

Pet News

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APRIL is PREVENTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY MONTH

Other than the obvious ways that humans are cruel to animals (deliberate injuries, starvation, abandonment . . .) we should be aware of other ways that are considered as animal cruelty:

Animal Hoarding - although many people think they are helping animals, they end up taking too many animals into their care. The subsequent result is that they cannot afford to feed or care for all these animals, and, in turn, the animals slowly starve to death or die because their injuries/illnesses are not properly treated.

Puppy Mills – Rescue groups have spent decades trying to educate people on puppy mills. Those people who run them don't care about the health of the puppies – all they care about is making money off of them. These puppies don't receive the socialization they deserve, but instead are kept in cages.

Neglect: This type of animal cruelty can come in various forms – here are a few examples: A dog tied or chained to a post 24/7; no proper shelter for a dog; no water provided (or iced over in winter) for outside animals.

THE SOLUTION – YOU ARE THE SOLUTION !!

If you happen to see a case of what you think is animal cruelty, don't be the person to think that someone else should report it. Be responsible, and be the one who can save that poor animal. Call the proper authority and report your concerns – in our county you should call the Delta County Sheriff's Office, 970-874-2000, or central dispatch at 970-874-2015.

We have a Special Friend and Supporter in Yvonne Rowland.

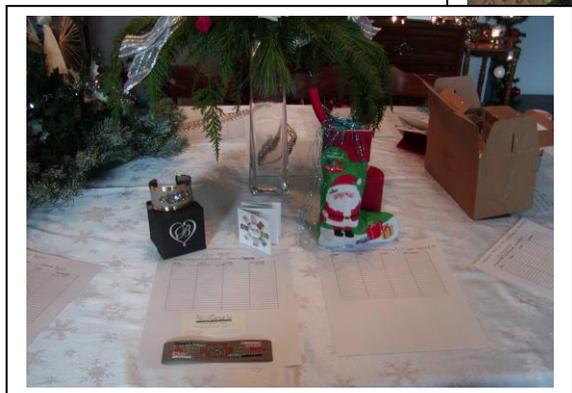
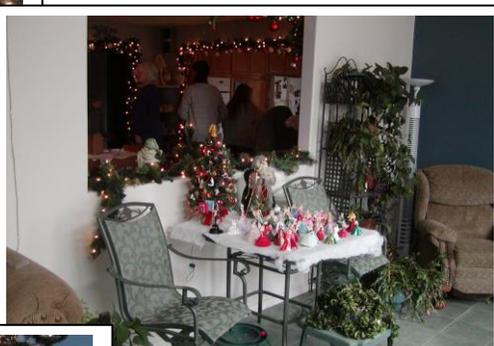


We are a little late in getting our thank yous out to one of our best friends and supporter, Yvonne Rowland, of Delta, Colo. Yvonne's enthusiasm seems to out-do itself each year when she holds her annual fundraiser for our rescue group.

This past holiday season the event was held again at Yvonne's home – where she does Christmas BIG TIME! Just look at this tree in the photo to the left – try to visualize just how many ornaments are placed on this tree. The surprise is that this was just one of eleven trees that Yvonne had decorated in her house – amazing! One tree had 1,100 Hallmark ornaments on it alone. In addition, there was a silent auction and numerous other items for sale – all to benefit the Delta County Humane Society.

The best news was that Yvonne was able to raise close to \$800 due to this fundraiser. Our saying thank you is just not enough, Yvonne – we truly appreciate all your efforts and we are extremely grateful for your monetary gift to help with the care of our rescue animals. Your fundraising efforts are phenomenal – we wish you happiness and good health in the Year 2020!!

THANK YOU !!



It's Kitten Season written by Sara Bower, courtesy of Good Housekeeping magazine . . .



Shelters see a surge of adorable kittens when the weather warms. Here's why it's prime time for kitties and what to know before you adopt.

CUTENESS OVERLOAD. "Cats are amazingly adaptive to the environment and breed when the chances of survival for their offspring are greatest," says Gail Buchwald, Senior Vice President of the ASCPA Adoption Center. This means a female feline's ovulation is triggered in March or April, when the weather starts to warm up, and tapers off in September or October, when the days become shorter and colder. Because a mom cat (called a queen) can breed two or three times per year, with an average litter of five kittens, the kitty population can quickly swell.

ADOPT, DON'T SHOP. "You'll have the proverbial pick of the litter right now," says Buchwald. Plus, you'll be freeing up space for other rescue cats. ([DCHS has its kittens on Petfinder.com where you can browse kittens to adopt.](#)) Know what you're signing up for. "Taking home a kitten is kind of like having a toddler," says Buchwald. "They're very cute; however, they have a lot of energy and can make a mess." Be prepared to kitten-proof at home – remove stray wires and fill crevices where kittens could crawl into – and provides lots of supervision and socialization. The cuddles will make it all worth it!

HELP THE CAT COMMUNITY. The breeding season offers another all-important reminder to spay/neuter. Reach out to a local shelter to ask about trap-neuter-return programs for feral cats in your area. If you come across a litter of strays near your home, watch and wait. While abandoned or orphaned kittens can be bottle-fed, those with Mom around are better off being nursed their first few weeks of life. "She can take care of her kittens best," says Buchwald. So before getting help for the group, make sure the mother isn't simply lurking nearby, waiting for the coast to be clear.

June is also Adopt a Shelter Cat Month – you can make a difference by taking a rescue kitty into your heart and home.

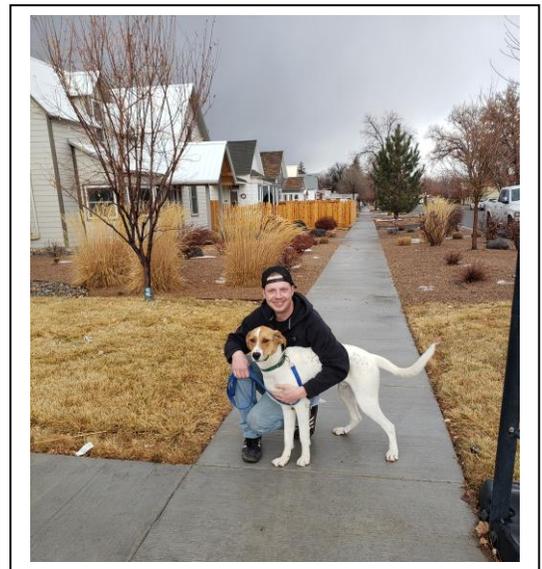
ADOPTIONS . . . We love 'em !!

These sweet cats, “Cinder” and “Ash,” had to wait 6 months to be adopted, but it was so worth the wait. Chris, our foster mom in Cedaredge, took care of these wonderful felines until the perfect parents came along. Amber and Jeff recently bought a farm outside of Paonia, Colo. and were looking for two cats to complete their family.



On January 12, Amber and Jeff came to meet Cinder and Ash – and, as you can see by the photo, it was love at first sight. Now these two rescue kitties have a wonderful home, and we understand that the home also has a sunroom – perfect for felines to sit and watch the world outside while they bask in the sun. There is also a new puppy who lives here, so they will have another friend to play with. Thank you for having enough love for both kitties and giving them a forever home!

Do you remember this good-looking dog from our Jan.2020 issue? His name is “Sully” and he was a transfer from the Surface Creek Animal Shelter to our re-established DCHS foster parents, the Rhineharts, in Delta, Colo. Thanks to their wonderful loving care of Sully, and their apparent equally wonderful marketing skills, Nick from Silt, Colo. found his new best friend. Miranda said it was love at first sight between Nick and Sully, and since Nick formerly had a hound, he is well versed in how to care for Sully. Thanks, Nick! →



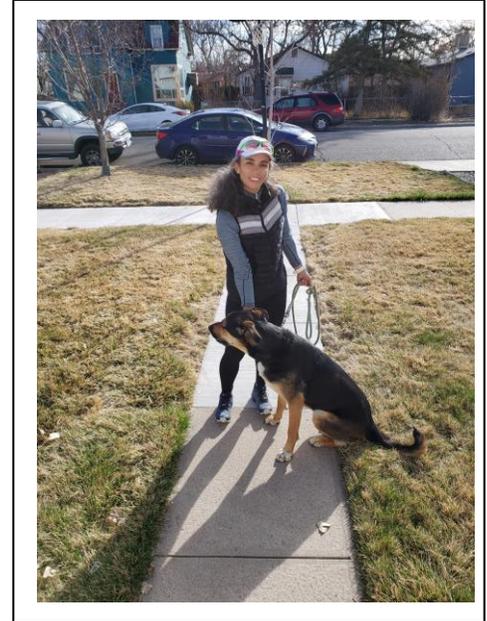
← “Raven” was being cared for by Joan, our kitty foster mom in Delta, Colo. when she was contacted by Peggy about a possible adoption. As you can see by the photo, Peggy & Raven bonded immediately. Now, this shy little kitten will have a wonderful home on Fruitland Mesa in Crawford, Colo., along with another 1-yr-old kitty named Alfie. We understand that there might be some road trips in an RV in Raven’s future too – she can look forward to a great life. Thanks, Peggy!



← Jesse and Brandi, of Grand Junction, Colo. were happy enough in this adoption photo of “Squeak” on February 13, 2020, but we can only imagine how excited their 5-year-old son was when they arrived home with this furry little bundle. A photo of your son and his new kitty would be great to send us in the future – we love happy families and great adoptions!

According to our foster mom, Miranda, “Tank” went to great home in Rifle, Colo. Natalie adopted him on March 16. She is a daily runner who is very excited to have a running partner again after her Great Dane passed last October. She also has two boys who are also excited to have a dog again. Miranda said that Tank responded to Natalie in a way she had never seen him do before, and it was great to see. It’s obvious that Tank is going to have a great life – Thank you, Natalie ! →

“Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much the larger and better in every way” – John Muir



Be Kind to Animals Week is May 3 – 9, 2020

American Humane, the country’s first national humane organization, is challenging people to commit to protecting and improving the lives of millions of animals during this year’s “**Be Kind to Animals Week®.**” This week-long event has been celebrated since 1915, always the first full week of May. Here are some tips for success:

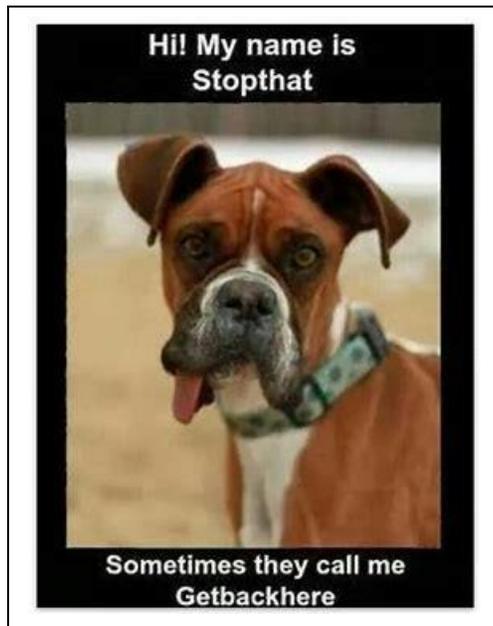
- ❖ ***Take the Kindness Pledge***
- ❖ ***Adopt a Pet from a Shelter or Rescue***
- ❖ ***Commit to Kindness 365 days a year***

*National Volunteer Appreciation
Week is April 19 - 25, 2020*

Having been a former foster care mom, I know how hard our DCHS foster parents work to care for our rescue animals. Saying thank you to them for all the time, commitment, love, and devotion that they give to this job isn't enough.

Our foster moms never ask for acknowledgment, but they truly deserve it. I hope that this poem will let them all know that we all appreciate what they do for our animals - and they should know that the animals even appreciate them more!

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There I sat, alone and afraid,
You got a call and came right to my aid.
You bundled me up with blankets and love.
And, when I needed it most, you gave me a hug.



I learned that the world was
not all that scary and cold.
That sometimes there is
someone to have and to
hold. You taught me what
love is, you helped me to
mend. You loved me and
healed me and became my
first friend.

And just when I thought you'd done all you do,
There came along not one new lesson, but two.
First you said, "Sweetheart, you're ready to go.
I've done all I can, and you've learned all I know."

Then you bundled me up with a blanket and kiss.
Along came a new family, they even have kids!

They took me to their home, forever to stay.
At first I thought you sent me away.
Then that second lesson became perfectly clear.
No matter how far, you will always be near.

And so, Foster Mom, you know I've moved on.
I have a new home, with toys and a lawn.
But I'll never forget what I learned that first day.
You never really give your fosters away.

You gave me these thoughts to remember you by.
We may never meet again, and now I know why.

You'll remember I lived with you for a time.
I may not be yours, but you'll always be mine.

- Barb Lieberman

**Can Dogs and Cats Get the New
Coronavirus (COVID-19)?** *(printed
from PetMD)*

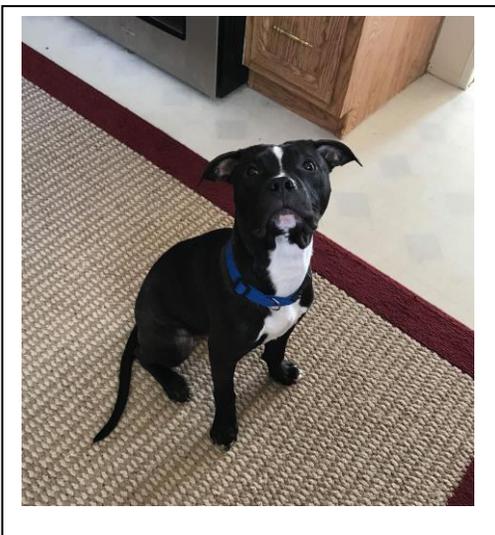
Mar 13, 2020 · It is very unlikely that dogs and cats can contract the virus from people or serve as a source of this infection.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): There is no reason to think that any animals, including pets in the United States, might be a source of infection with this new coronavirus.

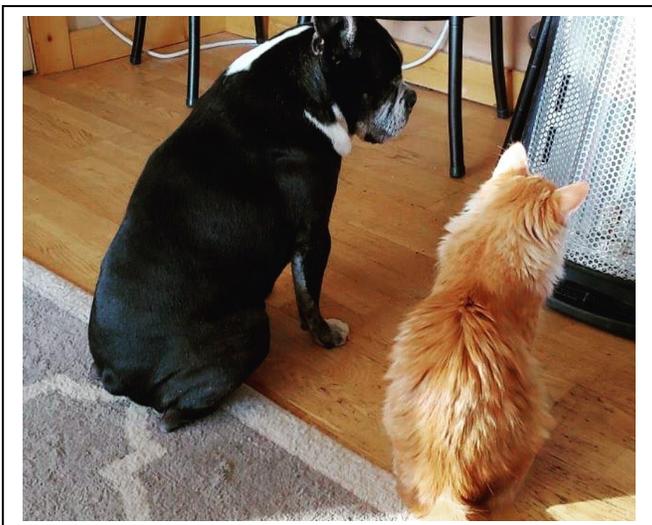
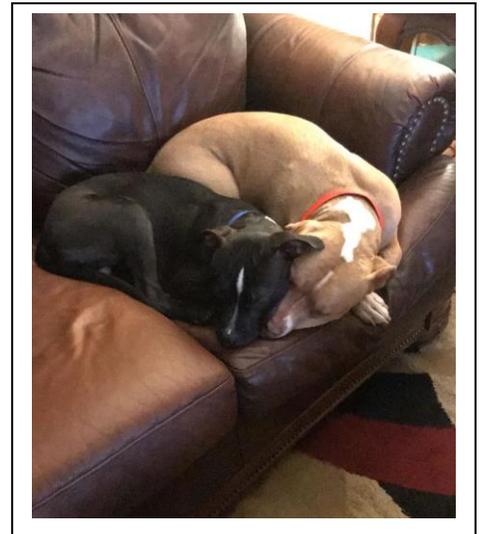
On the following pages, we save the best for last – giving you the latest updates on former adoptions . . . we love seeing how well our former foster animals are doing in their forever homes



← This cute girl in her Santa hat is “Nanook.” She was adopted by Wylene and her mother, Lori, in Nov. 2019. Lori sent us an email at the end of December advising that Nanook gained 11 lbs. in the first four weeks they had her at home – plus, she now loves riding in the car, and best of all, she gets to sleep on Wylene’s bed. Spoiled? – maybe. But this beautiful Husky mix now has the best forever home that she could ask for. Thank you!



← Look how handsome this young pup is at 7 months old – “Mason” was adopted in Sept. 2019 by Jesse and Shelby of Norwood, Colo. because they love pitbulls and their older pittie, Sam, was lonely (due to the loss of his best 4-legged buddy). As you can see by the lower photo, Sam is no longer lonely – Mason has filled that space for him and has become a beloved member of the family. We love it! ↓



← Marmalade was adopted in Oct.2019 by Alexa & Chase of Crested Butte, Colo. We were informed that she has taken on a new name, Muse, aka Musicat. She has the tiniest sweetest little mews whenever she wants love, and she loves to lay on top of their record player dust cover whenever they play an album. She LOVES music, particularly Etta James. Muse also loves her dog buddy, Bru, who is blind and deaf – in the photo it seems they are trying to decide just how long to sit in front of the space heater. Great adoption!

Here's "Luka (on right) having a ball with one of her buddies. Luka was adopted as a pup by Sally in Paonia, Colo. in July 2019 and in this photo she was 8 months old. Sally tells us that Luka is a wonderful dog and brings such joy into her life – it sounds like Sally & Luka found each other and now live a fabulous life together. We love these updates! →

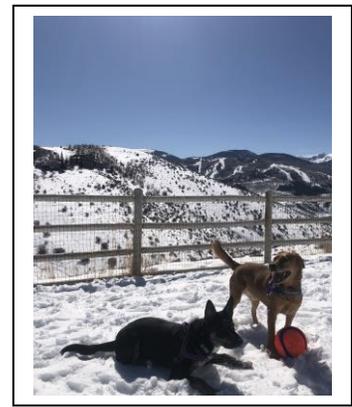
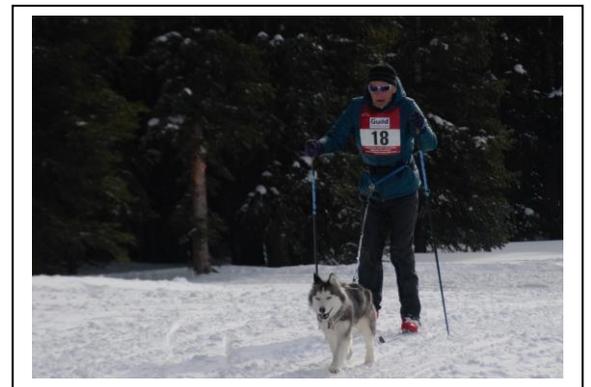


← Our foster mom, Carol, received a welcome visit from Jenna (nka "Kona") in February, along with her folks, Enno and Penny. Kona was adopted by her new family in November, after she had given birth to & raised her five pups. Now Kona is livin' the good life and has totally bonded with her new mom and dad in Cedaredge, Colo.

The owner/dog bonding experience is even made more evident by the photo below where Kona and Enno are competing in the Grand Mesa Skijoring Race – way to go!! ↓

The black pup shown below in the three photos is now known as "Nova." She was one of Kona's pups and was adopted by Austin and Delaney of Vail, Colo.

As you can see by the photos, Nova has grown into a gorgeous dog and loves her new family, especially playing with her BFF, "Sunny." An adopted dog can't ask for more than outdoor time, travel, and love – we can tell Nova now has all three in abundance. Thank you! ↓





↑ Here's another example of an adopted dog livin' the good life – ever since her adoption by Cliff and Linda in June 2018. Whether “Emma Lou” gets to go hiking in the mountains of Colorado, or just lounges on her bed at home, she has to be one happy dog because of her two loving parents.



Just too funny

← “Roxie” (on left) was adopted by Lydia in Crawford, Colo. in early 2017. She usually has the run of Lydia’s home to herself, but recently had a temporary guest – “Dude” (on right), a Mastiff/Boxer mix. As you can see by the photo, Roxie is NOT happy with the “houseguest” and the possibility of Lydia’s attention being given to another dog. Don’t worry, Roxie – he won’t stay long.



Tribute to a Rescued Dog

“Lenny” was taken in, by our foster mom, Carol, as a stray in the winter of 2007. He was pretty thin and had frostbite on his testicles. On March 2, 2008, his new mom-to-be, Tiffany, saw his adoption ad and drove from the Front Range of Colorado to Crawford, Colo. to take him into her life. Carol figures that Lenny has to be close to 15.5 years old now. He currently lives with Tiffany and her husband in Atlanta, GA, and because they both love him so much, Leonard has had a wonderful life. He celebrated his birthday recently, and pictures were posted on Facebook, along with a rather amplified description of how Lenny spent his special day. We would like to share these with you

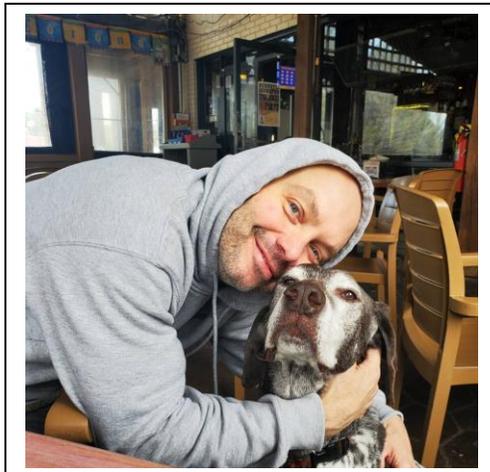


Tiffany Painter is with Leonard Painter Andrews.



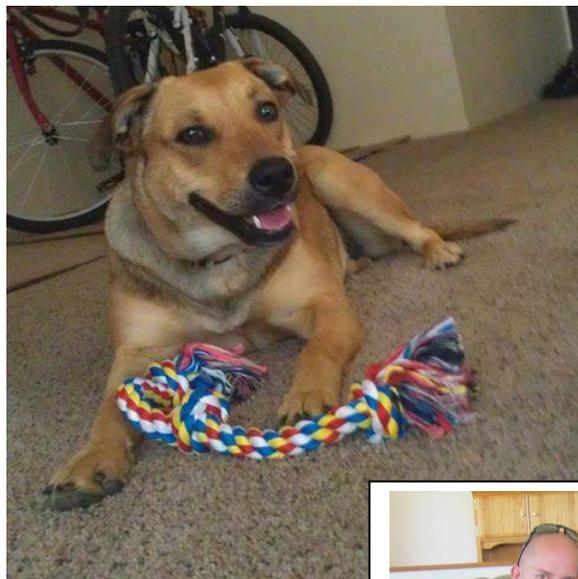
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Its Leonard's 12th anniversary with us! Happy Gotcha Day, baby boy! He went on a 12 mile (0.2 mile) hike, a 2 mile swim (fell down in the creek), went hunting (half pointed at a hamster and parakeet), ate some surf & turf (fish and meat treats), beat up two dogs (only growled like the grumpy old man he is), ate 20 wings and fries (mom picked off some chicken wing meat for him), and then napped four hours (truth). It was a great day and Leonard is the best dog in the world!! ❤️🎉

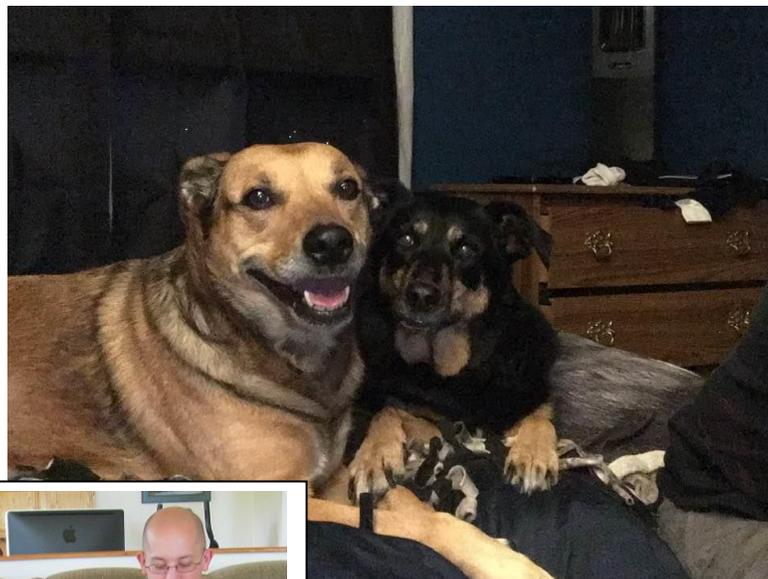


Thank you both for giving Leonard (aka “Lenny”) such a great life !!

One special bittersweet update



“Darby” at 6 years old.



“Darby” and best buddy, “Sheeba”



Adoption photo in Summer 2013

This sweet girl is “Darby” and she was adopted in the summer of 2013 by twin brothers, Daniel and Kendall, from Carol, our foster mom in Crawford, Colo. At that time she was approximately one year old, and it was an instant bond between the three of them.

Carol received an email from Kendall in January 2020, saying that Darby has been diagnosed with cancer and has a short life span ahead. As sad as their situation is, Kendall said, *“We have and continue to provide Darby with all the love, affection and treats every dog deserves. In our custody she has turned out to be a loving, friendly family companion and vigilant guard dog - not that the latter was ever required or encouraged. I appreciate everything your organization does, the happiness and joy it brings to canine/felines and those charged with their care alike.”*

Kendall goes on to say that Darby is everything that he and his brother looked for in a dog, and will be irreplaceable. As you can see, Darby also welcomed another rescue, a 13-year-old Aussie/Kelpie/Collie mix into their home and they became best friends. On behalf of the DCHS volunteers, we can only give our thanks to Daniel and Kendall for giving Darby the best years of her life – she can go over the Rainbow Bridge knowing that she was well loved.



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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