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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.



New cat facility plans under way – stay tuned for how to help!

In our Summer newsletter, we reported that the Douglas County Board of Commissioners approved \$40,000 as seed money for a new cat facility to replace the inadequate and decrepit cat cottage at the Douglas County Animal Shelter.

Since then, we have made tremendous progress! DAWG member Bill Iverson, an architect by profession, volunteered to design the structure. As of mid-August,



*The front elevation of the new cat facility,
designed by Architect Bill Iverson.*

when this newsletter was being edited, we have an approved floor plan, a 90 percent-approved site plan, and a sneak preview of the proposed Cat Facility Elevation drawing.

In light of this progress, and the County's commitment to manage building permits and

to use Douglas County monies to purchase materials, the DAWG General Membership approved fund raising and contributing up to \$100,000 to help bring this new facility to fruition.

You can play a part in making this a successful project! Feel free to contact me (Kathryn.dodge@gmail.com or 907-978-7718) or go to the DAWG website (dawgrescue.com) to learn more about our fund-raising plans and how you can help.

Thanks to architect Bill Iverson for volunteering to design this facility; Scott Morgan, Assistant County Manager, and Brook Adie, Community Services Director, for leading the County's efforts to create this successful project; Shelter Supervisor Jena Sorrells, and DAWG members Tondra Vees, Mary Ann Middleton, Eloise Reed, and Shay Williams for developing the criteria for the facility.

What an amazing group of people we work with!

Kathryn Dodge
DAWG President





*A very happy Huckleberry and his people
Austin and Lexi.*

Huckleberry – home at last!

Huckleberry needed to get out of the shelter.

The boxer mix had developed 'happy tail syndrome' in which his constantly wagging tail hit against the kennel wall with such force that it cracked and bled. DAWG bought a Tail Saver to protect Huckleberry's tail, but it wasn't the best solution.

Determined to find the right home, Shelter staff and DAWG volunteers promoted Huckleberry through social media, ads and this newsletter. In time, the strategy worked!

"We had talked about getting a dog for a while, but we were waiting for the right time," says Lexi. "We saw Huckleberry on Facebook a few times, and then someone showed us the ad. We said that's it, we have to go get him."

It was a perfect match, she says. Camping is his favorite activity as he gets to wander around with his people and explore.

"We couldn't believe he wasn't already adopted, he's such a great dog. We joke all the time that he was waiting for us."

Huck's tail is healing, and he's gained some much-needed weight. At a healthy 85 pounds, he still thinks he's a lap dog. And he's still giving those Boxer hugs that made him a favorite with Shelter staff and DAWG volunteers.

"He stands on the bed so he's eye to eye with me, and he puts his paws on my shoulders in a big hug. He is the best boy in the world, and we love him to death," Lexi adds. ♥



Love and patience pays off with forever home for Milo

By Jackie S., Milo's adopter

We adopted a black German Shepherd back in January 2015. He was named "Rocky," and we changed it to Milo. He was about a year old then.

On the day we adopted him, we were told that from October to December of 2014, he had been adopted and returned to the shelter three times by three different people. He had been returned because he had bad separation anxiety and would get out of crates or jump fences.

As I was paying for the adoption fee at the front desk, the lady said to me "Poor guy, I hope he doesn't come back because every time he comes back, he's more traumatized."

I said to her "He's not coming back here."

The second day we had him, he tried to jump our backyard fence while my partner and I were on the outside of the fence talking. After that, we said "Oh, boy, what have we gotten ourselves in to?"

We worked with him for about 7 or 8 months. It was hard work, but it was all worth it! He turned out to be a very good boy. He's sweet, obedient, a lover boy, and a cuddler. He protects our house, his little chihuahua brother, his two Lab sisters and his two moms. His nickname is "Big Baby Huey." He is a happy and goofy boy and we all just adore him. ♥

Thank you so much!
Jackie

p.s. After the second day we had him when he tried to jump the fence, he's never tried to do it again. He loves his home. He thinks he's lucky, but I tell him we are the lucky ones to have him!



Milo and his 'mom' Jackie



Benny's shelter photo captured his adopter's attention

Benny gets adopted – with an assist from DAWG

Tina had no intention of adopting a dog the month she met Benny (now Ripple). A chance remark from her real estate agent about a shelter in Reno got her looking. She checked out dogs in Reno and in Carson City but didn't see the right fit.

"Then I thought, 'why don't I look at my own shelter here in Douglas County,'" she says. That's when she saw Benny.

Tina immediately filled out an adoption application online and went to the shelter to meet him. "I sat down on the floor, and he came right up, sat in my lap and starting kissing my face. I said 'you are coming home with me.'"

Tina wasn't discouraged when the Shelter staff told her that the cheerful chihuahua mix had a heart murmur, but she realized his medical needs could take a toll on her finances.

That's when Shelter staff told her that DAWG would cover the costs of Benny's annual echocardiogram through its Post Adoption Agreement program. "That sealed the deal," says Tina.

Post Adoption Agreements provide financial assistance for certain animals that are hard to adopt because of medical needs that may be cost prohibitive for some potential adopters. They are another way that DAWG seeks to better the lives of Douglas County Animals.

Today, Benny has a new name – Ripple – and his adoptive mom couldn't be happier. "He needed me, and I needed him," says Tina. "He is just a joy." ♥



Meet King: Looking for a "castle" to call his own

Playful, lovable and super-smart – that's how volunteer dog walker Jill describes King, a 1 ½-year-old Akita mix who has become a shelter team favorite.

"It took him no time to learn how to jump over the agility course at the shelter, and he walks on a leash very well! In my eight months as a volunteer dog walker, I would have to say Kingsbury is in my top three most favorite dogs!"

King, or Kingsbury, was discovered running in the Kingsbury Road neighborhood, which is how he got his name. Since coming to the shelter, he has successfully completed multiple six-week training courses and learned how to behave like the 'royal' dog he is.

A true water baby, King loves sitting in the kiddie pool in the shelter's play area, then shaking off to chase a few balls around the yard. While he loves human companionship, he is also good at entertaining himself.

King gets along well with large dogs, but shouldn't share a home with little dogs, cats or other small animals. He would do best in a home where he can get lots of exercise by going on walks and playing in the yard.

King lives life to the fullest and will bring lots of adventure and fun to whoever is lucky enough to bring him home!



To meet this handsome boy, call the Douglas County Animal Shelter at 775-782-9061



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Stray cats and kittens have a friend in DAWG

Since May 2016, the Douglas Animal Welfare Group's Found Cat Program has helped close to 2,000 homeless felines.

While some are stray or abandoned adult cats and kittens, the vast majority are kittens born to feral mamas. The Found Cat Program foster families devote a lot of time and effort to these little ones to make sure they are socialized and healthy before making them available for adoption.

"Fosters are the heart of the program and the reason we've been so successful," says Found Cat Program founder Tondra Vees. "They provide temporary housing, attention and love."



Scout, a stray cat fostered by the Found Cat Program, is now living her best life in her forever home.

"The fostering experience is very rewarding," she adds. "Nurturing a helpless, suffering kitten into a beautiful, healthy, loving pet ready for a forever home is so worthwhile."

New fosters will have plenty of support as they learn how to care for these vulnerable animals. DAWG covers all expenses such as food, litter, and supplies, and will coordinate and pay for any needed medical care. Foster homes must have a safe, adequate space that meets the needs of their foster kitties.

Once the cat or kitten is ready for adoption, DAWG gets the word out via Petfinder (linked to dawgrescue.com), social media, and special adoption events.

Although DAWG is teaming up with Douglas County to build a new, expanded cat facility at the Shelter, the need for fosters will continue. That's because the number of cats needing temporary homes will likely exceed the Shelter space available. (In July alone, Found Cat fosters cared for a total of 54 kittens!)

If you find a stray cat or kitten: Call the Douglas County Animal Shelter at 775-782-9061 and file a found cat report; if it is an older cat (not kitten), take it to the Animal Shelter or a veterinarian to check for a microchip. Animal Shelter staff will explain the resources available; if the best option is to seek a foster for the cat, they will refer you to DAWG's Found Cat Program, and DAWG will try to place the feline in foster care. If you can care for the found cat temporarily, DAWG can help with supplies, if needed.



HOW TO HELP

To learn more about being a foster for homeless cats and kittens, call DAWG at 775-267-7325 and ask to be referred to Tondra Vees, the program's manager.

Fancy Feast Kitten Pate, Purina One Dry Kitten, and Purina ProPlan Kitten Pate and cat litter are always needed and may be delivered to the Douglas County Animal Shelter, 921 Dump Rd, Gardnerville, NV 89410. Be sure the indicate that the donation is for DAWG.

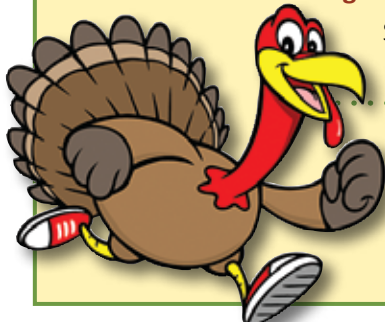
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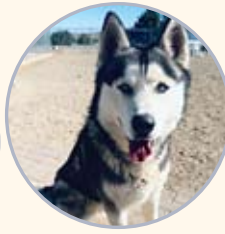
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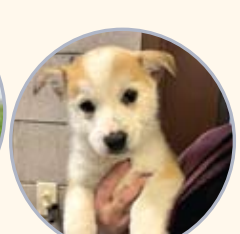
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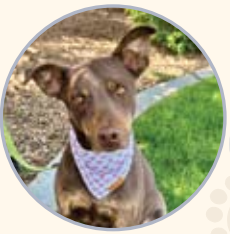


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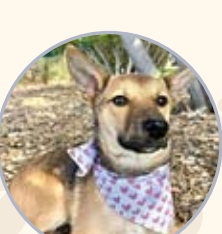


Federer

BECKHAM (now Wallen) is doing typical puppy behaviors and learning his potty manners. Bella, my 3-year-old Great Dane/Pittie keeps trying to put him in his place. **BRADY** (now Luna) gets lots of socialization and is being shown how to use the doggie door. She has started to play with my 13-year-old Pittie but the 15-year-old doesn't like getting her tail bit, so she's not very interested. Luna is very attentive and watches everything. **BRUNO** is sweet, calm, and mellow. We have another Husky who is a little over a year and they play well together. She doesn't want to leave him alone. He is just one of the family now. **DAISY** (now Roxy) has adapted very well but I don't think she was ever taught much. She is just like a teenager and has to learn what buttons not to push. We are looking forward to taking her to Guy Yeaman's class. **FALLON** is doing well. We got him housebroken, sitting, and staying and he has learned how to touch/nudge when he wants attention. He's become very cuddly and follows me and my sons everywhere. **FEDERER** (now Ruffles) is so good but he's also a little terror. He's getting better at being outside and going potty.



Fondue



Freya



Jordan



Lillith



Mesi



Mr. Big

FONDUE (now Oliver) has been a really good dog. **FREYA** has quite a bit of energy but our Italian Greyhound mix who is 7 has plenty of energy to keep up with her. She is doing well with the sit and off but stay is still new to her. **JORDAN** is a good healthy pup with lots of energy and she has taken to my other 9-year-old dog. **LILLITH** (now Timber) is excelling in everything. She's attached at my hip all the time. She gets along well with the kids (ages 15,14,11,8 yrs) and my Pittie X that we got 2 years ago. With the two dogs, it feels complete now. **MESSI** (now Piper) We got her lots of chew toys to help with her teething. She's super good and we like her. We've named her Piper. **MR. BIG** (now Biggs, or Bigsie) is definitely a part of the family. He gets along with Ariel, our 11-year-old female Pittie and is very respectful of our three cats. We're very happy to have him in our home. He's a keeper.



Nema



Nero



Noel



Nora



Rush



Sage

NEMA really is a happy dog who loves running around and playing with her squishy toys. She's doing really well. **NERO** (now Reno) came to us off-leash trained. He walks the 3 acres with me and always comes right back to the house with me. We just love him. We will eventually come down and get a companion. **NOEL** was originally my dog and I took her to the pound because she was too strong and pulled on the leash and would chase the kids when they got off the school bus to play with them. I took her back because I love her. **NORA** is a super, super good dog. She and our 3-year-old German Shepherd are getting along very well. **RUSH** (now Jax) I really can't tell you how great he is. I live up in the woods and he loves to go in the woods. He's met 12-13 dogs on our walks, and he is very friendly with them. Even the cats liked him when he first came in. Now my other dog, a Sheba Inu 13 years old, is waiting for him to go home. He doesn't act his age (13 years old). **SAGE** waddles, he has trouble getting up the steps and he's on 3 separate meds. Yet he got into the camper onto the bed and then onto the table. I had just lost my Chihuahua and didn't want a big dog so I waited 3 weeks to decide but I figured nobody else was going to give him a chance because of his age (Sage is 10).



Suki



Wally

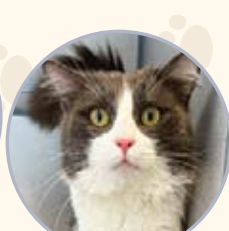


Weedo

SUKI (now Snuki) is doing great but has some bowel issues. Luckily, she is very housetrained. She loves the cats, and we think she is a very good dog. **WALLY** We love him to bits and he has a forever home. **WEEDO** It is like we have been together forever. He just got done with a nap. As a matter of fact, he enjoys naps. The only issue was that he begs. Now he goes to the end of the couch instead of sitting next to me but he still gives me the side-eye.



Asteroid



Baloo



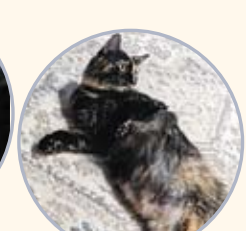
Bass



Butterscotch



Caramel



Cocoa

ASTEROID (now Bobcat) is a charmer. Recently he fell off a balcony but did not hurt himself. The owner loves him a lot. **BALOO** is the most wonderful, loveable, cat his owner has ever had in her whole life. I'm not a cat person but took him on the recommendation of a volunteer at the shelter. I would pay \$1,000 for him. **BASS** is doing fine. He is scheduled for vaccines and neuter. **BUTTERSCOTCH** (now named Nutsy by the adopter's daughter) was sick but is now doing much better. The daughter loves him. **CARAMEL** is doing really well. **COCOA** is the most awesome cat. Everything is going very well.



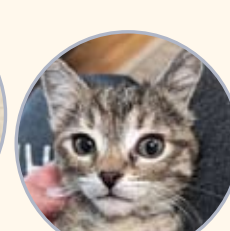
Dexter



Dora



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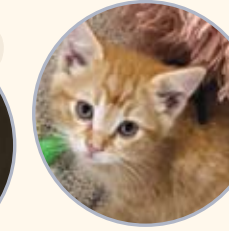
DEXTER is fantastic. It took him only one day to settle in. The owner's daughter is happy with him. Sisters **DORA** and **BROWNIE** are doing fine. **ELOISE** (now Chloe) is inquisitive and plays with the dog's fur and grooms him. **GOOBER** and **LUCY**. Goober had a fever of over 105 but is now out of the woods. The owner was up all night one night with him fearing the worst, but the Doxycycline seems to have worked.



Louie



Maple



Matilda



Misty



Oreo

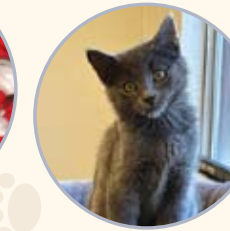
LOUIE is doing great. **MAPLE** is a lovely cat and is doing great. **MATILDA** is wonderful, we are glad she is in her forever home. **MISTY** and **CLOUD** (not shown) are doing great. **OREO** loves exploring the living room and the owner's daughter loves him.



Petrol



Sequoia



Trouble

PETROL (now Picante) is sassy and bringing lots of joy. **SEQUOIA** (now Missymoto) is growing and two times her original size. She loves the toys which were sent home with her. **SONNY** (not pictured) is fabulous and sooo friendly. He's a happy guy. The other two animals in the family have accepted him and all is peace and love. **TROUBLE** is doing well and has made friends with the Shepherd dog.

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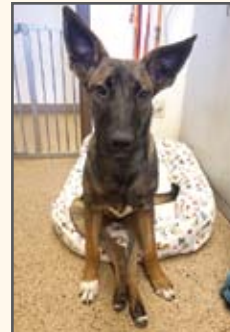
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Ophelia has grown into her ears!

*Ophelia as a puppy at the
Douglas County Animal
Shelter, and Ophelia today.*



In November 2022, when Ophelia was only 7 months old, DAWG financed a balloon valvuloplasty procedure for her potentially life-threatening pulmonic stenosis. Today she is a healthy 80-pound, energetic, much-loved gal living the good life in the Carson Valley!

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