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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.



Elroy

Sweet, Loving Black Lab looking for his Special Person

DAWG will pay for most of Tank's medical needs and his diet dog food for his remaining years!

submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member



Dogs come to the Douglas County Animal Shelter for a variety of reasons! Many are adopted within a week or so, while some languish for several months. When Tank's owner died, Tank's world was turned upside down and he ended up at the Animal Shelter. He seems to be passed over by people looking for younger dogs that show well in the shelter environment. His age (10 years), medical conditions and weight work against him. The right person who can see beyond this will be rewarded by Tank being an absolutely sweet loving dog that gives love to every human he meets. He is a people dog and is looking for someone who will love him again. One adoptive family gave him a try and adored him, but unfortunately, he did not get along with their other dog. He needs a home where he is the only pet.



He is very housebroken and is microchipped and up on all his shots. He is actively losing weight but still needs to lose more, so he is on a special prescription dog food. He is also on high blood pressure medication, but it is hoped that issue will resolve itself as he exercises and loses more weight. He will walk with you anywhere as long as it is not too hot out, and he loves to play with a jolly ball (a new one is set aside for him for when he is adopted).

Tank will settle into his new home with sighs of relief and gratitude. He just wants to spend what time he has left loving on his new family in his new forever home. Typical of a lab, he loves to eat and doesn't mind baths. Throw him a jolly ball and you will be his playmate friend forever. Is there someone out there that wants a best friend for the rest of his life? ♥

GREAT NEWS!

Just as we were finalizing this issue Tank was adopted!

After all this time he is now with his new, wonderful, loving family in his forever home.

Hooray for Tank!



A Home for Gigi

submitted by Jen Northcutt, DAWG member

This is Gigi, one of my biggest successes as a DAWG foster. When I first got the call about this girl and her 7 kittens it was questionable if she would be an adoptable animal. I decided to give her a chance before resorting to making her a trap/neuter/return (TNR) cat. Thank goodness that I did. When I brought her home, she was terrified. This little mama was skin and bones, her hair was coarse, and her eye was infected. I made her a nice quiet kennel with her babies, and she immediately accepted a meal and a slow, gentle touch. Gigi became a little more confident and a little more friendly with each passing day. She was a great mama but seemed to relax even more once her kittens found their forever homes. At this point I decided to introduce Gigi fully into the house. She immediately hid under the couch and stayed there for most of the day, but again her resilience came through. She learned about dogs, became friends with the other cats, and began to play and act like a real cat! I still knew she would need a special adopter. She seemed to prefer men and could still be quite skittish at times. She would need time and patience to adjust to a new home.



I'd had Gigi for four months when Myles came along. He seemed perfect for her, a man with a quiet home, and experience with cats! He saw Gigi advertised on social media and something about her caught his attention. We arranged a meet-and-greet and Gigi promptly fled to her safe spot under the couch. I thought Myles would leave and that I'd have to continue my search for Gigi's happy ever after home. To my surprise, Myles stayed and talked to her and decided that he wanted the cat under the couch. His patience has paid off and Gigi is thriving today. He has the perfect home for this girl. Myles says, "She has come full circle and is such a sweet loving cat. She sleeps next to me every night and wants constant attention. She purrs and lets me rub her tummy. Wherever I am she follows".



Pretty exceptional for a cat we thought was potentially unadoptable! ♥



Found Cat Adoptions

Submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member

The Found Cat Program is a roaring (oops, we mean meowing) success!

This summer we have had several Found Cat adoption events at the Douglas County Animal Shelter, resulting in numerous adoptions.

These cats come to DAWG's Found Cat program due to lack of space at the animal shelter. The program arranges for short term care of adoptable domestic stray cats and kittens pending admission to the shelter.

We thank all the Found Cat foster parents for their dedication in caring for these needy bundles of joy and efforts to finding them forever homes. ♥



Our Volunteers are Our Lifeline!

submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG volunteer

We could not do all the things that we do to benefit the shelter and community animals without the dedication to our cause displayed and carried out by our volunteers.

DAWG volunteers exercise, socialize, trap and neuter, promote, foster, train, organize medical needs, set up adoption events, handle administrative tasks and do SO MUCH MORE! Everyone has a special gift and job to perform. DAWG volunteers are either at the shelter or working behind the scenes, performing a myriad of tasks 365 days a year.



We can always use more help.

You can utilize your special talent and help the animals in Douglas County by contacting DAWG through dawgmembership@gmail.com or by going to the DAWG website at dawgrescue.com and selecting "CLICK HERE TO RENEW OR JOIN DAWG".

We look forward to meeting you!



TOP 5

HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS

1. Keep Candy Out of Reach!



Many Halloween treats are toxic to pets. Chocolate can be dangerous or even fatal for cats and dogs. Sugar-free candies containing xylitol can also cause serious problems in pets. If you suspect your pet ingested something toxic, call your vet or the ASPCA Poison Control Center (888) 426-4435 immediately.

2. Avoid Dangerous Decorations.

Festive Jack-o-Lanterns and spooky dry ice certainly set the mood - but they can put your pet and home in serious danger. Flames used to light up the pumpkins can tip over leading to burns or a fire, while dry ice can cause serious harm to curious critters if ingested. Be mindful of safety when decorating!



3. Are Costumes Comfortable?

Trendy costumes may cause your pet unnecessary stress and discomfort. If you decide to dress up your pet, make sure they are safe and comfortable. Be sure they can see, move and breathe properly.

4. Use Collars With ID Tags.

Trick-or-Treating can either be stressful or exciting for your pets. This could lead to tempting behaviors for a playful run or worried escape. Be sure your pet has a visible collar with proper ID tags.



5. Keep Them Calm and Secure.

Halloween havoc during peak trick-or-treating hours can be overwhelming for pets. Noise, commotion, and strangers coming to the door could cause pets to be very nervous. Give your pets extra attention and keep them in a room where they feel relaxed with familiar background noises, such as a TV.



PAWS OF THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT [May 2022 - July 2022]



THANK YOU

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

- **THE HELEN CLOSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION** for the bounteous grant for medical expenses and other pet adoption and community service programs for animals.
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- **THE MARY E. SANDHAGEN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST** for the extraordinary estate bequest.
- **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.

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ADOPTION FOLLOW-UPS



BEAR is doing great and loves other dogs. We got him a wading pool and he loves that. It's just the basic things he needs to learn like to not pee in the house and jump in the vegetable garden (he's still a puppy). Right now, he has his head on my husband's lap: he thinks he's a lap dog.



PIPER is doing fine.



CINNAMON is great and growing fast.



POPPY and her good friend **FLOWER** are both doing fine.



MOLLY is doing wonderfully and settling in well. She's a great dog.



ZELDA has fit in so well it's as if we've always had her. She goes on hikes. She's not afraid to visit the horses and she doesn't bark at them. She actually rode up on the tractor with my husband. She has found her permanent home.



CAYENNE and **PAPRIKA** are doing great. They are wonderful and have fun eating and playing.



SCULLY doesn't like to play with other dogs but is doing fine.



MITTENS is doing well, running around and playing.



TAQUITO (now **STEWIE**) is happy as heck running all over the yard. He's not sure about so many people because I don't think he has been around many before. My sons love him.



TYSON loves to be spoiled and we love spoiling him. He's a great dog.



MERLIN is doing fantastically and getting along well with the four other cats in the house.



PETER is now **PETEY** and goes crazy running around the house all the time.



MAYA is beautiful and very smart and has been trained very well. She's absolutely perfect and so amazing.



RAYNA is now **SOPHIE** and is doing great. We haven't had her with any dogs yet because she gets very barking and upset when she sees someone walk by with a dog. My daughter has a very docile dog and Sophie will be on neutral territory and we'll see how that goes.



CALI is really sweet and we are doing just fine. My Grandson came over with his 1-1/2 year old French Bull Dog who is all vim and vigor and she wanted no part of that. She's starting to feel comfortable here.



BILLY is quite rambunctious and is doing all the puppy stuff. He knows how to suck up. His name is Loki, the God of mischief.



LEAH is good. We are loving on her and are excited to start her training and have her licensed as a Service Dog to help me.



BOOMER (now **SPOONER**) is doing really well. I bought a pool for her but all she did was put her nose in and take a drink.



LEILA is doing awesome. Learning and listening. We have a little Boston Terrier and they play and get along. Everything is going very well.



JACK is energetic and we love his personality, and he's a great fit for us. Unfortunately, he fell off the bed and required orthopedic surgery but is doing well. He's so sweet.



WANDA and her bud **BRUCE** are both fantastic and doing great. They are awesome. The owner appreciates being able to adopt them.



DENALI and our other dog run our five acres and have a great time. Her energy level is perfect and she is fitting in wonderfully. Her name is Bluey.



MIKEY is doing just fine. He is a great addition to the family and owns the house. He knows his name, is integrated into the family and is very entertaining.

Followup from a previous adoption:

HOBBS (now **JASON**) was adopted on Jan 16, 2022 at Betty Whites 100th birthday event. He is so good, gentle and learning to like car rides and chasing a ball. Thanks to Animal Rescue Relay for bringing him from another shelter.



ADOPTION UPDATE:

We are happy to report that for May through June, 2022, we succeeded in finding new homes for **26 dogs, 12 puppies, 18 cats and 92 (!!) kittens.**

Yowza!



• THANKSGIVING DAY 2022 •
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Douglas Animal Welfare Group (DAWG) and
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