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is published quarterly and distributed throughout the community to those who support our mission.



Brownie



A Walk with Sadie

Submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG Member and Dog Walker

She's so excited when you greet her in the morning. It's been a long night in her kennel, but she sits obligingly while being leashed up. It's time for soothing words and back rubs and for her soft ears to get caresses.

Then it's out the back door, disregarding the other barking dogs, because she just

wants out! She has to check the lizards on the back wall first and stops again after crossing the road for some more ear caresses.

The smells are so much better in the morning so she stops at every sagebrush to give a sniff, and every tree tells a story. She ignores the cattle as we pass them and stops at the top of the hill to look out over the valley. She listens to the barking dogs in Ruhenstroth who have homes and nothing to complain about. As we go down the hill she walks slowly, respecting my limitations. We stop at a crossroads on the trail because she has spotted a rabbit that needs to be chased, but I give a verbal cue and a gentle tug on the lead to refocus her and we walk on.

Closer to the trees in front of the fairgrounds her anticipation grows, but she stops and gives a low growl. When I release the black plastic bag attached to the stop sign she's all wiggles and comes for even more ear caresses. There are trees along the front of the fairgrounds that have to be inspected for lizards and she is very thorough about this.

Back at the shelter yard she takes a drink and a dunk in the pool, and then stretches out in the dirt for belly rubs.

Imagine all the wonderful walks you can take with Sadie when you adopt her. Check her out on our Facebook page, call the Douglas County Animal Shelter at 775-782-9061, or drop by the Shelter for a visit at 921 Pinenut Road, Gardnerville (across from the fairgrounds). Tell them DAWG sent you. ♥



The Saga of Petey | A DAWG Foster Program Story

In late March, 2019, a little dog was found lying near death in a ditch here in the Carson Valley. He was brought to the Douglas County Animal Care & Services Shelter. The dog was emaciated and could not stand on his own. He received overwhelming care by Staff and DAWG Volunteers in a quiet room at the shelter. At that point it was apparent that he needed more personalized care.

DAWG Volunteers took him to the vet for a check up and to get meds as needed. One of the DAWG Foster Moms took him home for weekends so he could get further attention. Petey ate well and seemed to be improving, and then with little notice he became weak again and could barely walk.

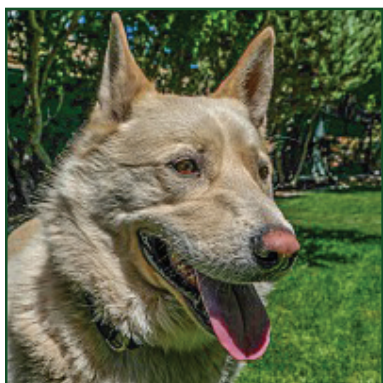
At this point a DAWG Foster Mom & Dad took him into their home full time. Another vet visit ensued with more possibilities. With this 24 hour a day care, Petey gained some weight and even was able to follow his Mom around the house. A week later he began to fail again which resulted in another vet visit and a blood test for Myasthenia Gravis. Even without the test results, he was put on treatment for MG immediately. The little guy continued to fail. The blood test came back clean and left us with few options.

A month after finding Petey, he was sadly taken to the veterinarian to be euthanized. A half dozen DAWG members showed up to say goodbye to him. Both his Foster Moms, the Foster Coordinator, and DAWG Medical Officer were there to see him off. It was a very rough month for everyone. Petey's Foster Mom reflected on the time with him and how rough it was but very rewarding.

This is an excerpt from a letter by Petey's Foster Mom.

Petey lived with my husband and me for 2 weeks. Because of the foster program through DAWG, Petey was able to have 24-hour care and companionship. He was able to spend time with me outside on the grass in the shade, sleep with me at night, and I was able to feed him by hand. Unfortunately, Petey's condition did not improve, and the decision was made to put him down.

My husband and I were devastated. We had really hoped we could nurse him back to health and he would live happily ever after. Even though that was not the outcome, I would do it all again! As a foster mom, I took comfort in knowing Petey did not die in that ditch on the highway, and he did not have to live out his last 2 weeks of life in the shelter. Because of the DAWG foster program, Petey was able to have constant care and love in the comfort of my home for the remainder of his short life. I am truly grateful for having the opportunity and privilege to be part of the DAWG foster program, and of being "Petey's Mom." ♥



Koda, Lost and Found

Koda, a beautiful shepherd mix, was having a great day. Why? Because he was adopted. But then it went bad. As he was getting into his new owner's car, there was a strike of lightning and rumble of thunder. Koda bolted and was gone in a flash. Despite many search parties, he stayed missing for two days. Then Ursula Stoll, one of our resident dog whisperers, happened upon Koda and coaxed him back to the shelter. Here's how Ursula did it:

"I took Sadie out for a walk and we went towards the dump. On the way up, I didn't see Koda. He was hiding in the sagebrush. When Sadie and

I turned around, suddenly Koda's head popped up to the right of me, and he just watched Sadie and me walking down the road. I stopped and talked to Koda. That's when he decided to come towards me and just walked with us back to the shelter. Koda was on one side of the road, Sadie and I on the other side. I kept talking to him the whole time. I repeated calling his name and said let's go home. He seemed to be happy to see a familiar face and hear my voice. Savannah and I helped the owner to get Koda in his car. -Ursula" ♥





Maggie Bado

Submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG Member

The lifeblood of our organization is our volunteers. We could not do all the things we do for the animals of Douglas County without them.

Maggie Bado is one of our most generous and dedicated volunteers. She is the lead walker on Saturday mornings and frequently steps up to help when we are short walkers on any day or shift.

Maggie has been a volunteer at the shelter for 13 years and has held many positions including Executive Committee Secretary, Board of Directors member, and Membership Coordinator. She participates in most adoption events including scheduled Sunday adoptions.

She crossed the pond to America in 1961 from London, England. She worked as a marketing rep for Pacific Bell before retiring to Nevada. Her customer relations skills show in the many successful adoptions she has facilitated through the years.

She lives with her dog Brandy, a Basenji, and enjoys working in her garden, traveling and socializing with her friends. She loves the dogs and loves to walk. Doing both makes it all worthwhile, to her and to us. Thank you Maggie!

DAWG MEMBER PROFILE



Dog Training Options

Submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG Member

So many of the dogs at the shelter come to us with issues that require training. The shelter and DAWG provide this training when problems are identified. The shelter will call in their contracted trainer, **Guy Yeaman**, for some basic obedience training to make it easier to leash up and walk the dog. The volunteers are able to take a shelter dog free of charge to his classes while the dog is at the shelter.

Guy's basic tenet is "Repetition and Praise". The dog is asked to do a certain behavior. He carries out the behavior and gets praise for doing so. If he doesn't do it, he is shown how to do it and then gets praised. Dogs are basically pack animals, but each dog is not on an equal level. There is a leader in the pack structure. In your pack (family) you are the leader. The dog is at the bottom of the pack which isn't such a bad place to be. You always treat him with love and provide him with food and shelter. In return, the dog will want to repay your leadership by doing what you ask of him."

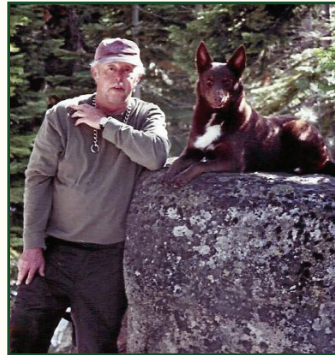
Some dogs have behavioral issues that require a different approach. DAWG provides Positive Reinforcement training by **Greg Gibbs** of Gregarious Dog Training. He works with the dog 2-3 times a week and encourages volunteers to come to his training sessions. Positive Reinforcement training emphasizes making good choices and ultimately self-control skills that a dog will use the rest of his life. Positive reinforcement trainers use praise, verbal cues, hand signals, treats, clickers, toys and even games to help modify behavior. Emphasis is on rewarding the behavior we want and ignoring the behavior we don't.

Both training styles can work, but it often depends on the dog's personality and the severity of the behavioral issue. In coordination with the shelter staff, we try to figure out what would work best for the dog with the ultimate goal being to help them be happier and therefore better doggie citizens that are more adoptable.

As with all training, follow through from the adopter and caregivers is very important. Several of our volunteers are consistent with attending training sessions. To name a few, Leslie Morefield, Jim Mitchell, Ursula Stoll, Karen Pranatis, Dan and Emma Fierle and Cherie Owen.

The training provided has resulted in turning so many of our dogs around, resulting in adoptions and a happy future for them. When you adopt a dog from Douglas County Animal Shelter, DAWG encourages you to attend training classes or receive in-home training. DAWG will reimburse adopters up to \$75 for completing training from any professionally licensed dog trainer within 90 days of the adoption date.

So, do your research on Basic Dog Obedience or Positive Reinforcement training. Choose the training type you want to make your dog a happy and responsible member of your family.



Dog trainers Guy Yeaman, above and Greg Gibbs, right.



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.

- Welcome to **NEW MEMBERS** and thank you to **RENEWING MEMBERS** for another year of helping DAWG meet the parameters of our mission statement. The pups and kitties thank you, too.
- **PHILIP & PENELOPE WRIGHT** for their generous donation for the care of the shelter pets.
- **JOHN & NANCY RICHMOND** for their generous donation to be used for positive reinforcement training.
- **NIMBY FARMS** for their generous donation to be used for cat adoption & rabies fees.
- The **HUMANE NETWORK** for their grant for Maddie's Foster Challenge.
- **RALPH S FRENCH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION** for their grant to be used for community assistance.
- **WALMART** in Gardnerville for their ongoing donations of pet food, treats and kitty litter to help our support of the animals' needs and to **DAWG MEMBERS PATTI & EMMA FIERLE**, who organize the pickup of donated items several times a week and unload them at the shelter.
- **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.

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Firestone, Martin – *so Jessica knows I care*
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Foster Me, Please

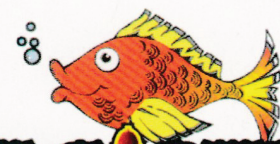


My name is Cami. I've recently lost my person and am now at the shelter. I am 13-15 years old and I'm in the early stages of kidney failure but still have some good time left.

I'm very sad here at the shelter because I'm uncomfortable around the other cats and would really like a home where I'm your only fur baby.

Will you foster me? I'll be a loving companion and I come with all expenses paid (food, medical, supplies). ♥

Call the Douglas County Animal Shelter at 775-782-9061



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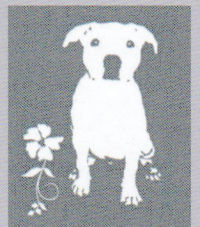
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Some may have been adopted. Please call (775) 782-9061 for availability.



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Buddy



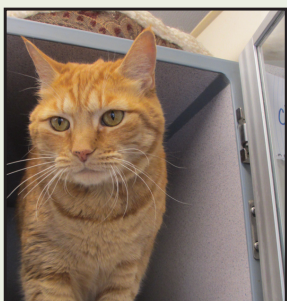
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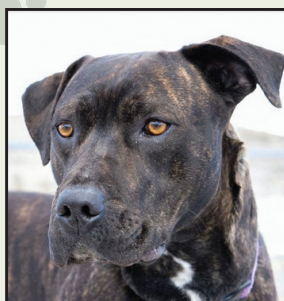
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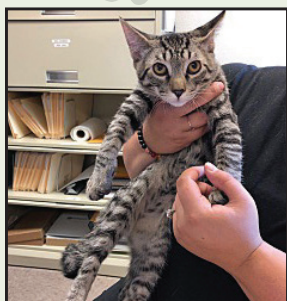
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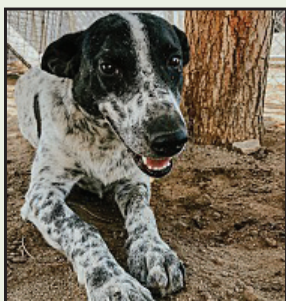
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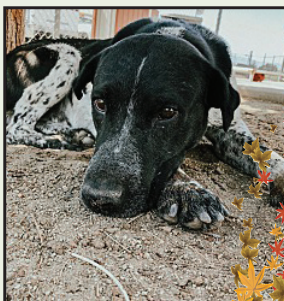
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Taz



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Wilson

Adoption Update:

We are happy to report that during May through July, 2019
we succeeded in finding new homes for

51 dogs & 66 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.

September 2019



3RD ANNUAL



Carson Valley Turkey Trot

One of the most fun family things to do in Carson Valley on Thanksgiving Day is the Turkey Trot. You can bring your whole family and your leashed dog for a 5k trot around Minden. There will be snacks, coffee, hats, swag bags, a photo booth and more.

You can sign up on line at <https://www.thefoodcloset.org/> For information on how you and your business can become a sponsor for this community event and the advertising benefits you can receive, contact Lori at paxsonlori@gmail.com or at 775-537-3935.

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Volunteers Needed

Join other volunteers who are caring for the cats and walking the dogs at the Douglas County Animal Shelter and/or become a foster parent for a cat or dog. Help is badly needed. All foster expenses are paid. Contact the shelter at (775) 782-9061 for more information or drop by at 921 Pinenut Road, Gardnerville (across from the fair grounds) to pick up a volunteer application and have a look around. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



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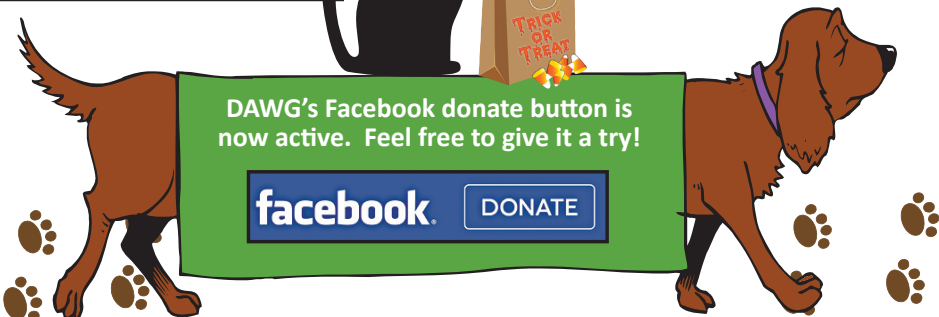

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