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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.



Community Assistance Helps Teddy Heal

Teddy was the 'sweetest kitten ever,' who loved to snuggle with his family, says his adopter Annaliese. But over time, he began to urinate around the house.

Annaliese tried replacing his litter box with a bigger box, and even removed the carpet in her daughters' bedroom, hoping that would solve the problem. Instead, Teddy started urinating on random rugs throughout the home. Annaliese suspected a urinary tract infection. She took him to the vet, who diagnosed the beloved cat with Legg-Calve-Perthes disease (LCPD) in both hips.



Teddy well on the way to recovery after surgery for Legg-Calve-Perthes disease. His owner Annaliese says he looks like he isn't wearing any pants due to having his fur shaved for surgery!

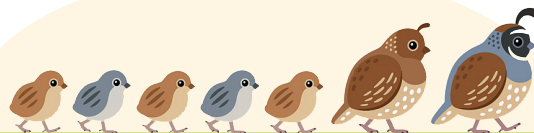
Legg-Calve-Perthes disease involves a decreased blood flow to the femur(s), causing degeneration to the femur's head and affecting function and comfort. Without surgery, Teddy would be in frequent pain and his quality of life would diminish to the point that he would need to be euthanized. LCPD can be treated with surgery, but the cost of the surgery was more than Annaliese could afford.

Annaliese was familiar with DAWG as she adopted Teddy through DAWG's Found Cat program. She reached out to DAWG's Community Assistance program, which helps lower income, veterans and active military duty Douglas County residents keep their pets healthy by assisting with the cost of veterinary and other care.

Community Assistance agreed to help with the cost of the surgery.

The surgery was a success. Teddy is back to using his hind legs to jump onto the family couch for some snuggling. Best of all, says Annaliese, he is pain free!

Happy outcomes like this are made possible through the generous support of DAWG donors. On behalf of Teddy and all the animals and their humans who have benefitted through Community Assistance, thank you! ♥



For more information about Community Assistance, call DAWG at 775-901-9596.

Mama Cat and Her Kittens Get a Second Chance at Happy Lives

By Gwen Blanc, DAWG volunteer



Diana was found near a golf course, very sneezy, very congested, very skinny, and very pregnant. She was also very friendly, jumping into her rescuer's lap while enjoying the sunshine on the porch. Nobody in the neighborhood recognized her, so DAWG took her into its Found Cat Program after verifying she had no microchip, and no one had called the shelter looking for her.

The next day she miscarried one stillborn kitten. Three days later she delivered four healthy babies. Her reserves were so low that she fell asleep between kitten 3 and kitten 4. Human intervention was needed to tie off the fourth kitten's umbilical cord. Diana woke up enough to clean up the kitten and get her nursing.

A few days later, Diana spiked a high fever and was diagnosed with a severe upper respiratory infection. She took her 10 days' antibiotics like a champ, and never stopped being a wonderful mama to her children. She even taught them to use the litter box - when one kitten started to squat in the middle of the bathroom floor, Diana promptly picked her up and dropped her into the litter box. Thanks for your help, mama!

Eight weeks after coming into foster care, Diana met her people. Now this beautiful girl is living her best life in her forever home. She even got to take her son William with her! ♥



Reunited and it feels so good. Toby with his happy dad and DAWG volunteers Donna, Ed and Tracee.

Toby and Some of His Nine Lives

By Eloise Reed, DAWG Volunteer

A year ago, a new cat showed up at a feral cat colony where our DAWG TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) volunteer trappers, Donna and her husband Ed, set out food. They noticed the new kitty was older than the other cats, was starving and very scared. The existing colony of cats did not accept him.

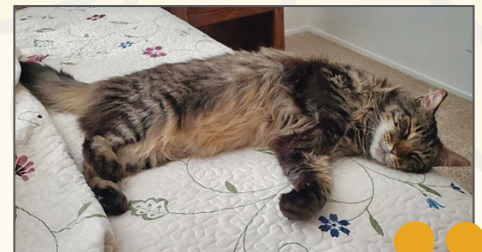
Donna and Ed began feeding him separately. They were unsuccessful at trapping him, so during the winter days, Donna and Ed continued to go out between 3 and 4 each morning and shoveled snow to clear areas to place food for him.

Recently, Donna and Ed used a Drop Trap instead of a regular trap and they caught him. Tracee, another DAWG volunteer, was able to transport the cat to AMS for his neuter surgery that morning.

Shortly after he was dropped off, I got a call saying the cat was a neutered, microchipped male named Toby. We were able to contact his owners and began arrangements for a reunion.

What a story! In January 2022, Toby got out of his Cheshire neighborhood, crossed Highway 395 and made refuge where Donna found him. His dad searched for him for months and presumed he had passed. Can you imagine the joy in learning your beloved cat is alive?

A few days later, we were able to reunite Toby with his dad. Toby is over 9 years old and is a complete love. He recognized his dad and purred up a storm. Toby is happy to be back at home with his dad at their new location in Sacramento. And Toby is content to remain an indoor-only kitty for the rest of his life! ♥



Toby loving life at home!



Walk this Way! Dog Volunteers Needed at County Shelter

Dog walkers make a huge difference in the physical and mental well-being of the canines residing at the Douglas County Animal Shelter.

The shelter can be a noisy and stressful place for dogs. Interaction with caring volunteers can help overcome that stress, as the dogs get essential quality time with people who care about them.

But as the number of homeless animals rises, there aren't enough volunteers to ensure that these pups get the outdoor time and affection they deserve.

Dog volunteers work one-on-one with adoptable dogs, taking them for walks and letting them romp in the fenced play yard at the shelter. And as a side benefit, dog walkers get valuable exercise themselves!

If you like dogs and can dedicate at least one 2-hour shift a week at the shelter, consider becoming volunteer Dog Walker. Experienced volunteers will partner with new walkers to help them learn the ropes of caring for shelter canines.

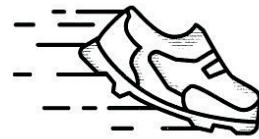
Prospective volunteers must be at least 16 years old, submit an application and complete a background check through Douglas County Human Resources. For more information, go to https://communityservices.douglascountynv.gov/animal_services



Volunteer dog walker Ursula takes gentle giant Moose for a stroll. Happily, Moose has been adopted.

Register now!

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THANK YOU

SPECIAL THANKS

We wish to offer acknowledgements for the following special donations.

- **SHARON & ROSS BARNETT BOWMAN** in memory of DAWG volunteer James A. Mitchell.
- **VIRGINA CRAIK** for her ongoing contributions to DAWG.
- **DICK FLANAGAN** for honoring Toby's memory by supporting DAWG.
- **SANDRA MCANARNEY** for her generosity toward homeless cats and dogs.
- **NIMBY FARMS** for their steadfast support of shelter cats.
- **AFTON PEEVYHOUSE** for a significant donation to support the animals awaiting adoption.
- **RALPH S. FRENCH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION** for supporting the Community Assistance program.
- **LORI WARD** for graciously supporting spay and neuter programs as well as shelter medical needs.

April - June 2023

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Jimmie Ball - *in memory of Roscoe*
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Tom & Patti Bucher - *in memory of Lily, Max, and Banjo*
Eileen Cohen - *in memory of Sam*
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Jerry & Sybil Dunagan - *for Trap, Neuter/Spay, Return*
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June Frager - *in memory of Jessie (JJ) and IHO iTA BiT*
Bob & Ellen Hall - *in memory of Gus and Sadie*
Ken & Penny Hamilton - *in memory of Lily*
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Mary Hays - *for Trap, Neuter/Spay, Return*
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Loraine Littlefield - *in memory of Teddy*
Tessa & Shane LoPresto - *for Spay/Neuter*
Randy & Mona McConville - *in memory of Sean McConville*
Patty Montague - *in honor of Reese and Krista*
Beatriz Morales - *in honor of my children*

Steve & Corine Noble - *for the Found Cat Program*
Ed & Donna Novack - *for TNR in memory of Max, our big, beautiful boy, and of Ruby, who brought us years of joy*
E. Lorrene Palmer - *in memory of Dick McCole*
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Jan Snedegar - *for Trap/Neuter/Return in honor of Karin Reilly's birthday*
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Jean Tomlinson - *for shelter medical needs in memory of J. Tomlinson & D. Severance, and in honor of Mike M. & A. Miller*
Ken & Sandra Ward - *for cats' needs*
Craig & Stacey Ziglar - *in memory of Raider*

You CAN help - with Cans!

Did you know that DAWG and Douglas County Animal Shelter team up to benefit from recycled aluminum cans?

Last year, DAWG and DCAS shared \$4,363 in proceeds from recycled cans.

Donating aluminum cans is easy – just drop them off any time in the big blue bin in the front parking lot of the Shelter, 921 Dump Road, Gardnerville.



We love our DAWG Unleashed readers and recognize that many are choosing to go paperless.

If you'd like to have the DAWG Unleashed newsletter emailed instead of "snail mailed," simply send an email to dawg.douglascountynv@gmail.com

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Marvelous MJ Ready for her Forever Home

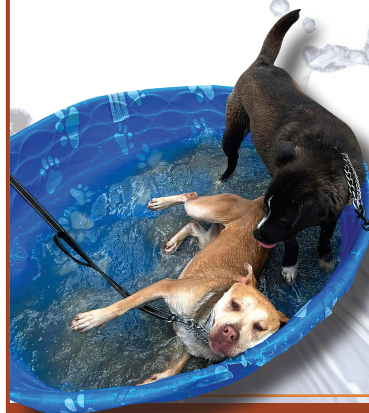
Looking for an adventure buddy? Then MJ is the girl for you!

This 1-year-old female Chow mix is a sporty dog who loves all outdoor activities. She relishes long walks and especially loves her water.

MJ would be best as the only pet in the house and would need an experienced handler and training. She loves to please and receive treats.



MJ has so much love to give and would love nothing more than to show you!



••• To Meet MJ •••

Visit the Douglas County Animal Shelter at 921 Dump Road, Gardnerville.

Current adoption hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturday.

The shelter's phone number is (775) 782-9061.



ADOPTION FOLLOW-UPS



Annie



Daisy



Hogan



Moose



Sparrow

ANNIE We couldn't be more in love with this girl, even when she snores. She's right at home in the best chair in the living room with the TV on for company while we are at work. **DAISY** is settling in very well and has become a close member of our family. My boyfriend and I adore Daisy. **HOGAN** is adjusting very well and even loves the rats I have. I thought he would eat them, but he plays with them. He is becoming very protective of me, so we are working with a trainer. **MOOSE** is terrific. He went to Petco and had a bath and his nails done. Then he went to my office to meet all the ladies there. He has met the cat. That was my biggest concern but they have been nose to nose and he couldn't care less. **SPARROW** is settling in on her 5 acres. I have a travel harness for her and have built a platform in my vehicle so she is more secure and comfortable. She enjoys it and is excited to go. I lucked out. I can't believe she was in the shelter so long.



Asher



Peter



Astrid



Bella



Bittybug



Blondie

ASHER and **PETER** are acclimating and play pretty rough with each other! **ASTRID** is very playful. She had ringworm but is over it now. **BELLA** is doing very well. She has an appointment for spay and shots. **BITTYBUG** still has his original name as the kids love it. He was chosen because he seemed to be a quiet kitty, but once in his forever home, he turned rambunctious. The whole family enjoys him. **BLONDIE** (now Sundance) and **SOOTY** (not shown) are adjusting to everything including the dog. They are purring all the time. The shelter has a good program.



Bumble



Cricket



Calimari



Chekhov



Fletcher



Flounder

BUMBLE (now Jack) and **CRICKET** (now Ruby) - Jack is adorable and friendly, but mama cat Ruby is still hiding although she comes out to eat and use the litter box. The owner is trying her best to entice the mother. She will not give upon her. **CALIMARI** (now Cali) is getting along well with the other cat in the house. The owner loves her and is so happy that she is now coming out of her shell. Her adoption was the result of a class field trip the son was on when he fell in love with her. **CHEKHOV** is great and quickly became comfortable in our home. **FLETCHER** is doing well. We renamed him Hank. **FLOUNDER** (now Panther) is adjusting well to house, dogs and children.



Francesca



Franco



Fredo



Finny

FRANCESCA and **FRANCO** are doing great. **FREDO** (now Leon) and **FINNY** are little monsters with great appetites.



Gypsy



Honey



Lily



Lola



Louie



Victoria

GYPSY is doing amazingly well. She fits right in. **HONEY** is doing well but needs to put on more weight. **LILY** has taken over the house after hiding for the first two weeks. **LOLA** is doing fine. She likes to be with the new owner and the new owner likes her. **LOUIE** and **VICTORIA** are rambunctious kittens, and the kids are adoring them.



Luigi



Ladybug



Milo



Mango



Mini Muffin



Olive

LUIGI is adjusting well. **LADYBUG** and **MILO** are getting big and doing great. The owner always adopts from the Douglas County Shelter and suggests it to others. **MANGO** is doing fine and behaving very well. **MINI MUFFIN** is amazing, the owner loves her. She has her shot appointments. **OLIVE** has a kitty cage of four levels outside in addition to the house. She likes to eat turkey, is so-so about chicken, but really loves salmon and her two kinds of dry food.



Peaches



Peaches



Peanut



Poppy

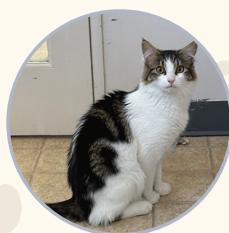


Sylvester

PEACHES is very loving and follows the owner everywhere. The owner lost her husband a while ago and is so glad she got the cat. "She needed me and I needed her." **PEACHES** (now Bellamy) is acclimating well and is scheduled for her first vet appointment. **PEANUT** is doing well. **POPPY** is a good cat although she is a little skittish. **SYLVESTER** is doing well and has had his booster shots.



Thor



Snow Paws



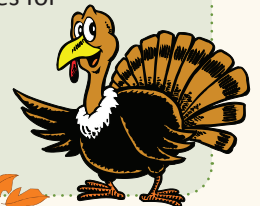
Wesley

THOR and **SNOW PAWS** are both very spoiled. They do get along with the dog. The owner couldn't bear to break up the brotherhood, so adopted both of them. **WESLEY** is a very happy cat.

ADOPTION UPDATE

We are happy to report that between April and June, we succeeded in finding happy homes for

**23 dogs, 3 puppies,
and 18 cats and
43 kittens!**





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Madame Presidents

Outgoing DAWG President Lori Paxson, left, was celebrated for her three years of leadership at the summer DAWG barbecue. With her is new DAWG president Kathryn Dodge.






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