

and was soon flying around the house. “Willie” outlived everyone’s expectations and survived for 7 years! Without the love & attention given Willie from birth, this would not have been possible. Stacy was truly Willie’s “Mom,” and gave her the best care for these past 7 years. Sadly, Willie passed away in August. We know that Stacy misses her little flying friend, but we also know that Willie had to be extremely grateful to Stacy for all the love, attention, and care that she received – this was an unusual friendship, but one that will be remembered forever.



“Willie” at age 5

Remember those Rotty/Lab pups on pg.3 – here they go



← Jerilee and Brad of Crawford, CO took home the first & the largest of the pups in this litter – looks like Jerilee's lap has pretty much disappeared. He'll have two older dogs to keep him company in his new home, and it appears like he's ready to leave now for adventures with his new family. Thank you both for giving him a good home.

The second pup to leave was officially adopted by Kristian, the mother in this family, but she was unable to come the day the pups were cleared to leave. So her two daughters, Willa & Nadia, and her husband, Steve, took on the job of picking up their puppy on August 4th. By the smiles on all the faces, we don't think they thought the job was too difficult – this pup (now named "Ari") will have one happy forever home! →



← Susana and Hector's little girl, Amairani, loves dogs and now has this little pup to grow up with her – although we think the puppy will be able to outrun her at this stage of her life. Regardless, we're sure that both baby and puppy will receive lots of lovin' from these adopters, and hopefully they will send us a few photos down the road showing us how fast the little ones are growing at their home in Montrose.



What a terrific photo! You can tell it's the beginning of a wonderful relationship between Nancy and this little guy. He'll be living in Delta with Nancy, her husband, Steve, and another 4-legged pal named Abby. We heard rumors that he'll be going camping and doing all kinds of outside activities. Yea!! →



← Here's the last Rotty/Lab pup out the door, going to her new home in Meeker, CO. Natalie, John, Pat & Jess (Mom) are taking the little girl to join their 5-yr-old dog and cats at home. Natalie says that they need a girl puppy because the dog and all the cats they have are boys – ah, yes, the logic of a child. Great adoption! – This pup won't suffer from lack of activity with 3 kids and a bunch of 4-legged friends.



... and here go the Chizer puppies ...



#1 This little girl went home first with Shana who lives in Montrose. When Shana has to work, her mother will be doing the daytime doggy daycare. She will be a spoiled little pup with all that love & attention, but she needs it as she is a little shy. Thanks Shana!



#2 Katrina, of Lake City, adopted this shy little guy who is being held by her son, Richard. She wanted the shy pup because she knew he needed more love & attention, & Katrina wanted to do that for him to build up his courage. Being a photographer, we expect to see follow-up pics from Katrina as this pup settles in with her family.



#3 Evelyn added this Chizer pup to her family, but her son, Scott, and her other dog, Maggie, came along to help out. According to Evelyn's vet, she is known as the "lady who dotes on her dogs" so we are assured that this little guy will have a loving home.



#4 Donna lives in Grand Junction, CO with her kids, Jeremy, Adam, Bethany and Valentina, and now they have added one 4-legged male Chizer to their family. This little pup will have SO MUCH lovin' – we look forward to more family photos!



#5 August 27 was a good day for little "Gidget" as she went home to Grand Junction with Aiden and Rachel. Aiden thought he definitely had room on his bed for this little girl – she will be spoiled.



#6 This little girl, kna "Pepi," had to wait a week for Shelley to pick her up, but as you can see, she felt it was well worth the wait. Pepi is sure to have a happy home with Shelley in Montrose.

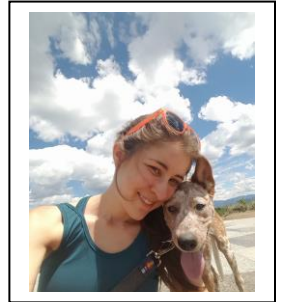


← *Another loving home for a special needs dog. . . .*

Avalon drove from Aspen to pick up her new best friend, "Cayenne." Even with those large ears, Cayenne is totally deaf. Plans are to use Cayenne as a therapy dog and teach her sign language. We were told it was "love at first sight," by both parties, and Avalon said "She's just perfect." Sometimes our foster parents can tell when an adopted dog goes to the right person, and in this case we feel Avalon and Cayenne definitely belong together.

Avalon & Cayenne now together & livin' the good life! →

Terrific photo !!



"Pebbles," mother to the six Chizer pups, got the perfect forever home for herself. Bobbi and her daughter, Lucy, took Pebbles home to Clifton on August 29 and said they were stopping at Petsmart on the way home to buy a dog bed and lots of fun toys for their new best friend. Pebbles is going to have the best home ever, and certainly deserves it. Thank you both for adopting a rescue dog! →



This is what happens when you leave a vicious Rottweiler alone with two kittens



DAY 11: THE DOG STILL THINKS I'M FUR

Keep those updates coming



← “Henry” (kitten on bottom) was adopted by Kay & Jeff of Hotchkiss on June 24, 2017 and wanted us to know how happy they are to have him in their family. The bigger cat on top is “Lil’ Bit” (fka Boots) who was also adopted from DCHS. Both cats even get along with their German Shepherd pup. Thank you both for letting us know how well Henry is doing now – we know it is due to the love & care you give your animals.



No one told her motherhood would be like this!



*ECLIPSE DAY – August 21, 2017 . . .
and I couldn’t figure out how to use
these glasses!*

Can you believe all these adoptions? We are so thrilled !!!



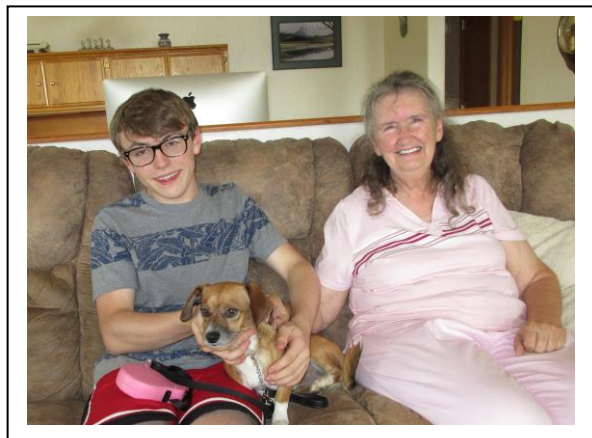
← “Rosie” is such a sweet girl, and Harold and Elaine thought so too, and fell in love with her. They had a Border Collie previously, so are very familiar with the breed. Their home in Grand Junction, CO has a large yard where Rosie can get lots of exercise. This adoption is a perfect “fit” for both owners and dog – just the way we like it! Thank you Harold and Elaine!

August 8th update from Harold & Elaine – “Rosie” is SO SMART! She figured out how to turn the hose water on by just watching Harold do it one time – and she knows how to return to the back door by watching a hand signal from Elaine when she wants to get in the house. . . . and she loves tracking down the mice in the far end of the backyard. Go Rosie!

Our foster mom, Chris, in Paonia, didn't waste any time adopting out the first of the two pups in her care. "Mo" went home to Delta with mom, Angie, and her two children, Deacon and Ila, on August 8. She'll have a fenced-in yard and 2 kids to play with – plus being a therapy dog for Mom. Mo has a quiet, calm nature and we're sure she'll be up to all her responsibilities. Mo ended up with a terrific family! →



← And 2 days later, "Ginger" found her forever home with Lynette and her daughter, Tiffany. Dad, Kirby, was waiting at home in Paonia with their older Lab/Rotty mix who will no doubt show the new pup the ropes in their large backyard. Smiles all around – great adoption!



← Heloise found "Petey" on our website and fell in love and when they met, Petey returned the sentiment - he sat in her lap and gave her kisses. Michael came along to help his grandmother with the adoption, but it will be Heloise who will be doting on her new family member. Petey sure lucked out with his adoption – he'll have a great home!

Brian and Jill live in Grand Junction, Colo. and absolutely adore Chihuahuas. Now they have added "Little Dude" to their family, who we know will be getting lots of lovin' – and that's not a bad thing. Thank you both for opening your hearts for this little fella! →



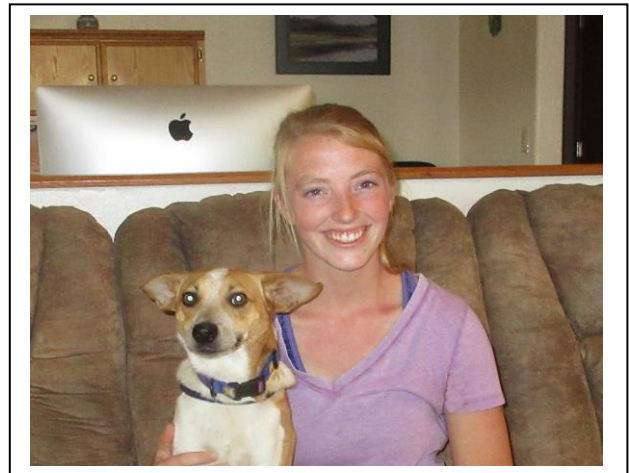


← Diane, from Montrose, Colo., took “Sweet Pea” home with her to meet her bigger brother, Joey, who is also a Chihuahua. We heard mention of fluffy blankets too, and a little cooked chicken added to her food – this little girl is going to be spoiled, spoiled, spoiled. Thank you, Diane!

Jenn and Dave drove from Glenwood Springs on September 4 to check out “Molly” for adoption. They spent an hour playing, walking, & talking with Molly, and knew she would be a perfect fit in their family. Molly will now have a wonderful home with 2 kids to play with, Maisie and Henry. Since Maisie is a cross-country runner, Molly can expect to get a lot of exercise. We love it when such a good dog gets the perfect family! →



Allison lives in Grand Junction, Colo. with a horse, and now has her dog too. She has named this little guy “Watson” (cuz he’s so smart) and is hoping that the three of them will have great adventures together. Watson gets to sleep on her bed, run along with a horse, and soak in all the lovin’ – what more could he ask for? Thanks, Allison! →



← It didn’t take long. The day after “Dottie” was put up for adoption, Jordan & Robyn, of Montrose, Colo., adopted her into their family. She now has a big sister, Dora, who will show her all the ropes – and they’ll both get to sniff out all those smells on the adventure walks they get on the weekends. Great home!



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