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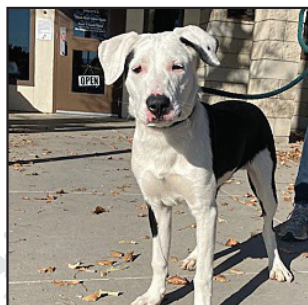
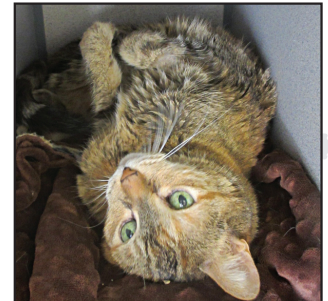
Sissy

While we are so grateful for DAWG's wonderful supporters all year long, it's during this holiday season that we're reminded to let you know just how much you mean to us and to the pets at the animal shelter.



Little Jane came to us in need of a life-saving operation. She got that operation and is now living life large with her foster mom.

Cami, who you have read about in previous newsletters, lost her owner and needed a home to live out her senior years. Well, that's exactly where she is now, living in a foster home supported by DAWG (and, of course, you).



Mando, a young male, was discovered to be deaf. This made him harder to adopt. Not to worry. The staff at the shelter found a live-in training program with the ultimate goal of the dog becoming a veteran's companion. Yeah, Mando!

These are just a very few examples of what **YOU** make possible. Thank you is not enough when you think about what your support means but our thanks is what we give to you during this holiday season and all year long.

*Our best wishes for a glorious holiday season and
a happy and prosperous new year!*

YOU ARE THE BEST!



Henry at Home



Hello Cherie,

I thought you would like to know about Henry. We got home with him just about noon and he spent his first hour exploring his new home. He hardly stopped moving his first hour. He has already figured out the doggie door and he moved right in to his bed.

He seems happy and that makes three of us. He is sleeping now. Here are a couple of pictures.

Thanks,
Ray & Sandy



Hello Cherie,

Henry and I just came back inside from his morning walk around the yard so I thought I would provide an update.

Tomorrow will be three weeks since we brought Henry home. It seems longer in that he fits in like he has always been here. Yesterday, I tried to think of anything about him that might be annoying, but nothing came to mind.

He barks sometimes, but not to excess. Usually it's just to let us know that someone is going by outside. A friend once observed that the only thing worse than a dog that barks all the time is one who never barks at all. Henry seems to strike the right balance.

Henry enjoys our evening walks and gets very excited at walk time. He reads us "like a book" and he's always ready for a walk.

I couldn't find the duck jerky treats locally, but he really likes the chicken version of them. I don't give him too many because as you know, he needs to lose weight.

The treats are working well and we now have "sit" down. We are working on "stay". "Come" still needs some work. I think it's one of the most important for his safety and he treats it like more of a suggestion.

Sandy ordered him another bed which arrived yesterday. He now has four. There's the one in the picture. He has one by her desk in the "sunken" room. He also has one in the bedroom and one in our breakfast nook. He likes to be wherever we are.

We could tell how much you care about the animals at the shelter and, as it seemed to us, Henry in particular. I just wanted to let you know how happy we are that he came to live with us.

Thank you for taking care of him until we found him.

Sincerely,
Ray ♥



DAWG MEMBER PROFILE

Janine Henkel

Janine Henkel is our featured volunteer this issue. Janine has been volunteering for most of her life with all kinds of animals. She started volunteering with her mother, Sabine, in the Chicago area when she was just 10 years old.

After moving to Seattle, Washington, she volunteered at rescue centers, utilizing her video skills to market the animals on social media sites. We are fortunate to have her do the same for our animals at our shelter.

She and her son Peter are frequently seen at the shelter shooting a video featuring an animal to place on our Facebook site. These videos show the animals in a more relaxed disposition than when they are viewed in the kennel.

Peter is following in her footsteps. He is the third generation to volunteer with animals and is a budding photographer in his own right. He enjoys taking pictures of the cats in the Cat Cottage.

This isn't Janine's only contribution. She also fosters old dogs and cats. She feels it is a great way for potential adopters to "try out" a dog or cat, giving them time to decompress from shelter life and let their true personalities shine. She is currently fostering SAM SAM the cat who may find a permanent home with her.



A Hoarding Rescue

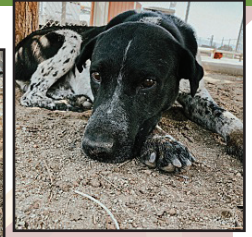
Rescuing a dog from a hoarding situation can be both challenging and rewarding. These dogs may have had to compete for food and territory. They can have limited socialization skills resulting in fearfulness of other animals and people. It takes patience and gentleness to acquire their trust.



Taz



Kiwi



Wilson

Our trainer Greg Gibbs and fantastic volunteers are working with some dogs that came from a hoarding situation. Taz, Kiwi and Wilson are cattle dogs that came to us from Lyon County, and we are working to overcome their fears. It is a slow process of just sitting and talking with the dogs in their kennel. Eventually they get used to the human touch, a lead over their heads and walking outside their safe space.

Taz is a sweet wiggle butt who is happy to see you, liking this new adventure of taking a walk. Although he does balk at crossing the road, he is overcoming that fear. Back in the safety of his kennel he is patient and listens to all the stories you can tell him.

Wilson is a handsome young dog, still getting used to the leash. He will walk outside on his terms and lets you know when it's time to come back in. He likes having kennel visits. He could be a Homeland Security dog the way he sniffs you all over before you can sit down with him.

Kiwi was one of their pack. She was much more outgoing and conquered most of her fears faster than the boys and was adopted out to her loving family.

Taz and Wilson will get there in time; some patient person will come for them. ❤️



Hard to Adopt Cats

Oh....those kittens!! They are cute, cuddly and sweet. And this year there are a lot of them.....why would you look at the older cats? Let me give you some examples of current residents of the cat cottage that are worth a serious look. Each of these cats has a special and unique story....but mostly they are brought to the shelter because of a situation that causes them to lose their families. It is difficult for them to adjust to the change of a home vs shelter life. DAWG volunteers and shelter staff try to make all of the residents feel comfortable and loved. In residence at this writing:

Monkey, a black and white spayed female with medium long hair is 9 years old and is currently on medication for a thyroid condition. Monkey lost her family and has been at the shelter for about 3 months.

Kelly is another beautiful young girl – only 2 years old - looking for her forever home! She is a mostly white gal with calico markings. Kelly is extremely affectionate and loves to lounge in the sun.

Mia and **Jamal** were recently surrendered together. Mia is a 7 year old spayed female tortiseshell with longer hair. She came into the shelter with her partner Jamal, a 7 year old neutered male short-haired orange tabby. They would love to find a new home together. They were surrendered because the dogs didn't care for them.

Haley is a 10 year old long-haired calico spayed female. She is a beautiful cat but she is very shy. She is looking for a quiet home and a patient new owner.

All of these cats are up to date on their vaccinations, are spayed or neutered and are microchipped.

These cats are just looking for their special and forever home. Even though all of their needs are met in the cat cottage, there is no substitute for a loving family and a home of their own. If you are looking for that special kitty friend for your home, please come to the cat cottage and meet these wonderful cats. They can't wait to meet you... and hopefully go home with you!

Cats in order, top to bottom: Monkey, Kelly, Mia, Jamal and Haley.

PAWS OF THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT [Nov. 2018 - July 2019]



THANK YOU

Every donation is special and appreciated. We wish to offer acknowledgements for the following unique donations.

- **CARSON VALLEY KIWANIS FOUNDATION** for their donation drive to benefit DAWG.
- **COD CASINO's** donation event which brought in treats, collars, balls, lots of dog and cat food and cash donations.
- **DAWG MEMBERS DAN & EMMA FIERLE**, who regularly and consistently take one of the troubled, long-term dogs to **GUY YEAMAN'S OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLASSES** and see that they are regularly socialized. They have helped their project dogs in so many ways and enabled several to be adopted when they may have lingered much longer in the shelter. They are doggie angels!
- **DOUGLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS** who chose the Nevada State special Spay and Neuter license plates. Portions of those license plate fees are donated to DAWG quarterly to help support our TNR program.
- **The MANY GENEROUS RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY** who donate dry and canned dog, puppy, kitten and cat food, pet beds, treats, blankets and towels for the shelter animals. They also recycle their aluminum beverage cans in the dumpster at the shelter parking lot. Most of the time we do not know who you are but you bring many smiles of gratitude.

August 2019

Betts, Doris
Brown, Kim
Callahan, Theresa
Carbiener, Susan & Jerry
Craik, Virginia
Flaherty, John & Sharrie
Flanagan, Dick (x 2)
Glass, Patricia
Griffith, Gary
Holmes, John & Karen
Jackson, Mariann M
Janssen, Lori D (x2)
Johnson, Tina
Kennedy, Carl & Susan
Koepke, Katherine
Muzzy, Lynn & Jan
Noble, Diane M
Osgood, Sharon
Palmer, E. Lorrene
Palmer, Richard & Glisson, Rhonda
Philips, Peter & Rodriquez, Estela
Reynolds, Pat
Sanferraro, Joanne
Streeter, Sally & Norman & Streeter,
Sherry Kay & De Lucca, Frank
Tomlinson, Jean
Villalobos, Jennifer
White, Mary
Winking, Laura & Larry
Ziglar, Craig & Stacey
Woods, Wayne
Vanek, John

September 2019

Bell, James
Betts, Doris
Bohlman, Dale & Karen
Burt, Michael
Callahan, Theresa
Campbell, Danielle
Carson Valley Kiwanis Foundation
Costa, William
Craik, Virginia
Failor, Cynthia & James
Fields, Gregory
Fuller, J K
Gilmore, James & Paula
Glass, Patricia
Hebert, Gail
Jackson, Mariann M
JCP Enterprises
Johnson, Tina
Jones, Annette & Charles
Kuhl, Herman
Lopez, Lynda & Isidoro
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Miller, Gail
Minner, B.A. & D.V.
Novack, Ed & Donna
Osgood, Sharon
Pitts, Lucille
Roberts, Vickie J
Shelby's Book Shoppe
Smith, David & Lynda
U.S. Board of Water Commissioners
Vickrey, Carol
Woods, Wayne

Gifts with Special Dedications

Bell, James – *for special medical care for shelter animals*
Costa, William – *for special medical care for shelter animals*
Failor, Cynthia & James – *In memory of Lola Failor*
Flanagan, Dick (x2) – *In memory of Toby*
Fuller, J K – *In memory of Winnie the Pooch & in honor of Dolly Doggie*
Gilmore, James & Paula – *In memory of Mikey*
Griffith, Gary – *In memory of Barbara Smith*
Janssen, Lori D. (x2) – *In memory of "Louis" the chocolate lab (Lance & Susie Jacobson)*
JCP Enterprises – *Sponsorship for Turkey Trot*
Miller, Gail – *For adoption assistance and in memory of Shadow*
Muzzy, Lynn & Jan – *In memory of Bridey & Tag*
Noble, Diane M – *In memory of Molly*
Palmer, E. Lorrene – *For special medical needs & in memory of Lady2, a good doggie*
Roberts, Vickie J – *In memory of Alex*
Shelby's Book Shoppe – *In memory of Shelby*
Streeter, Sally & Norman & Streeter, Sherry Kay & De Lucca, Frank – *In memory of Coco*
Tomlinson, Jean – *For special medical needs & in honor of Josh & Katy's birthdays*
U.S. Board of Water Commissioners – *In memory of David Walters*
Vickrey, Carol – *In memory of Goldie*



Wednesday Cat Report

by Ingrid Teixeira



When Tess and I came in this morning, **Gypsy** was in the process of being adopted. Way to go, Gypsy.

Two foster kittens (**Paprika & Cayenne**) were added to the playroom crowd just before we left. Although they are quite shy yet, they did begin to explore and to eat right away, so it probably won't take long for them to fit right in.

Monkey had left about half of her wet food. She was in a growly mood today, grumbling at anyone and everything. She hopped out of her kennel briefly. Then she thought she could sample food from some of the other kennels, and Tess put her back into her own quarters. Litter box use okay.

Kelly ate some of her wet food. Tess gave her some Fancy Feast. Kelly sure loves her catio time. I guess her fur coat kept her comfortable enough. Litter box use okay.

June Bug seemed much more comfortable than she has been in some time after her trim. She had enough hair left to keep her comfy, and she found sunny spots on the catio. She was ready to get back into her kennel before we left. Tess gave her some Fancy Feast, and she nibbled at it. June Bug is a good eater. Litter box use okay.

Sabrina kept mostly to herself; she found ways to amuse herself, and wasn't keen on getting picked up.

The playroom saw much activity from the four tabbies (**Mooney, Molly, Benny, Star**). When I began to clean, several hopped onto my back, my little helpers. One also parked him/herself on the rim of the trash can. They were really tucked out when we got ready to leave and were crowded together on the cat tree. When I sat on the bench, I quickly had a lapful of kittens. The tabbies are a friendly bunch. They checked out the two new kittens, but then they were ready to settle down for a nap.

Linda, Monkey has only three (3) cans of her special food left. If you would like to order more, I can pick it up at the vet's and deliver it to the cat cottage. We also need more Friskies pate, please.

From top to bottom: *Gypsy, Paprika, Cayenne, Monkey, Kelly, June Bug, Sabrina and kittens Mooney, Molly, Benny and Star.*



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Some may have been adopted. Please call (775) 782-9061 for availability.



Brownie



Cayenne



Haley



Jamal



Kelly



Lacy



Mia



Mooney



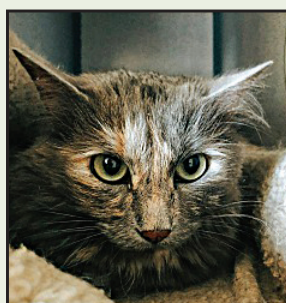
Paprika



Sabrina



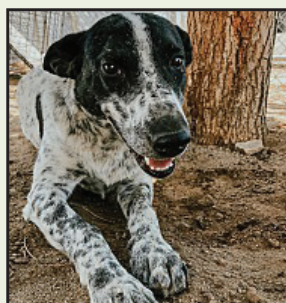
Sadie



Sissy



Star



Taz



Wilson

Adoption Update:

We are happy to report that for August through October 2019
we succeeded in finding new homes for

47 dogs & 56 cats!

*Pets shown were available as this newsletter went to press. The shelter population is constantly
changing so watch for updates on our website dawgrescue.com or see us on Facebook.*



December
2019

DAWG's **Fix A Family Pet (FAFP)** is a low cost spay and neuter voucher program for Douglas County residents' dogs and cats. To qualify, two proofs are required –

- Financial eligibility
- Douglas County residency.

Proof of Financial Eligibility. If the resident receives any of the following benefits such as: Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP/Quest food stamps, Nevada Checkup, WIC, free or discounted school lunches, family assistance, disability, unemployment, or have income below \$2,082 a month, they could be eligible for the program.

Proof of Douglas County Residency. If the photocopy of the financial eligibility benefit has your Douglas County address on it, then it can serve as Proof of Residency. If it doesn't, then you must include a copy of your Driver's License, a rent receipt, or a utility, phone or cable bill, etc.

You must provide a photocopy of the program's form. To start the process, please call our FAFP program phone number 775-901-2821 and talk with our Application Coordinator.

In addition to the proofs, there is a co-pay of \$25 for each cat and \$50 for each dog. We accept only MONEY ORDERS or CASHIER'S CHECKS. There is no limit on the number of cats or dogs in a household that may be fixed.

After you have received, completed, signed and dated the FAFP application, please mail it along with the money order or cashier's check and your supporting documentation (proof of financial eligibility & Douglas County residency) to the DAWG post office box address shown on the application. Once the Voucher Coordinator has received and reviewed your application, you should receive your FAFP Voucher(s) in about 7–10 days. When you have the voucher, you should call the participating veterinary office to make your pet's **Fix A Family Pet appointment** for the spay (female) or neuter (male) procedure. You are responsible to bring the pet and the FAFP voucher to the appointment. If you wish to get your pet(s) vaccinated during the same appointment, the vaccinations are your financial responsibility.

If you are a Veteran or Active Military Service person with proof of military service this will qualify you for this program as well. You do have to provide a copy of the proof of your Douglas County residency, a money order or cashier's check and a copy of the proof of military service such as the separation from service form or VA medical card for example.

If you live in Carson City, parts of Lyon or Storey Counties, contact CASI at **775-400-7379** for information about their low cost spay/neuter voucher program "Critter Fixers".



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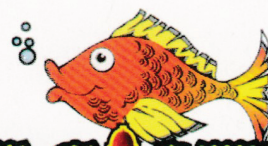
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Annual DAWG Holiday Gift Tree at MAX's

Kori Snyder, owner of Max's Pet Supplies next to Raley's in Gardnerville, will provide her 14th Annual DAWG Holiday Gift Tree for Shelter Animals from Nov. 29 – Dec. 31 to benefit the homeless shelter dogs and cats in Douglas County. The tree will be decorated with ornaments that will offer suggestions to her customers as to the needs of these shelter animals, such as pet food, treats, collars, and toys. Thank you from DAWG for your continued support and for adopting shelter dogs and cats. If you have questions, please call Kori, owner of Max's, at 775-782-8088.



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