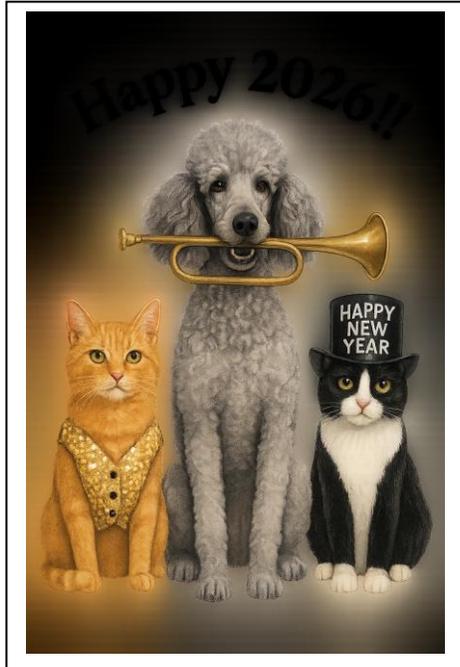


Pet News

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All of the volunteers here at Delta County Humane Society wish you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR, and thank all of our adopters and donors who love animals and help support our rescue organization by donating bedding, food & other supplies or by supporting our fundraisers this past year!

In addition, we would like to send out thank yous to the following parties – those people who help us to make what we do possible

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. . . and, as always, a special thank you to our wonderful DCHS volunteers: Jackie, Joan, Chris, Carol, Kathie, Judy and Quincey !!
. . . and our phone volunteers, Kathie and Sharon, the cheerful & helpful ladies who respond to all of your messages!!

Here's a perfect example of how generous our donors can be



When this monumental donation was delivered to Jackie's (DCHS President) office on December 29, 2025, she had to sit down on her couch to take it all in – what a fabulous donation and it was given to DCHS by the Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA). Bags and bags of dog and cat food – amazing! Our sincere thanks to DMEA for helping to feed our rescue animals, and also contributing food to our Animeals Program. This is the perfect end to the Year 2025, and the perfect beginning to the New Year 2026.

THANK YOU, DMEA, FOR THINKING OF THE ANIMALS!!

Baby, it's cold outside !!!

(yes, this article was printed in a past DCHS newsletter, but it contains important information that everyone should know – now that we're in our mid-winter months)



We're currently in the middle of winter and it's time to think about protecting your four-footed friends when outside. Personally, I would never keep my dog outside for any great length of time in winter, but if you must, here are a few helpful suggestions to keep your pet safe and warm . . .

Dress Properly and Keep Paws Clean

When outside for a walk, dogs with less fur need help to keep warm, so a winter dog coat, sweater or jacket keeps them warmer. During your walks, ice, deicer and salt can build up in your dog's paws. If your dog licks its paws, he/she could be ingesting harmful poisons – so, be sure to wipe down your dog's paws and remove any ice buildup every time after a walk.

Provide Shelter

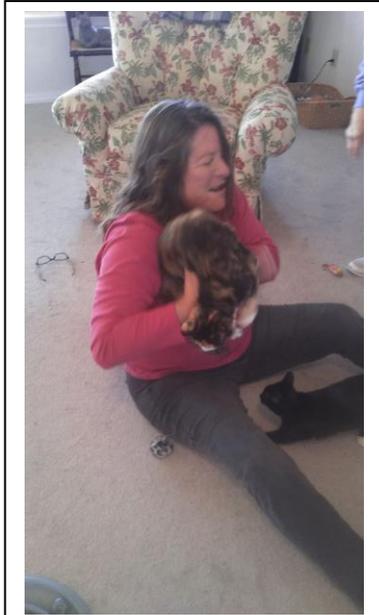
If your dog does spend a lot of time outside in the winter months, make sure you provide proper shelter – make sure it is insulated. The floor of the shelter should be insulated with straw to prevent cold from radiating up from the ground – and consider topping it with warm bedding. A shelter shown in the photo above provides excellent insulation for your pet, and is inexpensive to build. Placing a piece of plywood under the roof of the shelter will keep it from collapsing.

Keep your Dog Fed and Hydrated

Your dog should always have access to clean, unfrozen water. You can purchase a heated bowl for water that will always allow fresh water for your pet. Dogs that live outside may require more food to keep up their metabolism in winter months, but check with your vet first before changing your dog's diet.



New Homes for the New Year – and forever!



Nancy playing with Sweet Pea



Nancy holding Rain

December 4th was a wonderful day for these kittens. Nancy came from Palisade, Colo. to meet “Sweet Pea” at Joan’s foster home, and while they were getting to know each other “Rain” came to join in the fun. Rain had just gotten spayed and Joan wasn't thinking she was ready for adoption. She declared herself ready and wanting to go!! Nancy decided that she would love to have them both. She has no other animals and will really spoil them!! She is definitely a cat person and has always had cats, so these two little monkeys will have a great time with Nancy. In fact, she has already informed Joan that Sweet Pea is now climbing her Christmas tree. Thank you, Nancy, for taking them both!

BUT WAIT – THERE’S MORE

Our staff here at the news office was just informed that Nancy returned to Joan’s foster home on December 18 and also adopted a third kitty named “Squirt.” How great is that? Now Nancy has a trifecta of felines to entertain her during the holiday season . . . and forever.

Nancy, you are a champion adopter in our eyes and in our hearts. Thank you so much for fitting three kitties into your life!!



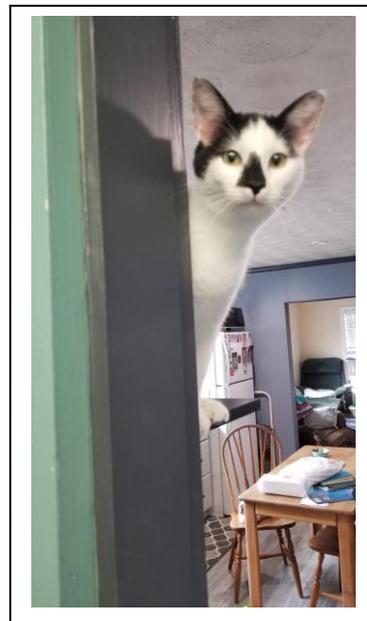
Two more wonderful adoptions



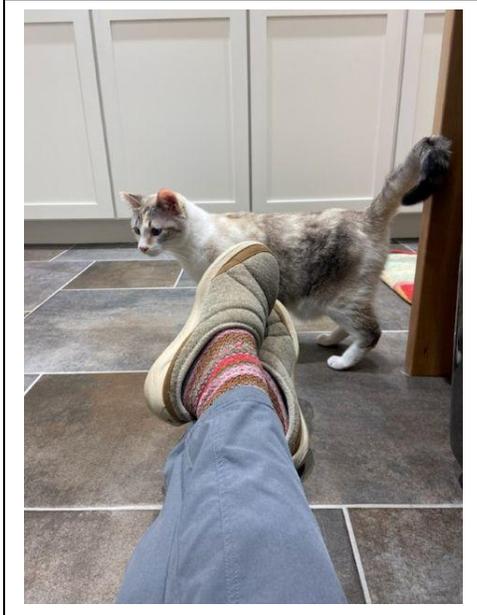
← “Bailey” went to her new home on Saturday, December 27. Devin (right) used to work with Chris (foster mom) so when they were looking for a new kitty he contacted her. Alexa chose Bailey to join their new home. They just moved into a new home in Eckert, Colorado so Bailey will join their family of three kids and another older cat. Bailey loves attention so she should not have an issue with getting all she wants.

Thank you Devin and Alexa for choosing Bailey to be your 7th family member!!

“Bongo” went to his new home at the end of December also. He is joining Amy in her home in Cedaredge. She came to meet another kitten at Chris’ foster home and went home with Bongo instead. He will now be able to pal around with Amy’s other cat (who is also black and white). Great adoption! Thank you, Amy! →



. . . and one of our adoptions in December 2025 was a Christmas Miracle!



← Chris has fostered “Blossom” for quite a long time – in fact, for two years. Chris thought that Blossom was going to be a permanent resident at her foster home because, as we all know, adult cats are harder to adopt out than cute kittens.

Then the Christmas miracle happened. Kileen, of Grand Junction, Colo., was looking for a new cat in her house since she lost her “Frankie” a few months ago. Kileen chose Blossom, who now has her forever family with Kileen, her husband and a cat loving dog in Grand Junction.

Thank you, Kileen, for choosing sweet Blossom as your new family member!

Just a few laughs



Bed and Breakfast



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)

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