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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.



Harper Takes a Walk

submitted by Casey McClain

It's a beautiful Saturday morning and Harper, a four-year-old female border Collier lab mix, is waiting for her morning walk.



When DAWG member Maggie comes to Harper's kennel, she is excited about getting out. After the obligatory sit to be leashed up, she is out the back door and gives Maggie kisses on her hand in thanks. She's happy to be on her adventure!

Walking on the path behind the shelter she is fairly calm, taking in the smells on the breeze. She stops to sit before crossing Dump Road. Traffic can be pretty risky there for anyone crossing the road.

There is another dog running off leash, but she's not worried because it is too far away to bother her.

Harper gives a friendly nod to the cattle at the back of the fairgrounds before encountering two young men throwing a piece of plastic at a post with a little fence on top. Humans! You gotta wonder.

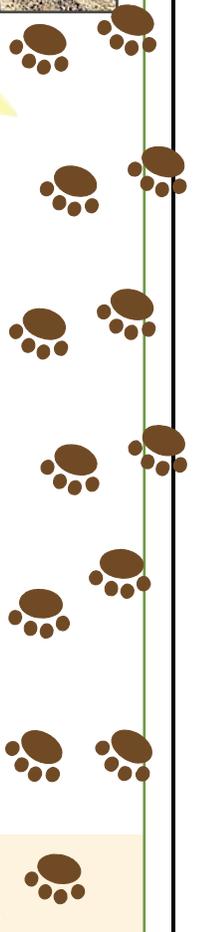
Back at shelter she sees Kathy and gives an excited greeting. Sometimes Kathy has treats!

Maggie lets her off lead in the yard where she gets a drink of water and then rushes to the shade of a tree to roll in the dirt. This is sheer bliss.

After a few runs around the yard to appease Maggie, she goes back to the shady tree just to relax .

Harper's not that upset when she's taken back to her kennel because she'll get a treat. She'll have another outing this afternoon and a chance that someone will come and take to her to her forever home. NICE! ❤️

UPDATE: *Harper has been adopted!!! After her long wait, she has found her new home.*





Grubby Goes Home!

submitted by Casey McClain

Grubby is a sweet young dog, about two years old, who came to the shelter as a transfer from the Washoe Tribe. He was very shy at first until he warmed up to the volunteers who walked him every day.

It became apparent after a bit that he was an escape artist and could climb fences. One of the volunteers taught him some agility moves, and he became adept at going up and down the bridge and through the tunnel.

Exercise is a great way to calm a dog, and agility stimulates the brain. With renewed confidence he became calmer around the volunteers and more accepting to the love they provided.

Grubby was eventually adopted and went to his new family that includes a Doberman pinscher that he can play with. He now feels the love and safety he deserves.

His new owners report:

GRUBBY is GUS now. It's wonderful the way he and our other dog are getting along. They wrestle together and it's so much fun to watch. He gets a big kick out of all the smells at the dog park. He really likes young kids. He's still hesitant about new people but no longer barks at them. We think his previous home was rather harsh to him. He's calm and walks great on a leash. He's an easy dog. ♥






ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE OF TEXAS

FIREWORKS PET SAFETY TIPS

- ★ **KEEP PETS INDOORS**
Don't bring your pets outside during the fireworks! Loud pops and booms could easily startle your pet and cause them to run away.
- ★ **PROVIDE A QUIET PLACE**
Prepare a place for your pet such as a quiet room, pet carrier, or crate to help them feel secure.
- ★ **GIVE THEM DISTRACTIONS: TOYS, TREATS, SOOTHING MUSIC**
Treat toys such as kongs filled with their favorite food may help keep their minds busy and distract them from the fireworks.
- ★ **MICROCHIP & ID YOUR PETS**
Your pets should always have proper identification tags, with up-to-date contact information. Microchipping is also strongly recommended and make sure that information is up-to-date too!
- ★ **WALK YOUR DOG EARLIER IN THE DAY**
Some pets may be too frightened to go out once the fireworks are popping and this will be a good way to tire them out so that they can rest better later.

WE HOPE THESE TIPS HELP KEEP YOUR PETS CALM AND SAFE DURING FIREWORK CELEBRATIONS.

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DAWG's Got Talent – or Will in the Future

Fundraising and donations are essential to DAWG. They enable us to provide important services that help both animals at the Douglas County Animal Shelter and animals in our community. Due to Covid-19 we had to cancel a major fundraising event planned for 2020. We're now talking about resurrecting "DAWG's Got Talent" in 2022. This talent show would be a community-involved event with help from the Carson Valley Community Theatre, local sponsors and, of course, some exceptionally talented local people.

The event will benefit the animals in our community.

More information to come!



A Cat Tsunami!

submitted by Eloise Reed

Everyone understands the expression, "When it rains, it pours". But have you heard of a "Cat Tsunami"?

It became apparent we were experiencing a Cat Tsunami when the Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) team responded to multiple pleas for help with TNR in a very short period of time. The desperate calls for help continue to this day.

Navigating a Cat Tsunami has frustrating challenges as well as happy endings. It is amazing how wonderful things turn out when everything falls into place. Take, for example, the call from 76-year-old Ulla, needing help to trap and find homes for a possibly feral momma cat and her 5 kittens. The clan was living under a shed in the back yard of Ulla's rented apartment. She could not have been more helpful with the situation. Although Ulla had never done anything like trapping before, her willingness to try was incredible. She did everything right to make trapping a success. Long before we started the actual trapping process, she started a daily ritual of speaking to the kittens in a soft voice and using a cooing noise to identify feeding times. All this allowed the kittens to become familiar with her. On the day of trapping, Ulla was able to reach down and pick up four of the five kittens with ease. It was incredible! The momma cat and the remaining kitten took a bit more time, but the first steps taken were a success. The next step was just as critical. We had a fabulous foster parent, Gwen, ready to receive the kittens and another wonderful foster parent, Casey, ready to take the momma. It doesn't get any better than that.

It is so awesome when residents can help US help them. After all, we are a limited number of volunteers that work and have families and preoccupations of our own.

Some situations are not so easy. We are dealing with several other situations and locations that have multiple cats and kittens. At one location there are possibly 50+ cats and many kittens. At this time, 18 adult cats have been caught and fixed, with 14 of the adult cats being female. That means several hundred kittens will not be born this year!

The need for help with TNR has never been greater! We need help with the transportation of trapped cats to and from the vet offices. We need help to foster the friendly cats and kittens. We need yards to permanently relocate some of the semi-feral cats, as returning some of the younger semi-feral cats to their original location might not be safe for them. And we need trappers! All these opportunities come with free training and lots of support from both the TNR team and other helpful DAWG members.

Please consider helping us prevent another Cat Tsunami by joining the TNR team. What a great way to spend your day, helping out the cats and kittens in need all while helping the community stay healthy.

To become a TNR volunteer, please call Eloise at 408-309-4625. To become a cat foster parent, please call Tondra at 775-790-1050.



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PAWS OF THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT [Feb. 2021 - April 2021]



THANK YOU

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

- **THE DAVE & CHERYL DUFFIELD FOUNDATION** for the much-appreciated Stay Pawsitive Stimulus Grant for spay and neuter.
- **JOHN & NANCY RICHMOND** for their generous grant from the National Philanthropic Trust in memory of Dr. Lance Gorrindo.
- **MARK & BONNIE DILLON** for their kind contribution for cats' needs.
- **NIMBY FARM** for yet another gracious donation to offset adoption and rabies fees for shelter cats.
- **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 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.

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Austin, Marilyn – *in memory of "Burgundy": a very good boy*
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Wellman, Mrs. Verne O. – *in memory of The 6 D's*
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Wilson, Roberta – *in memory of Willy*

Spay and Neuter Bonanza!!

Submitted by Alison Grey, Diana Furness & Gayle Youngs

DAWG's Fix-a-Family-Pet and Fix-a-Pit-Bull programs offer pet spays and neuters where the owners pay a small portion of the overall cost. However, the financial pressure exerted on Douglas County residents by the Covid crisis rendered many people unable to afford these important procedures.

This is where DAWG and its supporters stepped in to help. DAWG members made the decision to waive owner co-payments for all eligible applicants residing in Douglas County from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2021 (the "year of Covid"). In comparing this timeframe with that of the previous year, we saw an increase in the number of spays and neuters from 147 to 276, and in DAWG's expenses from \$15,459 to \$28,205. By waiving the co-pays, DAWG saw a loss of \$10,750.

DAWG wishes to thank the 108 donors who contributed \$11,120 for these programs through DAWG's Holiday Appeal letter. These donations offset the loss and enabled DAWG to afford the additional costs.

Also, we wish to thank Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital, Quail Ridge Animal Hospital and Animal Medical Services who all cooperated with us to provide these services while dealing with redesigning their offices to protect the health of their staff and clients. It was difficult, but they did it, and DAWG's eligible low-income clients were supported and served during an extreme loss of income during this critical health situation.

DAWG's Fix-a-Family-Pet and Fix-a-Pit-Bull program coordinators are very proud of the number of pets that were spayed or neutered during this time and what was accomplished:

- Many unwanted litters of puppies and kittens were prevented.
- More dogs and cats will be staying home and won't feel the need to roam and mate.
- There will be fewer pets kicked out of their homes due to territorial spraying.
- The incidence of early death and high vet bills due to cancers and infections of the female and male organs will be greatly reduced.
- People will have happy landlords since their leases require pets to be fixed.
- Fixed pets in Douglas County will live longer, healthier lives.

DAWG offers a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make this possible. Douglas County residents are incredibly generous and contribute so much to making our county a good place to live.





DOG ADOPTION FOLLOW-UPS



BONNIE is now Shiloh and is doing so well with us. She has settled in at our home and is learning lots of new things. What a smart girl she is! She has lots of new toys that squeak, which she loves. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to share our lives with her. We have fallen in love with this sweet girl.

DENALI is doing great! We renamed her KAIA. She is such a sweetheart and she's great with the kids.



LOW RYDER (now JAKE) is doing great. He's in the car with us right now. He's loving his life.

DUTCH has made huge progress in the last two weeks. He was very scared and timid of everything (I don't think he had ever been in a house before), and unfortunately most likely abused. As soon as he sees another dog Dutch gets scared and just freezes. He is getting better: yesterday was our first day at the dog park that he felt comfortable enough to get out of the truck. Our other dog is showing Dutch how to be a dog, if that makes sense. He's very sweet and gentle, not aggressive at all, just wants to be loved. He's a really great dog.



MADRA is crazy with puppy dog energy. This is our first puppy ever and it is a big learning experience. She goes to the door when she wants out and definitely gives us signals. Her name is Nova.



MAC is doing great. Fitting in with the family really well. Really good with the other animals. We have another dog and 2 cats. We're lucky that Mac doesn't care about the cats at all because they are not happy he is here, but they'll get over it. We've named him OZ. We were expecting a little bit of settling in time, but he is the perfect dog. Don't know who gave him up but we are grateful they did.



SHAMROCK is a Holy terror. I think she is Chihuahua and Goat because of the way she hops around. She sleeps under my chin. She definitely has me under her paw. The cats are getting used to her. She is one smart cookie. She's already housetrained. She has a forever home.

CONAN brings us so much joy. We absolutely adore him.



DOLLY is the love of our lives....a sweetheart....nothing but good. She fits right in. We love her so much she is part of the family.



CLOVER is doing amazingly well. Already potty trained. Named her SONA, which means "pretty" in Gaelic.



ABBY is right at home and just fits in. We have an 11-month-old Great Dane and they love to play around the house and in the yard. There are 9 children so she has lots of playmates. They love her and she loves them.

GATOR requires a lot of attention. I am working with him and getting him used to the house, yard and neighborhood dogs and he is doing as well as can be expected.



Cat Adoption Follow-Ups



SPIKE is doing well. He's very nice and is good with other cats.



SASHA is doing fantastically. The owner learned from the previous owner that she is really 13 instead of the 7 listed on her adoption papers. She is happy and the owner's 88-year-old mom loves her.



MARILYN and **NALA** are in separate rooms as they don't like each other. The owner is working on this.



MISTER is a conservative cat and stayed under the bed at first. He is confused by the dog, loves petting and is pretty smart.



ZINA is the best cat ever. Her new name is Lilly and she and the dog are playing together all the time.



MISSY CAT has been renamed Miss Kitty after the character in Gunsmoke as she is so feisty. She gets along with the dog and enjoys laps.



MAC and **ROWDY** are the joy of their owners' lives. They have renamed them Teddy (Theodore Roosevelt) III and Art the II. They are pistols who love and wash each other and sleep together. They are very attached to the owner already. The owner feels they were severely abused. They have very muted voices and when the owner took Teddy to be groomed, the vet thought his body was probably covered in bruises.



BOLT is becoming friendlier. He was very shy in the beginning and found all the hiding places in the house. He is extremely talkative. He sleeps in the owner's bed.



WILLA has a strange habit of chasing her tail and then yelling when she bites it. Owners are happy with her and she is their princess.



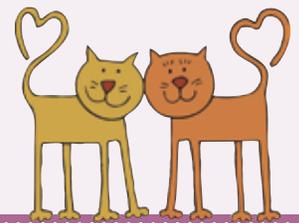
JILL is doing well.



JACK is a fraidy monster, but he is awesome. He adapted well to the dog. He's a crazy man.



CHARLIE has adapted well. He is a good friend.



DOGS & CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

at the Douglas County Animal Shelter, Gardnerville, NV

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



Lola



Storm



Rascal



Daisy & Baby Girl



Trixie



Mr. Charlie Kitty

Adoption Update: We are happy to report that for February through April, 2021, we assisted in finding new homes for **22 dogs, 6 puppies, 12 cats and 7 kittens!**

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.

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