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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.



Honey

Thank you to everyone who answered the Holiday Appeal benefiting DAWG's Shelter Medical program.

DAWG pays for the majority of medical needs of animals awaiting adoption at the Douglas County animal shelter with the dual goal of making them comfortable as well as adoptable. Sometimes those expenses are extensive (remember the 9-month-old Malinois Ophelia who needed heart surgery in 2022?); other times, all the animal needs is a special diet to fix what's ailing him or her.

Here are some of the animals we have been able to help because of our generous supporters.

Moses, a 12-year-old cat, came to the shelter after his person passed away and was depressed. Shelter staff realized the handsome gray cat needed dental work. Once the problem teeth were extracted, he began to perk up. Happily, he was adopted by one of the cat care volunteers, who vows to make Moses' golden years the best they can be.



Sampson, a 4-year-old Argentino mix, was a sweet big boy who thrived on human interaction, but whose itchy skin frequently bothered him. DAWG paid for him to visit the veterinarian, who prescribed a special shampoo. Sampson's skin issues went away – and even better, he found his forever home!

Huckleberry, a 2-year-old Boxer mix, loves to play and is a joy to have around. Unfortunately, when he wags his tail inside his shelter kennel, the tail hits the wall with such force that it eventually begins bleeding (the "happy tail" syndrome). DAWG bought a Tail Saver to protect his tail and give it time to heal. (Huckleberry was still available for adoption when this article was written.) ♥



These are just a few of the animals helped by the Shelter Medical program. In fiscal 2023, DAWG paid the medical expenses for 30 shelter dogs and 24 shelter cats. With the help of our caring community of donors, many more deserving animals will get the medical support they need this year.



Meet Your Big Sister

Pico (now Barney) hit the jackpot when it comes to big sisters.


From the time the lively little pup met Chloe the Great Dane, it was a friendship made in heaven despite the 100-plus pound difference in size.

“Chloe loves him,” his adopter said. “I find them sleeping curled up together like spoons.”



Barney was part of the “Fiesta Litter” – Pico, Queso, Nacho, Tamale, Chili, Asada, Mole and Carnita – born on November 8, 2023, and adopted from the Douglas County Animal Shelter in early January.

When Barney isn’t busy playing with his big sister, he is learning how to be a good future traveling companion for his adopter. He is currently learning German commands, with the possibility of doing agility and protection training when he is older.

For now, though, Barney is concentrating on puppy basics – come, sit, stay and play! 

Saving Chester: DAWG helps stray cat find his happily-ever-after

This article was written by Chester’s adopter and given to Found Cat Program manager Tondra Vees for publication in DAWG Unleashed.


A while ago, a cat appeared on our patio that we had never seen before. This handsome orange tabby cat was starving to death. His ribs were showing, and he looked so sickly. We could tell he was a senior cat by his shaggy coat and the way he was walking with his arthritic bones.

We started feeding him, but he never seemed to get full. He must have been a pet at one time because he loved to cuddle and be held. I’m wheelchair bound and when I’d go out to check on him, he’d hop in my lap and take a nap.

Then, I noticed a mass on the side of his face that was quickly growing. He got to the point where he was just lying in the same spot moaning, so I brought him inside and called Tondra from DAWG to try to get him some help as I didn’t have the financial resources to get him the help he desperately needed.

DAWG got him an emergency appointment the next morning at Carson Valley Veterinary hospital. Dr. Nick Mannon immediately took him into surgery after diagnosing him with a severe abscess.

After talking with Tondra, my mom and I decided that we would officially adopt him if we could just get help with the medical care needed to save his life. DAWG stepped up and paid for his medical bill and vaccinations so when we went to pick him up from the hospital, he was ready to get settled in his forever home. We named him Chester.

He is now home and thriving, his days filled with rolling in the tanbark in the sun, cuddling in a lap, having his belly rubbed, getting his coat brushed and downing as many treats as possible. Without DAWG he would not have survived, and we wouldn’t have this incredibly sweet cat filling our lives with so much joy. DAWG went above and beyond to give Chester his happily ever after in our home where he is absolutely adored. DAWG is an organization that makes such a difference in our community. Donations go a long way and help so many animals that would not have hope without them. 



Chester, safe, sound and taking a catnap on his adopter’s lap.



For the Love of Ellie: Adopter raises money for DAWG through Facebook Fundraiser

Kristen Tuell has been a fan of DAWG ever since she adopted her pup Ellie from the Douglas County Animal Shelter about three years ago. DAWG paid for Ellie's extensive dental work through their Shelter Medical program.

"That is something I would not have been able to afford," says Kristen. "For that, I am so very grateful."

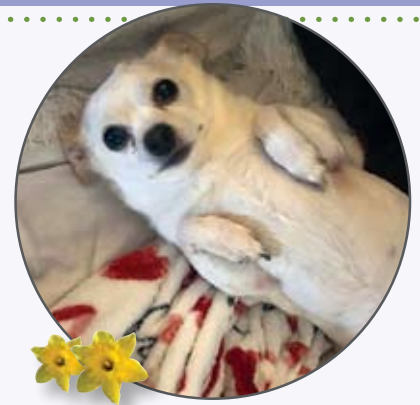
Last year, Kristen chanced upon the Facebook Fundraiser option and decided she wanted to give back to DAWG by "hosting" a birthday fundraiser on her page.

That year, she raised \$80. This year, she did it again and tripled the amount of donations that went directly to DAWG.

Kristen encourages other DAWG supporters with Facebook accounts to hold their own online fundraiser. "I found it (Facebook fundraising) by chance. If you put it out there, I feel a lot more people would do it."

To make your own Facebook fundraiser, log onto your account and enter 'fundraisers' in the search field (on the far left) or go to <https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers>. All proceeds go directly to the nonprofit. ♥

Thank you and Happy Birthday to Kristen!



Sweet Ellie relaxing in her forever home after being adopted.



WANTED



ADVENTUROUS DOG LOVER
who likes being outdoors,
chilling on the couch, and
getting Boxer hugs.

A Home for Huckleberry

If Huckleberry took out a personal ad, that's what he would write.

This friendly 18-month-old Boxer mix would make a great hiking companion, but he's also ready to spend a mellow day relaxing with his person. Just be warned – he may weigh 71 pounds, but he thinks he's a lap dog.

Huckleberry's likes include playing tug-of-war, fetching toys, and rolling in the snow. He walks easily on leash and loves being around people. He is not a big fan of cats, so it's best if he goes to a cat-free home. The shelter is a challenging place for him, as his constantly wagging tail hits against the kennel wall until it bleeds (the Happy Tail syndrome).

Handsome Huckleberry is just waiting to be adopted by someone ready to embark on countless exciting journeys together.

To meet this big-hearted boy, call the Douglas County Animal Shelter at 775-782-9061, or come meet him in person!

(Currently, the Shelter hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm., and Saturday from 1-5pm)

PAWS OF THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT [October - December 2023]



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DOG & CAT ADOPTION UPDATES



Asada



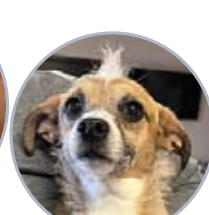
Blossom



Blue



Bubbles



Busy



Charlie



Chili

ASADA (now Bella) is a smart little girl. She doesn't like the snow. Our Lab goes out and Asada follows, runs down the steps, pees and then runs back. **BLOSSOM** (now Mila) is doing well, running around, playing, housetraining and all the usual puppy things. I have a 1-year-old and they play tug-o-war. **BLUE** (now Katrinka) is a very smart doggo!! We've discovered her love of nibbling at things she gathers off counters/tables and we are addressing those with more stimulating floor play with HER toys, quick neighborhood runs, and cuddles. We are so grateful to volunteer Jill for being the bridge to our latest adventures. **BUBBLES** (now Velma) is excellent. We have three girls ages 7, almost 6 and almost a year and she holds her own with them. **BUSY** For a little guy he is quite a jumper, two feet up into my truck, and quite independent. He barks when people are coming to the door before they even get there. He's a precious little guy and I am lucky to have him. **CHARLIE** (now Winston) has bonded with my husband and helps him pick up the apples in the yard. He sleeps in a crate from about 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. and he doesn't cry. **CHILI** is very playful. Our other dogs are still getting used to her, but they are older and crabby. Both kids play with her.



Coral



Nora



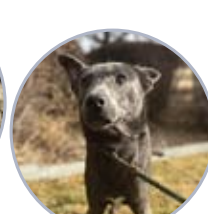
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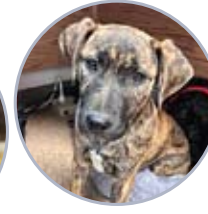
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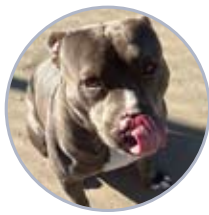


Frog



Goose

CORAL and **NORA** are both doing fine. They seem to be happy here and I am happy with them. **DIAMOND** (now Missy) has worked out perfectly. She took to us right away. **DUKE** (now Tucker) is great. We're working on his housetraining, but he is doing better. The vet thinks he is half Pom and half Corgi. He does look Corgi. **ELLIOTT** Our other dog is put out that he is here. Elliott sleeps on the bed and when he gets in my husband's lap, she moves to the other end of the couch. But they are getting along. **FROG** We live on a horse ranch/lavender farm, and he has met the horses. He has three other dogs to play with, so all is good. **GOOSE** is doing great getting along in the house. Someone had already done some training with her. I got her a crate and she was already familiar with it.



Groot



Gunner



Harvey



Hendricks



Jazz



Jojo



Lucy

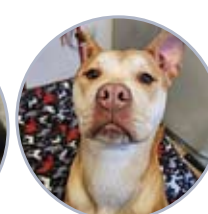
GROOT is great! Such a lover and bed hog. **GUNNER** (also Gunny) is so smart and he is loved here. Someone spent time with Gunner, he knows commands, is crate trained, and getting better with my very tall husband and cane. I think he has decided this is a happy place. **HARVEY** is doing well. **HENDRICKS** is amazing. We just love him. **JAZZ** is jumping on the counter but it's no big deal. We're being more careful. She's a cool dog. **JOJO** (now CeeCee) is really a little girl even though her paperwork says she is a boy. It's no problem that she's a girl. She's great. The cats were a little iffy about her at first but now they love her. **LUCY** (also Lucy-Loo) is just a little needy but then again, she is getting used to all our schedules. She's sweet and perfect.



Maverick



Max



MJ

MAVERICK (now Cosmo). We had to change his name because we have a 3-year-old named Maverick. He wasn't eating at first, maybe from anxiety of a new home, but he's fine now. **MAX** sleeps through the night and he mostly potties outside with few accidents. The children, ages 2 and 6, are enjoying the puppy. The 6-year-old is learning responsibility by being responsible for poop patrol. **MJ** (now Red) is no trouble. She is slowly learning the house. She loves to be outside to run and chase birds and squirrels.

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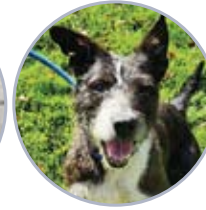
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Molly



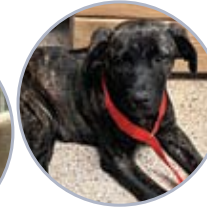
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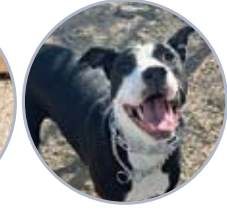
Nemesis



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Penny



Pickles

MOLE (now Ursula). Our lovely little Ursula is sleeping in my office right now. I sell real estate and we have a dog friendly office, so she is always with me. She has an older sister (a 4-year-old mini Aussie) and a 5- and 10-year-old to play with so she is happy. **MOLLY** is completely settled in and totally spoiled. I got her a halter for walking and have had her in the car a few times to get her used to that. However, her favorite (of my family's dogs) is a little Doxie that she plays with. **MR. BOJANGLES** likes to follow my sister around a lot. He and our Corgi get along well, and they go all over the yard sniffing and peeing. He likes his kennel, and he is crated at night. We really like him. **NEMESIS** (now Rosie) is doing well with the other little dog I have and there are dogs in the yards all around that she runs the fence line with. She's having fun. **ODIS** is starting to play around more and has lots of fun. We go on walks every day and I spend as much time with him as I can. He's energetic but I am kind of hyper myself, so it works. **PENNY** is awesome. Doing all the puppy things and adapting quite well. **PICKLES** He's very sweet and gentle with my kids. We are still having trouble with the potty training, so we are doing our best to figure that out. He doesn't like to go outside alone. Otherwise, he has been great for us!



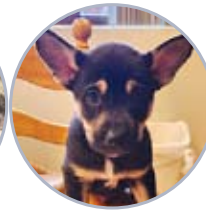
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Precious



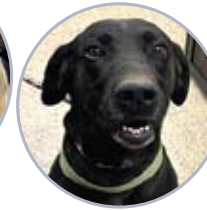
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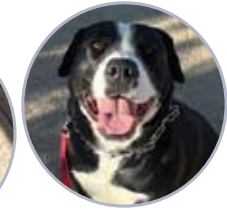
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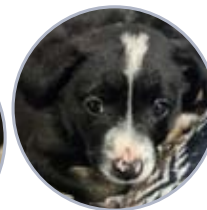
PIXIE is phenomenal. It's obvious she was trained before and it's all coming back to her. It's interesting to watch her adjust to home life after the kennel. It's like "OK... I can do that...it's OK." My 11-year-old daughter said that Pixie was the perfect name for her, so we are keeping it. **PRECIOUS** (now Nora) is an angel. I bought her a new bed and she ignored it and jumped up on my bed, so I put it away. She's a funny little girl with lots of personality and I couldn't be happier. She has a great home ... I promise. **PROSPECT** was readopted by his original owner and things are going well. **QUESO** (now Harvey) is pretty much fully potty trained, and he loves his crate. **RINGO** (now Nelson) is a wonderful little dog who gets along with everybody, and he feels right at home in a nice house with a couple of other dogs. We are so glad to have him. **RUGER** is the sweetest and really well-mannered. We have our two little royal pains, a Chihuahua and a Papillion. The older one went after him, and he ignored her. I work at home, so he stays in the office with me. He's actually for my 14-year-old grandson who plays with him off leash. **SOPHIA** is wonderful. She loves my cat and is good with my other dog. All the family dogs came to visit, and she was fine. She just fits right in. Seems like she's been here forever.



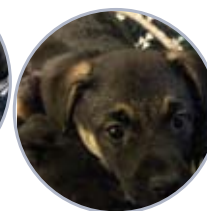
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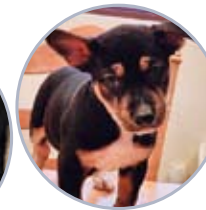
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Zoomer

SOPHIE They say it takes a dog 3 months to settle in well, but she's already there. She thinks about things and seems to have a presence of mind. She's a perfect fit for us. **STANK** (now Maverick) is so smart and almost completely housetrained. She is curious about things but she has a lot of toys so no problems. **STINK** (now Charlie) fits right in and seems to be very comfortable here. She goes on her pee pad, and she always goes out with the other dogs. **STUNK** (now Bala) is doing pretty well but she is chewing everything. She and our other dog who is 12 years old have started to play together, for the 5 minutes (the older dog) has. **TAMALE** (now Tinker Bell) and Cashmere, her older brother, get along well. She's a typical puppy and a good little dog. It's all coming together. **ZOOMER** He has taken over the couches and the beds and he loves comforters and snuggling. My dad and I want to take him out to parks and on trails, so we are going to be going to a training class. He's a good boy and I am happy I have him.





Ashley



Oscar



Batman



Blossom



Braveheart



Breanna



Casper

ASHLEY and **OSCAR** get along well and are doing extremely well, even though they drive the owner nuts. **BATMAN** and **TITO** (not pictured) are both doing great, their vet appointments are scheduled. **BLOSSOM** is doing fantastically. **BRAVEHEART** (now Willi) is 5.5 pounds of sassy cat. He has integrated with the other pets. His adopter is very happy with the shelter. **BREANNA** is a firecracker around the house. **CASPER** is acclimating well. He's very playful with the other cats and very happy.



Cowboy



Daisy



Darwin



Dot



Ed



Edd



Felix

Everything is going great with **COWBOY** (now Jack). The owner loves him. **DAISY** is such a loving cat. She is awesome! **DARWIN** (now Swiffer) is amazing. **DOT** (now Stella) is full of energy and is healthy and as happy as can be. She is the most spoiled kitten ever seen. **ED** is doing very well. **EDD** is doing very well and is fitting in with the kids and dog. **FELIX** is fantastic. He plays with the other cats and is like a parrot on his adopter's shoulder.



Fred



Halsey



Harriet



Heather



Hedgehog



Jack Frost



Jesse

FRED (now Leo) and George (now Tucker) are doing well. **HALSEY** was a gift for the mother-in-law of the adopter. She is very spoiled, and the mother-in-law sends videos to the adopter every day. **HARRIET** bullies the other cat but is slowly getting better about this. Otherwise, she is doing well. **HEATHER** is wonderful and spoiled rotten. She stopped hissing but is still very vocal. **HEDGEHOG** (now Mayhem) is absolutely wonderful. **JACK FROST** is doing awesome. **JESSE** is very smart and gentle. We love him to pieces.



Jenny



Jane



Josey



Leticia



Lily



Maria



Mikey

JENNY (now Sofia) and **JANE** (now Gia) are spoiled rotten. Their adopter sends pictures to their foster mom. **JOSEY** is amazing and is scheduled for shots. **LETICIA** (now Pancake) plays with the other cat. Everything is harmonious. **LILY** is fabulous. **MARIA** is doing fine. **MIKEY** is a happy camper. He's doing great. He explores and is curious.



Mikey



James Bond



Minnie



Miso



Morgan

MIKEY and **JAMES BOND** are doing great. **MINNIE** is doing great - eating, sleeping, and very playful. **MISO** (now Ozzie) is soft and gentle. The owner thanks everyone at the shelter for all they do. **MORGAN** is neutered and doing fine. He's happy and energetic.

(continued)



Moses



Patches



Penelope



Phoenix



Piper



Pumpkin

MOSES is awesome and a happy kitty. His adopter will make life good for him in the time he has left (he is a senior cat). He's a sweetheart. **PATCHES** (now Nala). Everything is going well. **PENELOPE** (now Mari) has had her shots and was scheduled for spaying. She is doing very well. **PHOENIX** is amazing. She gets along with the dogs and everyone else. She comes to her name and is very happy. **PIPER** (now Mia) is right at home. **PUMPKIN** (now Rosie) When her adopters brought her home, she walked in and laid down on the carpet and has been right at home ever since.



Punky



Sable



Spencer



Stanley



Tony



Walker

PUNKY is a delight! **SABLE** is doing great. **SPENCER** is good. He has an appointment for a wellness check. **STANLEY** (now Cosmo) is fabulous. He's a character who adjusted rapidly and fits right in. **TONY** (now Toulouse) is great. He has his vet appointment for shots. **WALKER** is incredible, the best rescue cat the owner has ever had. His adopter is in love with him, he sleeps with her. It took him only 24 hours to warm up.

ADOPTION UPDATE

We are happy to report that in November and December combined, DAWG facilitated the adoption of **33 dogs, 11 puppies, 6 cats and 57 kittens!**

YEAR IN REVIEW

The following information was presented to the County Commissioners by DAWG president Kathryn Dodge. DAWG's mission is to better the lives of Douglas County animals. This past year DAWG spent over \$200,000 and contributed more than 10,000 hours helping Douglas County animals. Specifically:

- DAWG Members spent 4,338 hours caring for the animals at the Douglas County Animal Services (DCAS) shelter.
- DAWG members provided care and assistance to 391 dogs and 300 cats that were adopted from DCAS. This included dog walking, providing care twice a day, cat care & socialization – 365 days a year – in all types of weather!
- DAWG Members spent 6,284 hours helping non-shelter animals and handling DAWG operations.
- DAWG co-hosted the 7th Annual Carson Valley Turkey Trot with the Cason Valley Food Closet. This event raised \$13,095 for each organization.

DAWG's financial expenditures for the animals of Douglas County included:

- Shelter Medical: \$50,238 in medical care for the animals that were at DCAS, including: wellness exams, dental work, senior exams, x-rays, surgeries, and post-adoption medical assistance.
- Community Assistance: \$42,309 assisting low-income Douglas County residents who needed help paying for their animals' veterinary care.
- Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR): \$21,732 to provide spay/neuter, vaccinations and minor medical for feral/community cats in Douglas County.
- Found Cat Program: \$21,562 to foster and provide necessary medical care to stray domestic cats/kittens pending admission or adoption through DCAS.
- Fix-a-Family Pet: \$16,564 helping low-income Douglas County residents spay and neuter their pets.
- Fix-a-Put Bull program: \$2,130 helping spay and neuter Douglas County Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes through our low cost "Fix-a Bull" program.
- \$5,840 to cover cat adoption fees and rabies vaccines.
- \$3,917 to incentivize Douglas County residents to adopt hard-to-adopt animals.
- \$3,551 for microchips for DCAS dogs and cats.
- \$2,081 to provide cat and dog food to Douglas Counties families in need (distributed by F.I.S.H. in the Ranchos).
- \$1,485 for post-adoption behavior training of DCAS dogs.
- \$600 to provide other assistance to DCAS including special food, cat litter, etc.
- \$492 to buy half the vaccines used to vaccinate the dogs and cats residing at DCAS.
- \$320 to assist Douglas County Veterans adopting animals from DCAS.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE GENEROUS DONORS WHO MADE THESE CONTRIBUTIONS POSSIBLE!



Turkey Trot FOR THE WIN!



DAWG Volunteer Cherie Owens with the booth showcasing adoptable animals at the Turkey Trot.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2023 Turkey Trot, from the 575 runners to the volunteer race route attendants who stood in the rain and cheered the runners on to the finish line.

The Turkey Trot raised \$26,030 – proceeds are evenly divided between DAWG and the Food Closet. Stay tuned for details about Turkey Trot 2024.



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Kitten Fosters Needed



Kitten season is here!

While cats can have litters at any time of year, the number of kittens born during the warmer months greatly increases.

In Douglas County, hundreds of cats and kittens need foster homes every year. We have a wonderful team of fosters and are looking for more to help with kittens of all shapes, sizes, and ages. DAWG covers all expenses including food, litter, supplies and any needed medical care.

For more information, call DAWG at 775-267-7325.



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