

Pet News

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All of the volunteers here at Delta County Humane Society want to wish you a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and thank all of our adopters and donors who love their animals and help support our rescue organization !!

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

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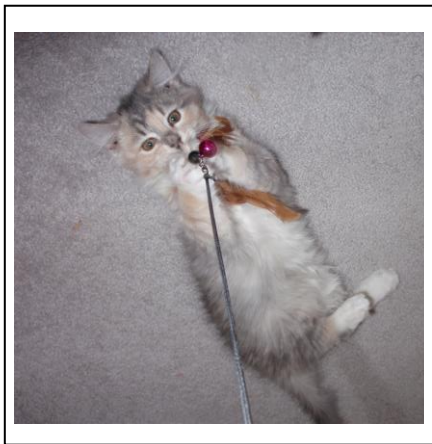
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<p>... and a special thank you to our wonderful DCHS volunteers: Jackie, Carol, Joan, Chris, Kathie, The Rhineharts, and Quincy!!</p> <p>... and our phone volunteers, Edna & Sharon, who tirelessly respond to all of your messages</p>	Marquerite S. Tryon Family Tempe B. Christina B. Joyce A. Carlotta P. Roberta S. Trish S. Pauline C. Brenda F. Lee M.	John H. Dolores B. Jean H. Vivian G. Stacy G. Tara I. P.L.C. Michael B. Naomi S.
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The past holiday season celebrated these wonderful adoptions



← It was a happy day for Joan (our foster mom) and these two Manx kittens, “Ryder” and “Sebastian” when Laura came to adopt both of them on December 9. Thank you, Laura, for taking them both home with you to Cedaredge!

However, not only did Laura adopt two kitties as her own, but she also picked up two more kittens for her neighbor, Eunice. Sadly, we could not take a picture of Eunice with her new furry friends, but here are photos of the two dilute Calicos that she adopted – “Rowan” and “Ryann.” Thank you!



On December 15, Chris had Nancy & Scott come from the Basalt, Colo. area to adopt sweet “Buddy.” They lost both their elderly dog and senior cat last summer and needed the patter of four feet again. Buddy will be eating organic, natural food and eating some of what Scott and Nancy eat also. He is in for a long life with lots of love. They said maybe a dog friend in the future but were not real sure about that yet. →



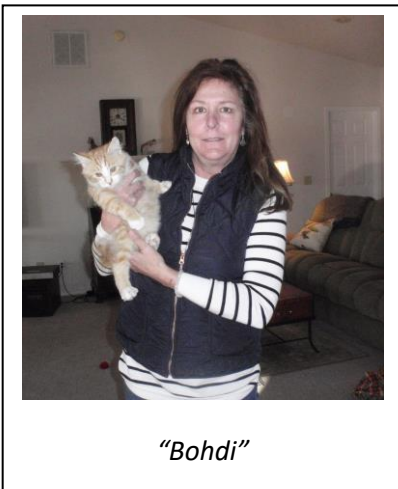
More great adoptions



← “Holly” went to live in Carbondale, Colo. on Sunday, Dec.13. She will be living with Nikki, Moses and Ruby. They also have two Aussies she will get to become pals with. One of the pictures that Chris posted of Holly on Petfinder, showing Holly curled up with Jasper, Chris’ family boxer, convinced this family that Holly was the one they wanted – besides everyone thought Holly was so cute too. It looks like Holly will be receiving lots of love & attention from this family. Thank you!



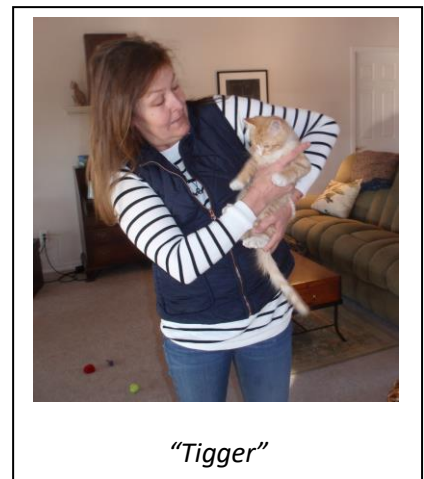
← “Rowdy” also went to live in Carbondale on Sunday. Wendy, Emerson (holding kitten) and Todd had a senior cat who passed away and they also wanted a furry friend in their home again. Todd (Dad) was the bravest in agreeing to adopt Rowdy since he was the one with allergies. However, they all decided that a friendly adventurous kitty like Rowdy would be a super fit in their family. Thanks for taking Rowdy into your hearts!



“Bohdi”

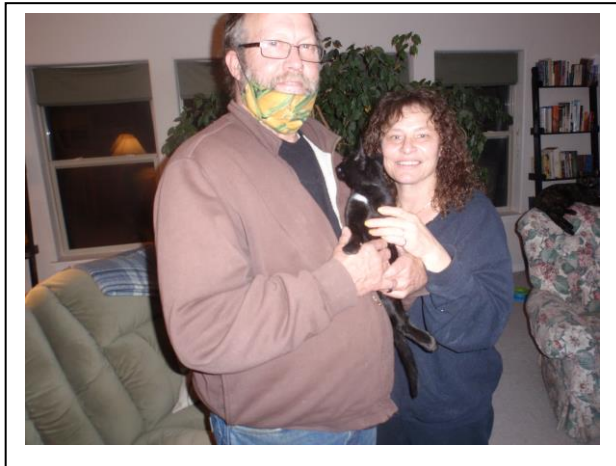
Joan (foster mom) had to take two photos of Janis to show her with “Tigger” and “Bohdi,” the twin kitten brothers. Janis and Don, of Glenwood Springs, CO wanted to adopt siblings for a long time now since they lost their 20-yr-old cat.

Janis works from home so the kitties will always have someone watching over them, and we’ve been told there is also a very mellow yellow Lab who is anxious to play with them. Sounds like the perfect home – thank you for adopting both of them!



“Tigger”

. . . . and here's one more adoption before the year's end



← “Royal” didn’t have to go far to find his forever home. Julie and David live right here in Delta, Colo. and when they saw Royal online, they fell in love with him. Our foster mom, Joan, tells us that they are definitely “animal people,” and when they sat on the floor, Royal came running to them to sit in their laps.

Royal will have a family dog to play with, and lots of love & attention from his new mom and dad. Thanks so much!

FUN CAT FACTS

1. Cats have “directional hearing” due to their 32 ear muscles. By comparison, humans only have 6 ear muscles.
2. Cats sleep for about two-thirds of their lives.
3. Unlike us, cats actually have 3 eyelids.



ADOPTIONS FOR 2020

Even though DCHS (& everyone else) went thru a coronavirus pandemic last year, and we are currently without a volunteer to foster dogs, we did manage to adopt out **2 dogs** and **64 cats** in 2020. Go team!

Again, if any of you are interested in becoming a foster parent for dogs, & you live in Delta County, please call #970-874-2149 & leave a message. One of us will return your call to discuss the details. Thank you!



Get 2021 started right by spaying or neutering your pet



Aside from helping to control the overpopulation of companion pets, the health benefits for either spaying a female dog/cat, or neutering a male dog/cat, are worth having your pet(s) sterilized.

Neutered male dogs tend to live longer and have fewer behavior problems. One of the most important concerns the prostate gland, which under the influence of testosterone will gradually enlarge over the course of the dog's life. By age five years, it is usually significantly enlarged in an unneutered male dog. As the dog continues to age, his prostate is likely to become uncomfortable, possibly being large enough to interfere with defecation. The prostate under the influence of testosterone is also predisposed to infection, which is almost impossible to clear up without neutering. Neutering causes the prostate to shrink into insignificance, thus preventing both prostatitis as well as the uncomfortable benign hyperplasia (enlargement) that occurs with aging.

The spaying of female dogs also prevents health issues that can occur:

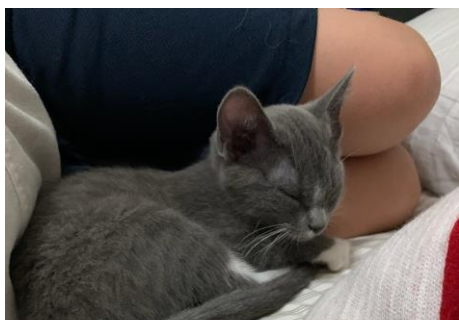
- A female dog spayed before her first heat will have a near zero chance of developing mammary cancer.
- Pyometra is an extremely common disease of unsplayed female dogs. One in four female dogs who have survived to age 10 will get it. It is easy during your dog's heat cycle for bacteria in the vagina to ascend to the uterus and cause infection. The uterus with pyometra swells dramatically and is filled with pus, bacteria, dying tissue, and toxins. Without treatment, the dog will die. Treatment is expensive. Spaying your dog will prevent your dog having to suffer through this terrible event.

Do the right thing – “Prevent a Litter, Neuter your Critter”

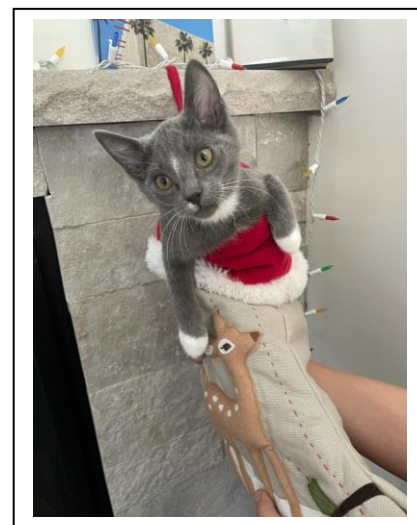
Updates from previous adopters



Meet “Kona” – adopted in November 2019 by Enno and Penny of Cedaredge, Colo. They advise us that Kona is a pure-bred Wooley Siberian Husky who has learned to ski-jor with them on Grand Mesa. The above photo shows how she loves to explore with her owners thru Utah and Colorado. Adopted rescue dogs have the best lives! ↑

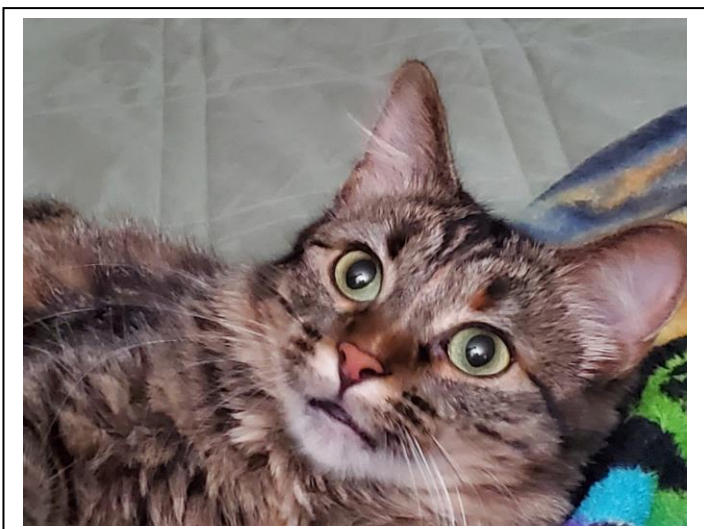


← . . . and we already have an update from the folks who adopted “Florence” (fka Holly) in November (see pg.3). From all indications in these two photos, Florence has settled in nicely with Nikki, Ruby & Moses. Florence sure is a cutie! →



← and here’s another November adoption. Brady, Tanya, Ty & Addie have given “Oliver” a wonderful home. As you can tell by the photos they’ve sent us, Oliver is quite comfortable & having great fun in his new surroundings – he even blends right in with his two doggie buddies. Word has it from his family, tho, that the 2020 Christmas tree was even more fun for Oliver. Uh-o? →





← Isn't she beautiful? Her name is "Hazel" and she is living proof that feral cats can be wonderful pets. Dani, of the Re/Max Today office (big food contributors to DCHS) in Delta, Colo., trapped this little girl behind her office in the winter of 2019-20 and took her home. Dani says that Hazel is such a doll and wants to be carried everywhere. Just some love & patience can turn life around for a feral cat – give it a try.



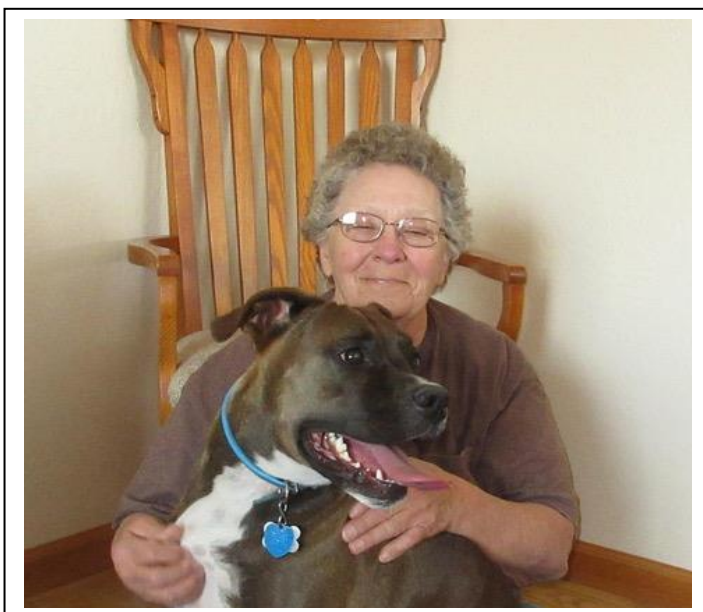
"Dani"

... and sometimes we fall in love with our foster dogs ...

Carol, a DCHS volunteer and former foster mom, cared for this very sick pup from September through the end of October 2018. "Tink" was the runt of the litter and having difficulty keeping food down. Carol was tube-feeding the little girl, but eventually that didn't work anymore. She switched to yogurt in a syringe, which the pup loved, but gaining weight was difficult. In a month's time, Tink had only gained 2 lbs. Bad news hit at the end of October when Tink just could not eat at all. Doc Vincent found that Tink's stomach was not emptying properly, & surgery was required. At least Tink had gained enough weight & strength by now to have the surgery – and it solved the problem! Carol decided that this dog was hers & officially adopted her – Tink has grown into a beautiful, healthy canine who now guards & protects Carol with her life.



"Tink" in October 2018





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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