

Pet News

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October 30 – November 5, 2016 National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

Whether you have a companion animal or not, you must surely realize that having an animal shelter/rescue group in your community is truly a benefit to the health and well-being of the animals in their care. The volunteers associated with the Delta County Humane Society would not “toot their own horns” about the rescue work that they do every day of the year, so as the writer of this newsletter, I will do it for them. All Delta County residents should know that:

In 2015, DCHS adopted out 78 dogs, 11 puppies, 48 cats and 46 kittens for a whopping total of 183 animals that now have loving, forever homes – pretty darn good for only 12 volunteers!

Our rescue group also distributes spay and neuter coupons to those residents qualified as low-income. Last year we gave out enough coupons to have 135 companion animals sterilized, thus helping to prevent animal overpopulation in Delta County.

We offer temporary “safe care” for companion animals whose owners may be hospitalized.

Special “above and beyond the call of duty” awards go to Carol (Crawford) who spent 2 days trying to catch 3 kittens from under an abandoned building – and to Joan (Delta) and Allison (Eckert) who managed to wrangle 13 kittens off of properties within 2 days – also a special “thank you” to Kathie (Cedaredge) who takes the time to feed a colony of feral cats in her community.

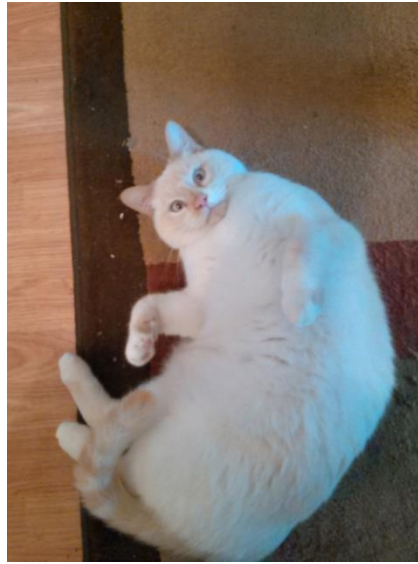
All of our volunteers do this rescue work without any expectation of thank yous or appreciation, but it would be nice if their work was recognized by Delta County residents. Tell them thank you the next time you cross paths, or donate your old clean blankets, towels, bowls, food, etc. to help with supplies, or send us a check to help defray our costs. Our volunteers do this work because of their love of animals and it shows!

We love to hear from past adopters

. . . and here's "Gordie."



Gordie as a kitten in the summer of 2015



Gordie – 9 months later

This little Flame Point kitten was brought to our Crawford foster mom by two young boys (photo on left). Then, here he is in the photo on the right, 9 months later... looks like he's doing just fine!! Gordie was really shy as a kitten, but his adopter, Richard, was really gentle when he met him and gave him lots of time to adjust in his new home... what a difference 9 months and lots of love makes in a kitten's life! Thank you, Richard!

"Everyone is taught that angels have wings - the lucky ones of us find that they have 4 paws."
— Jury Nel

Our sympathies



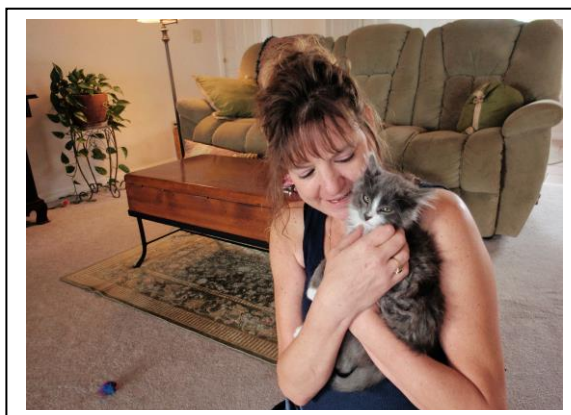
"Spinner," our beloved spokespet since April of this year, passed away unexpectedly on July 31. Spinner was a rescue dog (see April 2016 newsletter) who didn't have a good start in life, but his new owner, our friend & DCHS volunteer, Kathie Flynn, made sure that she made up for it during the six years that she had him in her life. Spinner was loved during those six years and left this world knowing love in his life. We'll all miss you, good boy.

Good forever homes for our rescue animals. . .



← “Nellie” (B&W dog) came into our rescue system in April of this year, along with her 6 puppies. When the pups were weaned, Nellie moved to a new foster home in Paonia where she waited for her forever family to show up. That happened in June when this very nice family from Grand Junction wanted her to live with them and be company for their other dog, Buddy. The family wanted a companion for their dog Buddy who lost his best cat friend last year and has been sad. Nellie and Buddy got along fine and Nellie was very taken with the little boy. She will be well loved.

“Wookie” had a rough beginning and it took two of our foster moms to bring him to the happy, healthy kitten he is now. Allison nursed him thru a respiratory infection and then handed him over to Joan when she had room in her house. Joan continued to care for Wookie until he was adopted by Laurie at the beginning of July. The match and love between human and feline was instantaneous – plus he’ll now have two dogs and an older cat to play with – he’s a lucky fellow from beginning to end. →



← “Rocky” is off for a life of love and adventure. He will live in Palisades until November and then he will be off to Baja for the winter. Mike lost his black lab recently at the age of 11. He was a little unsure of adopting a senior dog but Rocky won him over. He wants to teach Rocky to ride on his kayak with him. What a life for this great boy!

Not every person knows how to love a dog, but every dog knows how to love a person.

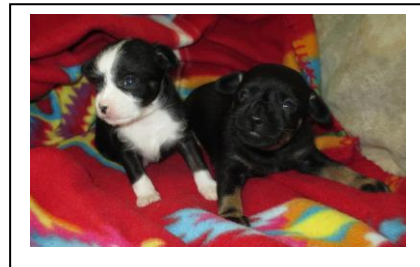
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Puppies are ‘us, especially at our Crawford foster home

Carol, our foster mom and friend, at our Crawford, Colo. facility LOVES puppies, and it’s a good thing she does because she was on puppy overload in June and July this summer. In the middle of July, she was feeding up to 2.5 gallons of puppy chow per day !!



← Little “Pinky” came first on June 9, alone and very pregnant. Her breed mix is still a mystery – Chihuahua, Schnauzer, Yorky ?? She is a sweet and loving girl and showered her love on her two pups that were born on June 19. They gained weight readily thanks to Carol and Pinky – here’s a cute photo of them at 3.5 weeks old.

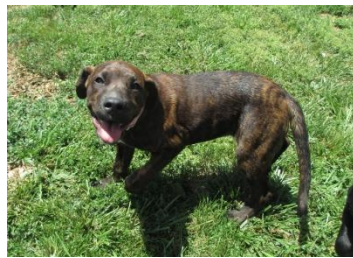


Then some cruel, heartless person dumped these 5-month-old pups around the City of Delta. One by one they were found and turned in to the Delta shelter, who turned them over to Carol – we sure are glad that Carol LOVES puppies!!



“Slater”

Adopted July 26



“Savanna”

nka “Buttercup”
Adopted July 13



“Sawyer”

Adopted July 26



“Santana”

nka “Daisy”
Adopted July 13

Check out the following pages to see the awesome homes that these pups were given.



“Our pets are the kids who never leave home, and that’s absolutely fine by us because these kids don’t ask for the keys to the car, don’t turn up drunk at two in the morning, and don’t complain if you turn their bedroom into a home gym. Their presence at times of upheaval and transition acts as a touchstone, a reminder of normalcy, of comfort, and the certainty of a love that can get you through.”

– Nick Trout, *Ever by My Side, A Memoir in Eight [Acts] Pets*

Believe it or not – more puppies !!

On July 31, Carol took in 10, yes 10, more puppies found stray and hungry. The mama dog was taking care of them as best she could, but 10 pups is a lot to feed for one mama dog. As you can see below, they all dove into the food that Carol made available to them.



... and they just keep comin’

On August 3, another 3 pups were found and turned into Carol, who said at this point she was officially “full up” and could not take in any more puppies. She now had 15 pups and 1 adult dog on her hands to take care of. ↓

Well, there’s always the garage – in case one more puppy shows up

. . . and, sure enough, on August 10, one more little guy was brought to Carol and she made room for him in her garage. Meet “Little Dude” (aka “Henry”) who recovered at Carol’s place from a few bite wounds from not-so-friendly dogs. He was #16 for puppies in her care this past summer. →



More super adoptions. . .

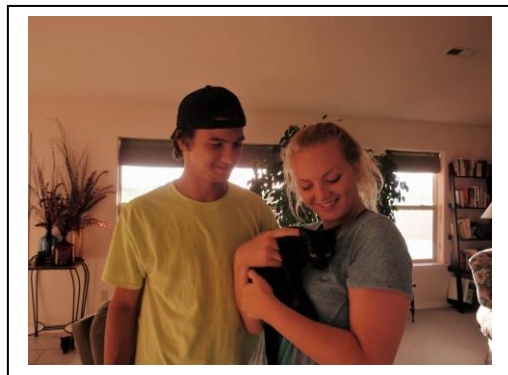
Mike and Debbie in Montrose adopted Max in early July. This wonderful couple deserves the title of “animal lovers,” as they also have another cat and a dog, and all their animals go with them when they travel in their motor home. Max is going to be one happy, travelin’ cat – we love homes like this! →



← Dan and Wanda own a ranch on Fruitland Mesa and they really love the Border Collie breed. Lucy is going to be one lucky girl to have wonderful owners and be able to run free on their property – plus the fact that she fell in love with them the minute she met them. She knew immediately that Dan and Wanda had come to take her to her forever home.

“Be the person your dog thinks you are.” — Getty Images

RuthAnn had spotted “Buttercup, fka Savanna” (right) at the Delta shelter before she and her 3 siblings were transferred to our Crawford facility. When she came again to see Buttercup, she knew that she wanted to adopt both girls in this litter – what a great heart she has! So both Buttercup and “Daisy, fka Santana” went home together with RuthAnn and her son, Ranok. →



← Amanda and Kori came from Ouray, Colo. to adopt “Mystic.” Although they played with all the kittens at Joan’s foster care home in Delta, Mystic was the one that came up to them to make friends. As you can see, this adoption was a good match, and Mystic will surely receive lots of love and attention in his new home.

Please welcome our newest volunteer . . . Edna Pierce

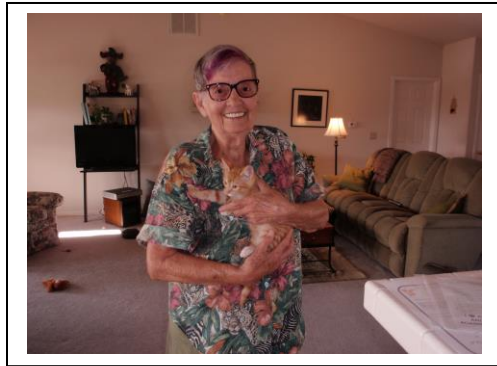


We are thrilled to welcome and announce the addition of our new volunteer, Edna Pierce. She has taken the responsibility, along with Sharon and Allison, of answering our phone line and handling all the various calls that come in regarding the rescue of animals, spay/neuter questions, adoptions, etc.

Edna has led a varied life - raised on a working farm/ranch, lived in Greece for 2 years, studied under a Master Chef, recently received a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and is married to a wonderful man who also loves animals.

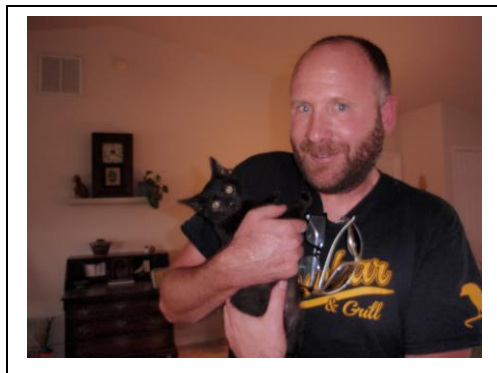
She admits to rescuing & adopting a number of animals who have shown up, or have been dumped, near her home. They are then fed, treated for medical needs, and spayed or neutered – but most of all, LOVED. Thanks, Edna, for becoming part of our team!

More kitten adoptions . . .



← Lou, adopted two kittens, Jelly Bean and Mango (pictured), on August 10 and took them home with her to Hotchkiss, Colo. Those lucky kittens are in store for lots of lovin' and one of the best forever homes. Thanks for taking both kittens into your heart and home, Lou!

Camilla and Monty, along with their son and daughter (pictured), drove over from Aspen to check out cute little "Bear." He was shy with them at first, but they all thought he would be the perfect addition to their family – and as you can see by the photo, he was warming up to the kids in a short time. What a great home he'll have! →



← Mike came and adopted "Magic" and took her home to Crawford where she was welcomed by Mike's wife, Karen, 2 dogs, and 2 cats. One of the cats is older and doesn't play much anymore, but the other one is just a year old and will love to have Magic as her playmate. Our thanks to Mike & Karen for fitting Magic into their family.

**We need to work on
your KISSING skills!**



*. . . . Here's the start of the adoptions from
the group of 10 Aussie-mix puppies – yea!*

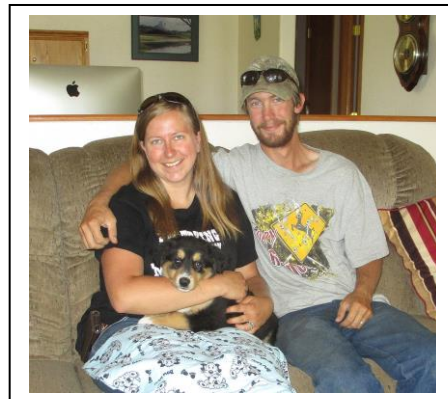


← Dave chose this little girl pup as his new best friend, so she was the first to leave the group. She is such a sweet little girl, and now has a good home in Delta, Colo. Thanks, Dave!



← Bruce & Tiffany of Marble, Colo. use the same vet (Dr. Vincent) as our foster mom, Carol, so they heard that she had lots of puppies up for adoption. They had lost their old dog earlier this year, and their daughter, Baylee, had been saving up her money to adopt a new dog. Baylee took her time “interviewing” all the puppies and then decided that “Raspberry” would be the perfect fit in their family. We agree!!

Three down – 7 to go! Riley and Nancy lost one of their farm dogs a few weeks prior to visiting Carol's puppies and wanted to fill the void, so now this little girl is going to be a ranch dog on Fruitland Mesa in Crawford. She's going to learn to herd cows, follow horses, irrigate, run in fields and have just a great time, and she'll have an older 4-legged sister to help teach her how to do it all. →



← Ed and Rhonda of Loma, Colo. saw this little guy online and knew that he was the one they wanted to take home to their farm – that special feeling was confirmed when they actually met him. They have lots of goats to keep him busy in the fields, and he will have the best life as their companion farm dog.

Aussie-mix adoptions continued . . .

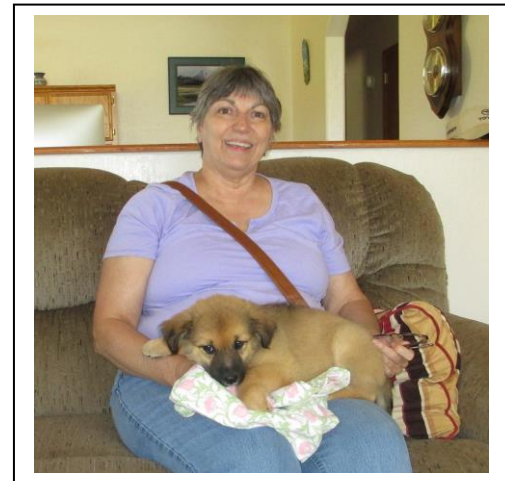


← Brian came from Palisades, Colo. with his three children (Zach, Abby & Josh) so they could all pick out a puppy. It was a difficult decision for three kids to make, but they eventually settled on this girl pup. As you can see from the photo, the puppy is already giving kisses to Josh and ready for her forever home, and all the lovin' she'll get in this family.

Looks like a happy puppy adoption here – Kayla lost her old dog a few months ago, and it was Kendal's 2-year birthday – two good reasons to come and look at puppies. There were kisses & smiles all around, and now this little girl pup will have a wonderful home. →



We love return adopters – it's a testament to the fact that they appreciate all the work & care put in by our foster homes. Christine (holding pup) and her husband, Tyson, and daughter, Ali, of Cedaredge, CO adopted from DCHS eight years ago. Now they were ready for another puppy, and we were the first place they came to find their perfect pup. Thank you for your love of dogs, and for adopting this little girl! →



← Susan lives in Montrose, Colo. with her older dog and figured that she and her dog could use some lively company – in the form of a new puppy. This little girl pup will certainly provide them with hours of activity & entertainment, and, in return, the puppy will receive all the loving she can handle. It's a great adoption – for both Susan and the puppy. Thanks!

PEANUT BUTTER ALERT FOR YOUR DOGS

A new type of peanut butter (& other nut butters) is being sold with less sugar, but now includes **xylitol** as a sweetener. This is what is used in sugarless gum and it can be deadly to dogs. Many people use peanut butter as a dog treat, or to fill a Kong, or to disguise medications; if they now use the type with xylitol, it could be very dangerous.



Halloween can be a festive and fun time for children and families. But for pets? Let's face it, it can be a downright nightmare. Forgo the stress and dangers this year by following these easy tips.



Taken from PedMD.com

1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.

All forms of chocolate -- especially baking or dark chocolate -- can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of chocolate poisoning may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures. Halloween candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar and subsequent loss of coordination and seizures. And while xylitol toxicity in cats has yet to be established, it's better to be safe than sorry.

2. Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween.

Surprisingly, vicious pranksters have been known to tease, injure, steal, and even kill pets on Halloween night. Inexcusable? Yes! But preventable nonetheless.

3. Keep pets confined and away from the door.

Not only will your door be constantly opening and closing on Halloween, but strangers will be dressed in unusual costumes and yelling loudly for their candy. This, of course, is scary for our furry friends. Dogs are especially territorial and may become anxious and growl at innocent trick-or-treaters. Putting your dog or cat in a secure room away from the front door will also prevent them from darting outside into the night.

4. Keep your outdoor cats inside several days before and several days after Halloween.

Black cats are especially at risk from pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. In fact, many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October as a safety precaution.

5. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.

Although they are relatively nontoxic, such plants can induce gastrointestinal upset should your pets ingest them in large quantities. Intestinal blockage can even occur if large pieces are swallowed.

6. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.

Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or knocking it over and causing a fire.

7. Keep wires and electric light cords out of reach.

If chewed, your pet could cut himself or herself on shards of glass or plastic, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.

8. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.

If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costume, make sure it isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict movement, hearing, or the ability to breathe or bark and meow. If they seem distressed, allergic, or show abnormal behavior, consider letting them go in their "birthday suit." Festive bandanas usually work for party poopers, too.

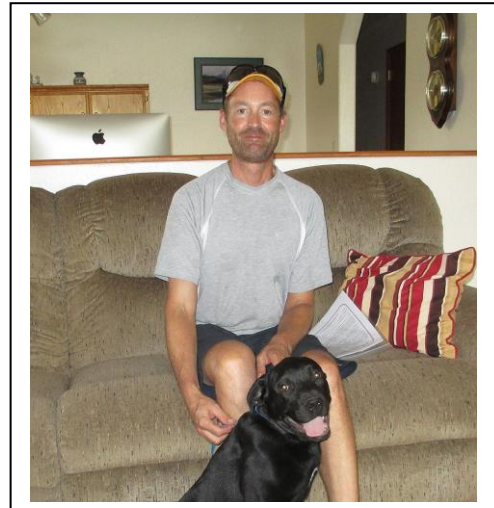
... July and August were definitely busy adoption months ...



← On July 13, Bill came with his dad, Richard, to adopt the perfect dog, and it turned out to be “Sawyer.” This pup is going to have a great home in Cedaredge with three kids and two older dogs. Thanks for giving Sawyer a loving and forever family.

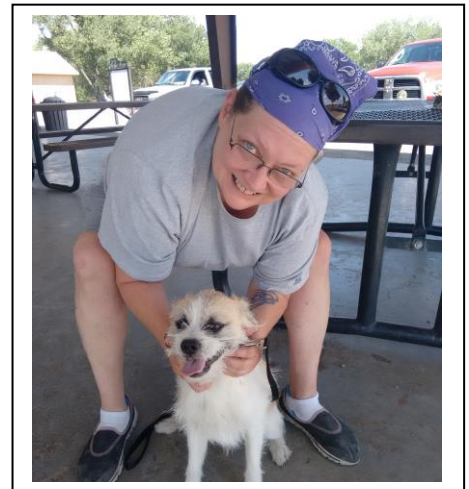
“No animal should ever jump up on the dining room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation.”

— **Fran Lebowitz**



← ... and, again, on July 13, “Slater” was adopted and went home to Somerset with Charlie. Since Charlie has an excavating business, Slater might be riding “shotgun” to his jobs with him. We think Charlie and Slater are a perfect match – what a good home he will have!

Little “Eddie” hit the jackpot being adopted by Mona of Olathe. She has owned Jack Russell Terriers in the past and was now ready for another one – Eddie will live on a goat farm with Mona’s family and given lots of room to run. Thanks, Mona! →



← “Lucy” was lucky to have a family from Grand Junction adopt her on August 14. Just think about all the attention she’ll get from a family of five. Pictured left to right are Jack, William, Henry, Noah and Elizabeth ... and they also brought her a new blankie to sleep on - Lucy will be one spoiled pup, but also very loved!

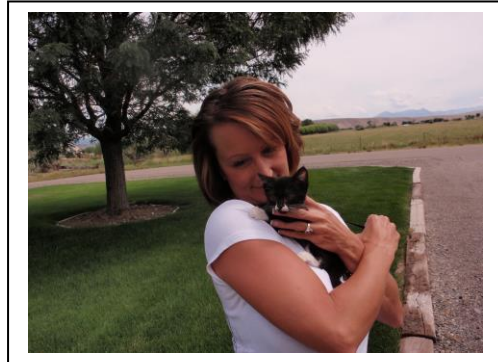
... and *finally*, the smallest of Pinky’s pups, at all of 2 lbs. five ounces, was able to go to his new home on Redlands Mesa. Gloria and Butch are familiar with toy breeds and were thrilled to hear that Doc Vincent gave the okay for this tiny pup to come home. Butch joked that he thought he might have to hook up his horse trailer to bring this big guy home. →



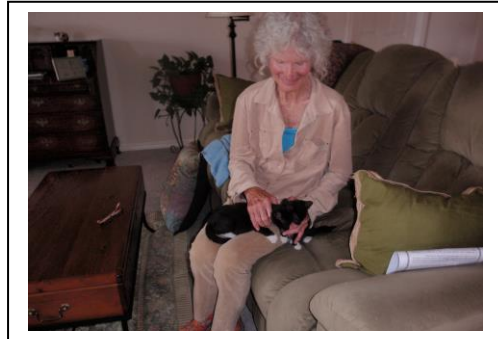
Pinky's other pup was adopted shortly thereafter by Cheryl and James of Cedaredge, Colo. Their 12-yr-old daughter, who we're told is somewhat of an animal whisperer, was going to be very surprised when she came home from school that afternoon, and thought that the new puppy would probably end up sharing the bed with their daughter. Another great home for this little guy!



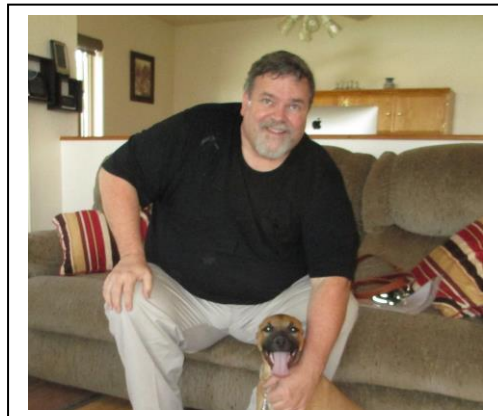
← Sabrina (pictured) and Rob of Montrose fell in love with "Chelsea's" online picture and knew she would make a wonderful addition to their present family of 2 dogs and a cat – in fact, Chelsea likes dogs so she'll fit right in. As you can see from the photo, little Chelsea is going to get some serious lovin' in this family.



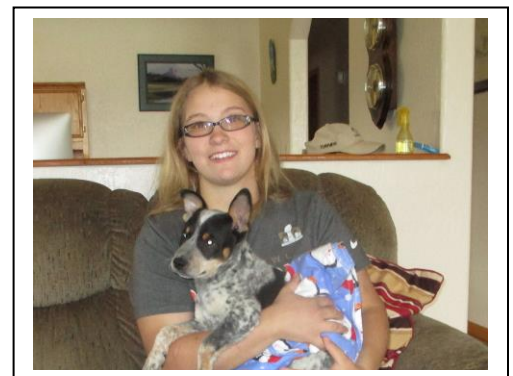
← "Charlie" and "Channing" (brother & sister of Chelsea in above photo) were both adopted by Karen who took them home to play with her other two cats. Karen implied that they would probably be spoiled and get to live the "good life." Exactly what we like to hear – thanks, Karen!



← Delta will be "Oliver's" new home with Bob and his wife, Cindy. Oliver is fortunate that Bob works from home so he'll have 24/7 attention in his life – what a lucky guy. . . and Cindy thinks that his name is perfect for him. Oliver hit the jackpot with his adoption – he gets to live with two people who adore him already.



Henry now lives on Redlands Mesa with his new owner & best friend, Desirae. He fell in love with Desirae immediately and will now get to run on 35 acres with other dogs & sleep with Desirae at night. He'll have a great life, and Desirae can thank her older brother for his help in finding the right dog. We thank them both for adopting Henry & giving him a great home! →

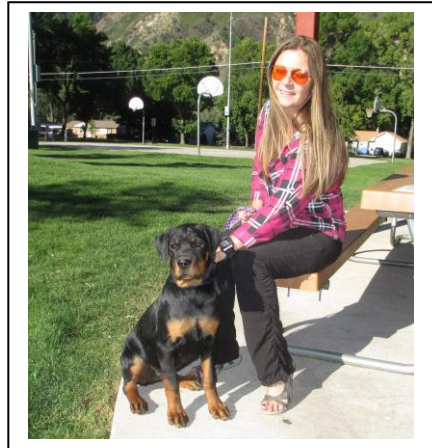


Here are the last two Aussie-mix puppy adoptions. . .and then some more!

"Benny" gets to be a "travelin' dog" with Jack and Nonien of Boulder, Colo. They like to spend summers in Lake City, Colo. and also travel to Texas – and all those trips include taking their dog! Nonien also enjoys walking and Benny will go along with her on all those adventures – he couldn't ask for a better life. →



"Shelby" was adopted by a very nice family in Grand Junction. Although this entire entourage came along for the adoption (from L to R, Mikaela (2 years old) Michelle, Jan Carlo, Jacqueline, and Christofer), the actual owners are Carlos (not pictured), Mikaela and Jacqueline. Looks like Shelby is settling right in with her new family. →



Although we weren't able to get a photo of John with the 3 kittens he adopted from their foster mom, Joan, we wanted to thank him for taking in 3 kittens who had a rough start in life, "Peg," "Heidi," & "Marble." The 3rd kitten was a tuxedo color. They will all have a warm room in the barn on John's ranch. We're glad they could all stay together. →



← This is Lillian with her new puppy. This last little Aussie-mix pup went home with her mother, Jenny, on August 31. With four growing children in this family, we're sure that the pup will have lots of love and exercise.



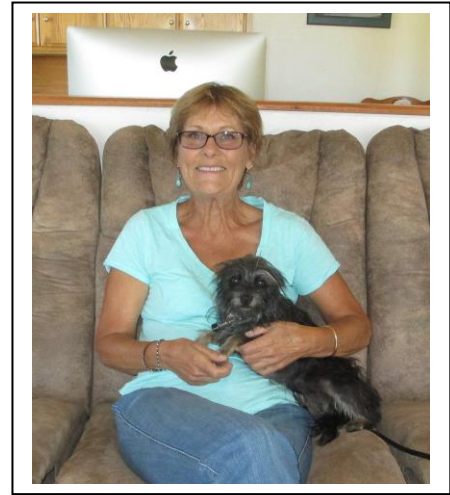
← "Mattie" now lives in Longmont, Colo. Her foster mom, Carol, and two other DCHS volunteers, Joan and Carol L., all took a road trip to Glenwood Springs with Mattie on Sept. 16 to meet up with Cyn, Mattie's new mom. Cyn is a big lover of Rotties and had been looking for one for some time, so she was thrilled and quick to respond when Mattie went up for adoption. Mattie will have two older dogs and lots of acreage to romp and play on and right next door to a lake... she is going to have lots of fun !!



... and "Pinky" finally gets a home...

Little "Pinky" has been in foster care since June 9 of this year. She came in pregnant, gave birth to two little pups, fed & weaned those pups, was spayed, and then just waited for the perfect person to come along. It took until September 15 but that right person did come for Pinky, and she is Marilyn from Glenwood Springs – don't they look great together?

Pinky is now known as "Roxy" and already has a new hairdo – we're lovin' it, Roxy. Enjoy your new life with Marilyn - you deserve it!



← "Rosie" has a new home in Grand Junction with her best friend, Sara. We're sure she was happy to find out that she'll have two other Border Collies to play with – what a lucky girl! Thank you, Sara!

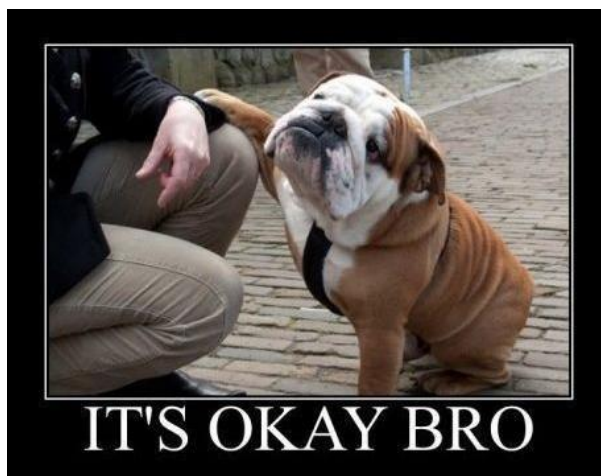


Goodbye Jack,

Jack Schoonover, age 88, passed away on September 3, 2016. He was our friend and a staunch supporter of the Delta County Humane Society since its inception in 1981. We will miss his cheerful laugh and smile, his helping hand, and his dedication to animals in the Delta County community.

Did you know?

... A group of cats is called a "clowder?"
... Cats can make about 100 different sounds – dogs make only about 10.



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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