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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.



Nebula

A Successful Adoption Event!

submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member

What a happy day for both animals and the people who love them!

On Saturday, April 30th, an adoption event was held at Douglas County Animal Services, with shelter employees and Douglas Animal Welfare Group volunteers hosting. Our current animal census was augmented by rescued dogs from nearby shelters, courtesy of Animal Rescue Relay.

This excellent teamwork contributed to the adoptions of six dogs, one adult cat, seven kittens and one rabbit.



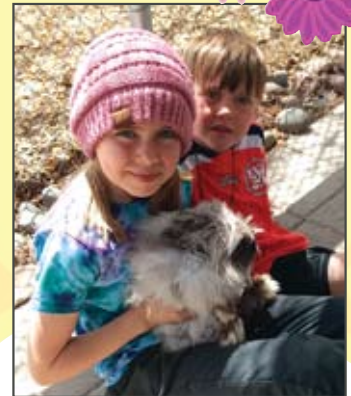
Among the adopted was **Nebula**, a long-haired rabbit that had been at the shelter for a couple of months. She went home to a family with two small children who promised to take good care of her but wanted to know what kind of music she likes. I'm sure they will soon find out.

Delilah, a sweet chihuahua will provide love and companionship to a Korean War veteran who got there early and waited about an hour for her to be processed. Patience paid off for both of them.

Duke was adopted into a home with new friends!

Smiling faces surrounded the kennel in the lobby. Kittens galore! At the end of the day, there was an empty kennel with all the kittens adopted to happy families.

Thank you to all staff, volunteers and adopters! ❤️



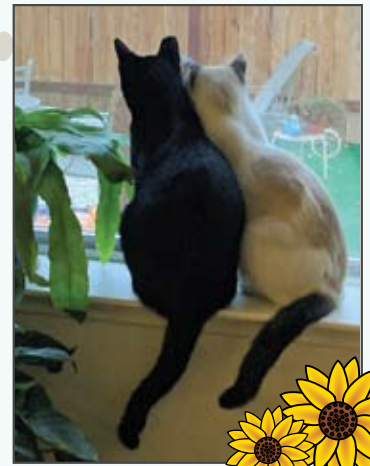
Kitty Happenings

submitted by Tondra Vees, DAWG volunteer and Found Cat Program Coordinator

DAWG's Found Cat (short term foster) and TNR (feral cat spay/neuter/vaccinate/return) are two very important programs that help Douglas County's stray and feral felines. The unfortunate reality is that many of these domestic cats had been abandoned by their owners, so they struggle to survive the ever-present problems associated with homelessness.

The programs' wonderful volunteers are always busy, but especially so during spring and summer months. I'd like to highlight a few who share in this uniquely rewarding work.

Kathryn excels at rehabilitating cats and kittens that are extremely skittish, nervous around people and in need of a lot of patience and TLC. This woman is amazing! She takes in terrified, antisocial, sometimes traumatized kitties and eventually earns their trust, turning their lives around for the better. One of the cats Kathryn recently took in is a beautiful female that had experienced severe neglect and was absolutely terrified! She was deemed unadoptable and at risk of being euthanized because she growled and lashed out at anyone who came near her. Kathryn quite literally saved her life by agreeing to take her in to "work her magic." In just a few short weeks, this cat was able to decompress, relax and gradually started displaying her true, sweet personality. She now craves Kathryn's attention and is such a joy. There's no doubt Kathryn has a special gift and we're so grateful to have her on board!



Eloise and Tracee are the dynamic duo who run DAWG's TNR program. The plight of feral cats is truly heartbreaking, but these two are determined and work tirelessly to control the feral population by humanely trapping and transporting feral cats to and from spay/neuter appointments.

Because the animal shelter will only take in stray/found cats and kittens after a mandatory waiting period, found adoptable kittens may come into the Found Cat program for temporary foster care pending intake/adoption from Douglas County Animal Services. Tracee has created an amazing temporary "makeshift nursery" where some of our found homeless kittens can go short term before being transferred to foster homes.

These two programs help eliminate the overpopulation of feral cats and set homeless adoptable felines on a path to a much better life as beloved family members. If you'd like to become involved, we'd love to hear from you! You may reach us at dawg.douglascountynv@gmail.com or 775-267-7325. ❤️

Be Fire Ready!

Approximately 40,000 pets die each year in house fires. We live in an area where fire danger is high.

Please develop an evacuation plan and make a portable emergency kit with enough supplies to last at least seven days. It should include:

- Pet ID tags
- Medications
- Medical records
- Leashes, harnesses, carriers
- Current photos of your pets in case they are lost
- Bowls
- Emergency contact phone numbers and addresses
- Cat boxes and litter
- Plastic bags and paper towels to clean up waste
- Toys and pet beds
- Can opener
- Food and water

Preparation is the key to fire safety!



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GOOD REASONS TO FIX YOUR PIT BULL

submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member



1. Because you love your dog.
2. Neutering can help keep your pit bull from roaming after female dogs in heat.
3. Your pit bull will be less aggressive towards other dogs. However, if your dog has behavioral problems, he will still need training and socialization.
4. Spaying will prevent your dog from having unwanted puppies. Pit bulls are by far the most euthanized breed in American shelters.
5. Neutering your pit bull will reduce the behavior of marking territory.
6. Neutering can reduce the risk of testicular cancer, prostate disorders and diabetes.
7. Because you love your dog!!



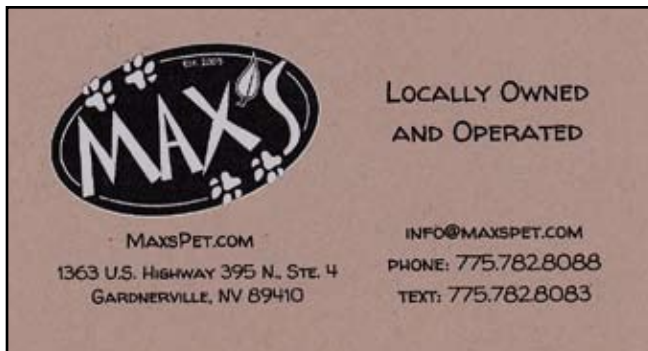
DAWG's Fix a Pit Bull program can help you get your pit bull or pit bull mix spayed or neutered. The program charges only \$25 for a spay/neuter voucher. Requirements are proof of Douglas County residency and a visual verification of the dog's breed. There are no restrictions based on income.

Please call 775-901-7666 for more information and to obtain an application.

♥ BECAUSE YOU LOVE YOUR DOG!!!! ♥



Please call (775) 901-2821 for information about DAWG's Fix-a-Family-Pet low-cost spays and neuters for pets of qualified Douglas County residents.



Scarlett Needs Our Help to Find Her Just-Right Home

submitted by Leslie Morefield, DAWG member



Scarlett has been at the shelter for 6 months waiting for her just right person to come and get her.

Is it because she's mean, wild or aloof? Definitely not – quite the opposite for this sweet, smart, energetic girl! BUT we do think a big deterrent to her adoption is she apparently has a history of going over fences - and a lot of people have fences. So, to be on the safe side and to help with this, DAWG will provide her adopter with a long-term loan of a fully enclosed outside kennel for those times she may be left alone.



Please share this newsletter with anybody who may be interested in Scarlett or who can help spread the word for her.

More about Scarlett:

- **Young** - We're guessing 1-1/2 years old.
- **Mixed Breed** - Your guess is as good as ours. Boxer? Ridgeback? She is somewhere around 70 lbs.
- **Athletic** - LOVES, LOVES, LOVES to chase balls and is so good about bringing them right back to you. Comes with her own Jolly Ball. You need a hiking buddy? Look no further!
- **Smart** - really wants to please her humans. Has received quite a bit of training and she is doing really well including her leash skills. ****DAWG is providing FREE training to help her successfully transition into her new home. Her spay fee has been sponsored by DAWG.**
- **Affectionate** - Once she has burned her energy, she is ready to snuggle.
- **Kids** - She is young and she is strong, and would be best with older children. She gets along great with them.
- **Other dogs** - Some are okay and some not so much. A meet and greet will be necessary with any other dogs.
- **Cats** - They were put on this earth to chase, right?



Please contact the Douglas County Animal Shelter at 775-782-9061 with any questions or to meet this special girl!

PAWS OF THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT [Feb 2022 - April 2022]

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

- **SANDRA McANARNEY** for the generous contribution in memory of Tetsua (called Pretty Boy Floyd at the shelter).
- **CHARLES R. FLANAGAN** for another thoughtful gift in memory of Toby.
- **MARK & BONNIE DILLON** for a gracious donation for the Found Cat Program.
- **NIMBY FARMS** for the ongoing support for shelter cat adoptions & rabies fees.
- **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.



THANK YOU

FEBRUARY - APRIL, 2022

Bell, James	Keppner, Kelsey
Betts, Doris	Kirchner, Michael
Birnbaum, Betty	Lang, Nancy
Blackburn, Christine	Lee, Lonnie & Janet
Bohlman, Dale	Loeffler, Brad & Barbra
Brackett, John	Looney, Randy & Kathy
Brindos, Jeanette	Lopez, Lynda & Isidoro
Cage, Terry & Penny	Luetgerodt, Charle & Terri
Callahan, Don & Diane	Manfredi, Oliver & Roxanne
Callahan, Joe & Theresa	McGee, Mike & Sherri
Costa, Bill	Minner, B.A.
Craik, Virginia	Morales, Jonna
Denney, James & Sally	Morris, Maureen & Randy
Derrick, Marjorie	Muzzy, Lynn & Jan
Dibble, Deborah L	Noble, Steve & Corine
DiLaura, Charles	Nunnally, James
Doherty, Linda	Osgood, Sharon
Douglas, Kenneth & Sharon	Palmer, Richard & Glisson, Rhonda
Dragics, Michael & Carolyn	Philips, Peter & Rodriquez, Estela
Eckman, Patricia	Roemer, John & Liye
Evans, Al	Rosenberg, Mel & Dawn
Fujii, Ken & Sue	Salmon, Susan & Graham, Gayle
Glass, Patricia	Sanferraro, Joanne
Greene, William	Shannon, Annette
Hall, Donald	Sharpe, David & Patricia
Hamer, John & Linda	Streeter, Sally & Norman
Hart, Roxanne	Strehle, Richard & Carole
Hartman, Jim & Mary	TisBest Philanthropy
Hersey, Ann	Vickrey, Carol
Hoefer, Margaret	Villalobos, Jennifer
Holmes, John & Karen	Walker, Richard & Clyda
Jackson, Mariann M.	Warner, Wayne & LaVern
Jackson, Mark	Weller, George
Jane Duran	Wieczorek, Robert & Roth, Sonya
Johnson, Tina	Ziglar, Craig & Stacey

Donations with Dedications

Arce, Mona - *in honor of Elroy & Millie*
 Austin, Cindy - *in memory of Inga*
 Badgley, Gayle - *for the spay/neuter of a shelter animal*
 Brown, Susan - *in memory of Lilly & Bandit*
 Capton Snell, Terry - *in memory of Strawberry*
 Fernandez, Suzy & Rich - *to provide special medical care for shelter animals*
 Ferree, Diane P. - *in memory of Daisy Ferree: for adoption assistance of a shelter animal*
 Field, David - *in memory of Clark Postal & Nok Nok*
 Frager, June - *in memory of Rechie*
 Harris, Anne - *in memory of Robert (Bob) Allgeier: for the Found Cat Program*
 Johnson, Pamela - *in memory of Betty White and her kindness*
 Keller, Karen & Edward - *in memory of Donald Murdoch*
 Kent, Janet - *in memory of My daughter, Jill Kent*
 Kerr, Jennifer - *in memory of Dolly, Gunner, & Sam: to provide special medical care for shelter animals*
 Kimball, David V. - *in Honor of Sherlock (formerly Hondo)*
 Klesitz, Eric - *for Community Assistance*
 Littlefield, Loraine - *in memory of Teddy*
 Meade, Cheri & Jack - *in memory of Patches: to provide special medical needs for shelter animals*
 Middleton, Bill & Mary Ann - *Spay & neuter of a shelter animal & facilitate adoption of a shelter animal*
 Miller, Betty & Holt, Jeff - *in memory of Snickers the cat*
 Miller, Gail - *for special medical care for shelter animals*
 Patterson, Alice - *in memory of Janet*
 Paul, Sandra - *in memory of Chester, Cooper & Sasha: for adoption assistance of shelter animals & to provide special medical care for shelter animals*

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Donations with Dedications (con't)

Pellican, Mary K. - for Adoption Assistance for a shelter animal

Roberts, John & Kristin - in memory of Chico

Scarpaci, Wayne & Swarna - Trap & Return (in thanks to Eloise for her time, devotion & dedication in helping with their feral cats)

Southwick, Don & Susan - in memory of Robert (Bob) Allgeier

Stockdale, Susan - in remembrance of Robert L. (Bob) Allgeier

Tomlinson, Jean - in memory of Robert (Bob) Allgeier

Vaio, Gregory - in memory of Keepyr

Wadding, Bill & Jody - in honor of our darling "Smudgee" (kitten) whom we adopted 9/9/2021

Ward, Kenneth & Sandra - for cats' needs

Wardle, John A - in memory of RJ Lantis



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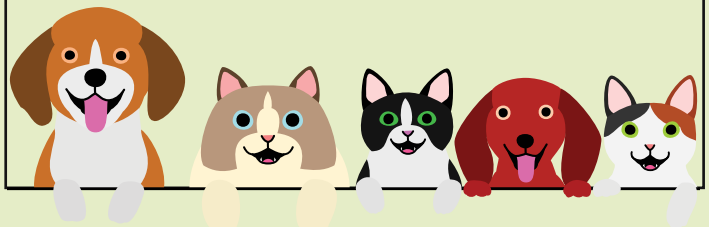
submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member

Regional Shelter Cooperation is a cooperative endeavor among local shelters in Douglas, Lyon, El Dorado, Solano and Mono counties.

This effort transfers animals from high census and kill shelters to low census and no kill shelters (high census shelters are those where animals are turned away due to lack of shelter space). This gives these pets a better chance of exposure and adoption.

All transferred animals are screened before adoption. They must have no major medical issues, and they must not display signs of aggression or have biting histories.

This cooperative effort was vital in moving pets from homes and shelters endangered by fires last summer. It also saves the lives of many animals and is a positive approach to animal care in our community.



**Friends don't let
friends wait in
hot cars.**



ADOPTION FOLLOW-UPS



SLATE (now DUKE) is doing super well. He loves my son so much.



BERNIE is fitting right in. He's a great cat and very happy.



PEACHES (now Ila) is getting along better with the other cat.



FRANKIE is doing well and is spoiled rotten. He sleeps on the bed.



BEATRICE is doing great. We may get her a playmate.



WILBUR is doing well and is a good cat.



RALEIGH (now BLUE) is such a wonderful dog that I rush home to see him.



CHEYENNE (now ALLIE) is wonderful and we just love her. My son brings his dog over to play with her.



ACE is doing well. Because he's deaf, he's working with a trainer who knows hand signals.



MOLLY is a wonderful girl and I'm so happy to have her.



SLEEPY kept her name as she sleeps a lot. She is doing great and loves her new home.



VALENTINE (now PRINCESS) is doing well and the vet says she is in good shape.



CHEWIE is doing really well getting along with my two dogs and fitting into our family. We are glad to have him.



SMALL FRY is doing great and we love her. She's getting used to our other dog, a Chihuahua mixed breed. She's adorable.



TYLER is a darling cat and we adore him. Our other cat has issues with him, but they are working on it.



ASPEN (now Scribbles) is doing great and jumps a lot. She gets along with our other (one-eyed) cat.



CALICO is settling right in. She had a rocky start because she does like to bite, but she's working out of that.



CHARLIE (now KNOX) is doing great and has bonded with my other two dogs (a St. Bernard and a Labrador).



LADY has adapted well. She is a wonderful, gentle, friendly animal. I work from home so I am always with her. She is good in the car. I have only good things to say about her.



MADISON (now POPPY) is doing very well. She is extremely smart and is loving life at my house. She's a very mellow. She's already doubled in size.



TESS is doing very well: she's getting along with our Lab/Border but there is a little jealousy. She snapped and growled at him when I was petting them, but we handled it. We have no qualms about leaving them in the house together.



STORM still has health issues but has an upcoming vet appointment. Other than that, she is fine.



LUNA is doing really well but she is still a puppy and I do have to remember that. I'm retired now and have the patience and the time. I love her. She's a good dog.



DENVER (now FINNEGAN) is doing well. He's happy and we're happy, and he's super smart. We have 3 cats who are enjoying antagonizing him. He seems to think he is a cat and we have a cat who seems to think he's a dog.



GIBSON is doing great and having a wonderful time. Thank God he loves the snow and it's hilarious watching him in it. He's no problem at all and fits right in. He's a handful but he is a puppy.



SAMPSON is raising heck in the house. He's a handful. He eats like a pig and has acclimated well. He considers himself King of the House.



LINCOLN is doing great with the crate training and he's good with our other dog. He's great with the kids 3 and 5; they like to nuzzle him.



ANNA is doing great. She and my other dog Sage are getting along really well. They are like peanut butter and jelly. She's a great dog and we are glad she is here.



MAX is just in heaven humping everything in the yard. He's uprooted 2 of my plants already but that's OK. He has 1.5 acres to run and play on. He's happy.



CLARK is a good dog. My husband says he cries when I leave for work. He gets along with my other dogs and he is friends with my Cocker Spaniel.



FLOWER (now **BUD**) is doing just fine. She's afraid of my cane. Yesterday she got up on the bed with me, so I covered her up and she slept all morning. She's beginning to trust me.



BEAR is phenomenal. He's a car dog! He wakes me at 6 o'clock in the morning with a paw and a soft grr to go out. Never barks. He likes to watch certain things on TV. Everything is good and I'm so happy with him.



HENRY III is doing great and is now Toby. He is doing well on his three legs and you would never know he lost one. He's very loving and is a sweetheart and a blessing.



AUSTIN (now **YOSHI**) is just awesome. He's infatuated with our other dog and he follows her around. We're working on the potty training and he has figured out the doggie door.



NICK had a couple of rough days at first but now he's doing okay. He and our older dog get along great. When Diesel wants to play and he doesn't, he puts him in his place. He's a really good dog.



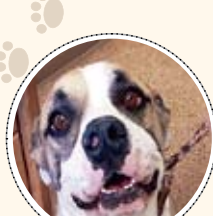
PEANUT is lying beside me right now. He sleeps on the bed with me all night. He rides well in the car and likes steak and hamburger! I wouldn't trade him for a million bucks.



FOREST (now **MAX**) loves to run around his huge backyard. We are in love with him but he does have a few rough spots, as he needs to get used to men. We're taking it slowly. My sis and I can nuzzle him and grab his face and tell him what a handsome dog he is, and he is good with that.



HONDO (now **SHERLOCK**) is just excellent. He's like a 4-year-old puppy. I've had to teach him everything: sit, stay, come, lie down and no. He wants to learn and is quick. He's so loving with people and I don't think he has a mean bone in his body.



DUKE is a wonderful addition to the family. I introduced him to my Banty Rooster that runs around the house, and they get along just fine. There was a mild food-related incident between Duke and my other dog, but I nipped that in the bud. Other than that one event, they get along great.



HAZELNUT is incredible. She loves her walks and is so well behaved: she doesn't chase other dogs and cats that we meet. She is comfortable at the house now and loves her squeaky toys. I do my own training and she is so eager to please. We're so lucky to have her.



BODIE is my new best friend. The first week was a little rough because he's afraid of men, but he's warming up. He likes to ride on my lap in the Jeep so he can look out the window. He sleeps in my bed even though my daughter sent me a puppy bed that says "Bodie" on it!



DAISY is doing well overall. When we met her, she was all shut down and it took her a long time to allow people to approach. She surprised us by doing a complete 180 when we got her home. She's full of energy and love. She sits on our laps and plays with our other dogs (Bonnie and Clyde).

ADOPTION UPDATE:

We are happy to report that for February through April, 2022, we succeeded in finding new homes for **35 dogs, 14 puppies, 20 cats, 21 kittens and 1 rabbit!**





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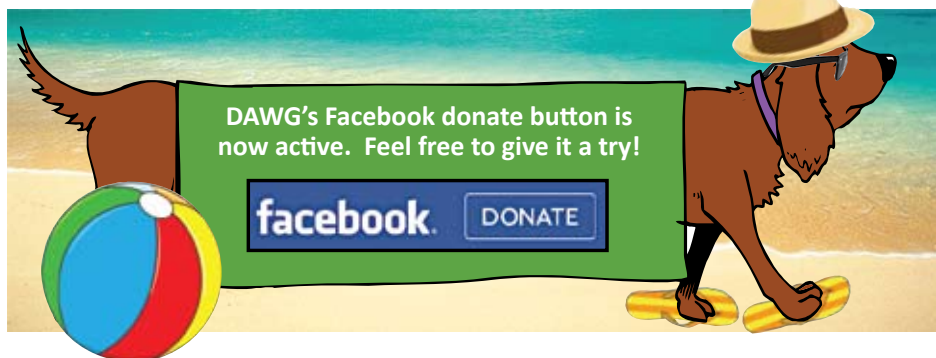
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