



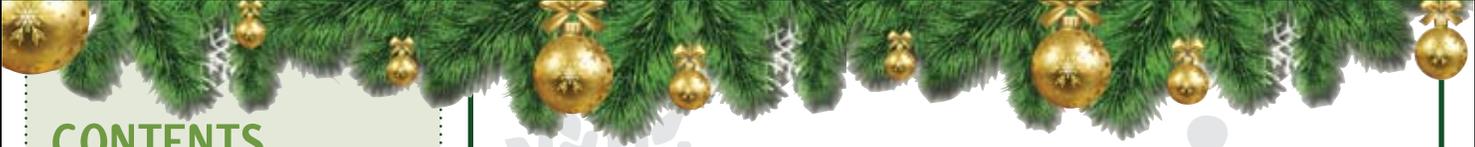
# DAWG Unleashed

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### DAWG Mission Statement:

*To better the lives of Douglas County animals by improving their adoptability and thereby increasing the adoption rate while at Douglas County Animal Care and Services, educating the community about responsible pet ownership, and engaging in other projects and activities that may come available that will yield positive benefits to the animals, owners and citizens.*



I'M ADOPTED!  
I'M HOME, thank you!  
**Kane**



## Butter

*submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member*

**When Dottie first saw Butter, she was chained to a tree, limiting her walking to an 8-foot-long range.** At six months old, this beautiful young pit bull was used as a breeder dog and was pregnant with a litter.

Neighbors had called Animal Control to do a welfare check, but they could do nothing because she did have food and water. Then she was eventually discovered beaten and abused. Things looked bleak for Butter. She had lost nine of the puppies and had to have the tenth one removed surgically. She fell into a depression and could hardly respond to any humans.

Then Dottie rescued her!

With Dottie's love and patience, she learned to walk further than eight feet, and as a natural mother she learned to love humans by becoming a "nanny dog" to Dottie's children. Dottie took her to training and obedience classes that helped build up Butter's confidence. To become a therapy dog, Butter had to take additional training required in some states because of her breed. She passed all with flying colors!

Dottie and Butter enjoy going to nursing homes and hospitals to visit and comfort patients, and to the office to de-stress co-workers.

Butter demonstrates how pit bulls can be outstanding canine citizens and loving companions.

Now at thirteen years old, Butter enjoys her own comfort and joy in a loving home. ❤️





## Husk the Husky ✨

*submitted by Jim Mitchell, DAWG member*

**This big boy has been with us for way too long.** He is a beautiful example of the Husky breed being highly affectionate and very athletic with energy to spare. He loves exercise and our volunteers love to exercise him. Afternoons often find him out jogging with Dan even after numerous morning walks. Husk has had more walks and fun yard time than any of the other shelter dogs. He loves to chase lizards and play ball in the big yard. He definitely reacts to the energy of his person and has been very well-mannered with the volunteers who care for him. I, as one of the “older volunteers”, find him to be very easy to handle and extremely loving.

*We, at DAWG, are trying to get the word out to our community about the special dogs and cats at the shelter. Husk is a perfect example!*

Husk does think he is King of the Shelter as he has been there the longest of all the dogs. He was adopted several months ago and returned a few days later due to poor interactions with the adopter’s friend’s dog. He has now been waiting for over three months calmly watching others come and go. It is heartbreaking to see him each morning sitting in the yard just waiting and waiting.

Husk gets along with nearly all the dogs he has met but doesn’t seem to like cats. Again, his reactions often reflect the energy and concerns of his owner. Huskies need exercise and should not be considered as a sedate house pet. Potential owners should be educated concerning the breed and have an ample fenced yard for him to play in. A young, athletic family who loves being outdoors would be perfect for Husk. ✨

## Saving Freddy

*submitted by Eloise Reed & Kathryn Dodge, DAWG members*

**No one asks to be born homeless, needing to scrounge for food, avoiding people because of fear, and always searching for a safe place to hide.** That was little Freddy’s life until DAWG volunteers rescued him and worked together to help Freddy achieve good health and find a loving home.

After being neutered, it seemed Freddy wanted to be around people. But, because he was non-responsive to certain stimuli, had difficulty breathing, and was uninterested in eating, he was thought to be sick, possibly blind, and maybe even deaf.

DAWG volunteers took Freddy to a veterinarian where he was treated for an upper respiratory infection. Once back home, the volunteer caring for him felt Freddy needed extra love and attention. Off Freddy went to a temporary foster home.

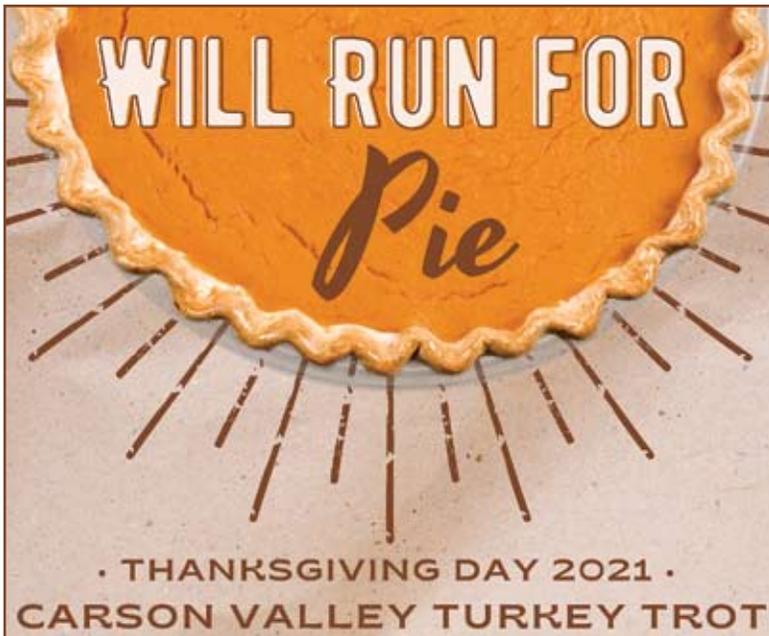
Freddy’s new foster parent continued his medications, petted him, talked to him, and sat and read to him. In other words, gave Freddy the love and attention he desperately needed. Freddy began healing mentally, but he was not healing physically. On a follow-up appointment, the doctor noted that Freddy had probably been strangled and/or kicked, resulting in a damaged trachea and subcutaneous emphysema. Poor Freddy! Fortunately, new medications were prescribed, and he continued to convalesce at his foster home. With the help of caring volunteers, Freddy became more “kitten-like.”

When a more permanent foster home became available, with a volunteer who was able to provide even more time, Freddy went to home number three. There, he finished his meds, soaked up more love and attention, and began an amazing healing of his spirit. Freddy became playful and talkative, and strutted around the home saying, “Hey! Look at me!” As new foster kitties came to “his house” he became a “cat ambassador” showing them how to play hide and seek, sit in a human’s lap, be around the family dogs, and enjoy life in a family’s house.

It wasn’t just one person who saved Freddy, it was a team of volunteers working together. DAWG’s Found Cat program needs more temporary care givers to help kitties like Freddy. Do you have room in your home and heart to join our team? Training is provided, all expenses are paid by DAWG, and you will never be left to “figure things out” alone. To help, short term or long term, please call 775-901-6434 and help us save the lives of forgotten cats in our community.

**UPDATE: Freddy has been adopted by his foster mom!! He’s found his forever home. ♥**





• THANKSGIVING DAY 2021 •  
**CARSON VALLEY TURKEY TROT**

Please join us for our annual fun run supporting  
 Douglas Animal Welfare Group (DAWG) and  
 Carson Valley Community Food Closet.



**VIRTUAL OR  
 IN-PERSON  
 FUN RUN**  
*Minden, NV*  
 Minden Park- 1601 6th St.

Virtual: \$25.00 per person Nov. 8th - 25th  
 In-person: \$25 per person Nov. 25th  
 Kids' Turkey Dash (12 and under): \$15 per child Nov. 25th  
 Register at [www.thefoodcloset.org](http://www.thefoodcloset.org)

Choose to run in-person or complete your own virtual race.  
 The kids' fun run is back! Head to the website for event details and schedule.  
 So lace up your shoes, get your costumes ready, layer up, and come on out!

Dogs on leashes welcome and encouraged!  
 Snacks • Coffee • T-Shirts • Pins • Swag Bags • Selfie Station

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**Thanksgiving Pet Tips**

- **Give your pet a safe space** to relax away from holiday commotion.
- **No Pets in the Kitchen!** A hungry pet can get in a lot of trouble near the culinary creation.
- **Stuff yourself, not your pets!** Thanksgiving foods such as onions, garlic, chocolate, turkey bones and fatty foods are dangerous for pets.
- **No Booze Hounds!** Don't leave alcoholic drinks or open containers within paw's reach.
- **Take out the trash!** It may be tempting for your pet to raid the trash for leftovers.



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# PAWS OF THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT [ Aug 2021 - Sep 2021 ]



THANK YOU

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

- **THE ESTATE OF SHARON MOHLER** for the exceptional bequest.
- **CHRISTOPHER STRUHAR** for the generous donation to the Community Assistance program.
- **SANDRA McANARNEY** for her gracious donation for special medical care for shelter animals.
- **NIMBY FARM** for the repeated donations to assist with cat adoption and rabies vaccination fees.
- **BONNIE AND MARK DILLON** for the much-appreciated contribution for Adoption Assistance and the spay and neuter of shelter cats.
- **DOUGLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS** who chose the Nevada State special Spay and Neuter license plates. Portions of those license plate fees are donated quarterly to DAWG to help support our Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) program.
- **THE MANY 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 – September 2021

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## Gifts with Special Dedications

Arce, Mona – *in memory of Curtiss, Bonneville, & Molly*  
 Bell, James – *for special medical care for shelter animals*  
 Brindos, Jeanette – *for Community Assistance*  
 Callahan, Don & Diane – *in memory of Fritz (our cat) - his shelter name was Lars*  
 Ceppi, Matthew – *for Community Assistance*  
 Colleen Donaldson Photography – *for Community Assistance*  
 Conley, Kenneth – *for Community Assistance*  
 Cookson, Vinny – *for Veterans Adoption Assistance*  
 Costa, Bill – *for special medical care for shelter animals*  
 Craik, Virginia – *for extra help for the extra load during the fire*  
 Dellas, Lindsay – *for Community Assistance*  
 Dennis, Jeremy – *for Community Assistance*  
 Evers, Helen M. – *for cats' needs - in memory of Miss Kitty*  
 Ferree, Diane P. – *for Adoption Assistance for shelter animals - in memory of Wayne E. Ferree & Gregory Malavazos*  
 Flaherty, John & Sharrie – *Community Assistance*  
 Flanagan, Charles R. – *in memory of Toby*  
 Frager, June – *in memory of Peaches (22 yrs. old)*  
 Fuller, JK – *in memory of Winnie (our Super Aussie!) and in honor of Dolly Doggie*  
 Garfinkle, Faye – *for Community Assistance*  
 Gaurano, Laarni – *for Community Assistance*  
 Gordon, Judy – *for Community Assistance*  
 Haddix, Cynthia – *for Community Assistance*  
 Hull, Kevin & Frances – *in memory of Melinda Petersen and in honor of All Dedicated Pet Sitters*  
 Kaminski, Betty & Chuck – *for Foster Program*  
 Kent, Janet – *in memory of my daughter, Jill Kent*  
 Linehan, John – *for Found Cat Program*  
 Lloyd, Judy – *for Adoption Assistance for shelter animals - in memory of former DCAS residents Sigh & Opie, and in honor of Crackers*

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## Gifts with Special Dedications (con't)

Maddox, Georgette – *in memory of Gary, Bubb & Angie*  
Mancusco, Ronda – *for Community Assistance*  
Miller, Betty & Holt, Jeff – *in memory of Snickers*  
Miller, Gail – *for medical needs for shelter animals*  
Moore, Rhonda – *on behalf of the Douglas High School Class of 1980*

Myers, Shawn – *for Community Assistance*  
Paul, Sandra – *in memory of Sasha, Cooper & Chester*  
Payne, Jeane – *in memory of Jim, who loved them all*  
PostNet of Carson City (DAWG's newsletter printer) – *donation of labor for DAWG's upcoming Holiday Appeal Letter*

Reyna, Giselle – *for Fix-a-Pit Bull*  
Scheel, Louis W. – *for Adoption Assistance & special medical care for shelter animals - in memory of Mary Scheel*

Schimmel, Jennifer – *for Community Assistance*  
Sciandri, Melinda – *for Community Assistance*  
Shrelols, Krissa – *for Adoption Assistance for shelter animals*  
Smith, Madeline – *for Community Assistance*  
Stratton, Scott – *for Community Assistance*  
Tahali, Denise – *for Community Assistance*  
Tran, Jr., Robin – *for Community Assistance*  
Vickrey, Carol – *in memory of Eri (horse)*  
Walker, Stephanie – *for Community Assistance*  
Ward, Lori – *for cat TNR (trap/neuter/return)*



*Volunteers Cherie Owen, Eloise Reed and others enjoyed handing out information about DAWG at the Fall Fest at Heritage Park. A good time was had by all!*



**Thank YOU for making US The Best in the Valley!**

## New Dog Behavioral Assistance Training Program Available

*submitted by Leslie Morefield, DAWG member*

**Do you have an adopted rescue dog that is struggling with some pretty significant behavioral issues such as dog reactivity or aggression, separation anxiety, extensive destructive behavior, incessant barking, or resource guarding?** Are the dogs in your household not getting along with each other? Are you at your wit's end and don't know what to do? DAWG created this program to help you and your dog with the hope that your dog may remain in your loving home, and to reduce the chances that the dog may be returned to the shelter, or worse.

This is a very hands-on program, so we are asking the dog guardians to commit to working and learning with their dogs and their trainers. These will be either classes or one-on-one training sessions, depending upon each particular dog and his/her behavioral issues. This program will use professional trainers and force-free, positive reinforcement training methods as recommended by the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior.

Dogs that qualify for this program include both those adopted from the Douglas County Animal Shelter and those residing in Douglas County (NV) who have been adopted from any shelter or rescue (some restrictions and qualifications apply). The first training session is free, and depending upon the owner's income, additional training also may be covered.

We know it's hard living with a dog who is struggling with these behaviors, and we want to help. It's hard for the dog, too. If you think this program may benefit you or someone you know, or if you have questions, please give us a call at 775-901-7666 or 775-257-7325.

Please Note: This program is NOT intended for minor or common behavioral issues such as jumping up on people, loose-leash walking, house training, digging, puppy socialization, etc. DAWG offers a training voucher program to help dogs adopted from the Douglas County Animal Shelter with these issues.



# DOGS & CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

## at the Douglas County Animal Shelter, Gardnerville, NV

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](http://dawgrescue.com) or see us on Facebook.



Aria



Bart



Buddie



Hazel



Lisa



Nala



Onyx



Quinn



Teddy



Tyler



Varlo



Zoey

**Adoption Update:** We are happy to report that for August and September, 2021, we succeeded in finding new homes for **16 dogs, 6 puppies, 9 cats and 28 kittens!**

December 2021

## DOG ADOPTION FOLLOW-UPS



Blue

Everything is going wonderfully with **BLUE**. He's such a good boy and so smart.

**TOBY** is doing great. Came through his surgery just fine and is real chipper. We take him for walks and he couldn't care less about other people or dogs. He's a real sweetie and we have changed his name to **CODY**. He's not coming back.



Toby

**The corgi/terrier mix puppies: MISTY and PRIMO** are just fine. Bouncing around right now. Typical puppies. Both smart. We live on a ranch so they have all kinds of animals to meet.

**LOKI** is doing fine. Pooping and peeing in the right places outside. He loves to roam around. He eats and sleeps well and gets excited to go for a walk.

Things are going very well with **MARABEL**. She likes to irritate the older dog, and the cat puts her in her place. She's full of it. A real pistol. She doesn't look like a Corgi/Terrier; she has extra skin and looks more like a Pug. She sleeps with me every night. Marabel is well loved. She has a great home.

**WILLOW** is working out so well. We are having to get used to her because we haven't had a puppy in a long time. We have no streetlights so we have to be careful when we take her outside at night. We went to Max's and bought her a crate, harness and treats. She is a very good eater. She listens to "Oh Danny Boy". She loves Irish music before she goes to bed. ❤️

# CAT ADOPTION FOLLOW-UPS



Betty



Wildrose



Charlie



Petunia

**BETTY** is now Kelty and is seriously special. Her owners lost their house in the Tamarack Fire, and she is currently one of the few bright spots in their lives. She is a daily cartoon of tricks.

**WILDROSE** is doing well.

**CHARLIE** is amazing and has bonded with the other two cats. She sleeps with her owner.

**PETUNIA** is just fantastic and is a sweet girl.



Snowflake



Chesney



Kenny



Noire

**SNOWFLAKE** is now Emma Jean and is doing great and growing fast. Her owners are both happy.

**CHESNEY** and **KENNY** (now Romeo) are awesome and ruling the roost!

**NOIRE** is now Chica and her owners are extremely happy with both her and the entire adoption process.

**EDDIE** is great and his owner is amazed at how quickly he is growing. He has adjusted well.

**GRAYSON** is top cat even over the dog.

**JOJO** is fantastic, the greatest, we love him.

**LICORICE** and **PANTHER** are now Bill and Ted. They've been gaining a 1/2 lb. a week and are happy and well adjusted.

**NAOMI** is a cutie pie and is just fantastic. She purrs a lot. The shelter was great to work with.

**RAZZIE** is doing well and her owner loves her to death. She is full of energy and playfulness.

**SPENCER** (now Oreo) is doing well and is loving and affectionate. His family is enjoying him very much.

**STEVIE** is a doll. She wants to snuggle in bed with her owner and she chases the big cats.

**WRIGLEY** was adopted by his foster mom. He has gone from 5 ounces to 7 pounds since he's lived with her. His damaged eye was removed and he's been neutered. He is loved to death and is doing fine. ❤️





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### MAX'S HOLIDAY GIFT TREE

November 26, 2021 - December 31, 2021

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