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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.



Who Rescued Whom?

Submitted by Vernon Boyes, adopter

I am a firm believer God never made a bad dog.

Dakota and Isabelle are just two examples of senior dogs in rescues and shelters all over Nevada and the United States.

The joy of adoptions without puppy puddles and piles is just terrific... I adopted a 10-year-old bonded pair. I knew the day they came across my Facebook feed in 2016 that one day we would meet. My girl Cracker was soon turning 15 and it seemed the best way to honor her memory was to adopt an older dog. After reading about how senior dogs are mostly overlooked, I knew it was time to step up.



On February 1, 2017, the adoption process had been completed and I brought Dakota and Isabelle home. Oh, what fun was to be had with them. They were introduced to their backyard first. They had absolutely no interest in their house. Exploring was the word of the minute and they did just that. Eventually, the three of us made it into the house. They were given treats and fresh cold water, and the inside adventure started. Eventually, their energy level calmed, and I lifted them up on their couch for a rest period. Totally unsure about the couch, I told them to STAY and they plopped down and were never outside dogs again. Unless, of course, they wanted to be.

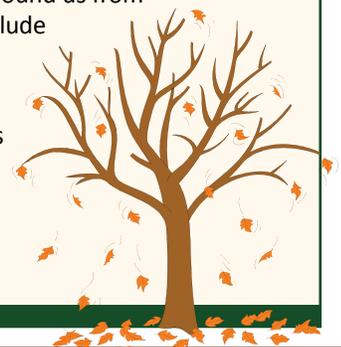
We began our Get To Know Each Other process with long walks at Silver Saddle Ranch, running around inside fenced hay fields, swimming in ditches and walking along the river. They are also really fascinated with cows. Eventually, we outgrew Silver Saddle and started exploring Public Lands. We hiked 5 miles together every morning. Rabbits, sagebrush jumping, deer and wild horses. And the occasional confused coyotes. My girls were and still are fascinated with everything. Not knowing everything about their time before me, I think their exposure to the outside world was limited. It was my goal to make up for that. The girls are full of life, full of love and full of wonder as the world seemed to open up for the three of us.

Eventually, car rides became less and less scary. Dakota has been my co-pilot for 4 years and 5 months now. Isabelle prefers the back seat. She sits right in the middle of the seat, and I can always see her watching everything around us from the rear-view mirror. Rides around Washoe Lake always include a stop outside a Bed and Breakfast for deer-watching off Eastlake Boulevard.

This just barely scratches the surface of the incredible times I have with my senior, bonded pair rescues.

Who rescued whom.....?

I suspect they rescued me. And I am grateful. ♥





DCACS Boards Pets from Tamarack Fire

Submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member

Amid the organized chaos of the Tamarack fire evacuations, the Douglas County Animal Shelter was there to provide sanctuary for 44 animals: 41 dogs, 2 horses and 1 cat.

The shelter went through one large bag of dog food a day. They were able to keep up the demand with the help of surrounding counties, the Washoe Tribe and public donations.

One little soul who had given birth to 6 puppies (3 females and 3 males) two days before her evacuation stood out in the crowd. Bella, a sweet corgi mix , let her maternal instincts take dominance over her fear and anxiety to care for her babies. She will stay with her pups until they are weaned and adopted to families of their own, and then this courageous little girl will be available for adoption to another lucky family. ♥

For the Love of Kittens

Submitted by Tondra Veas, DAWG member

Babies are adorable, and kittens are no exception. They're fluffy balls of cuteness with boundless energy, spending playful, carefree days with no worries at all...a blissful, fun life!

How we wish this was always the case but sadly, for some young ones born outdoors, mama kitty disappears, perhaps killed by a predator, leaving her helpless newborn kittens alone and destined for an inevitable demise...unless a caring person comes to the rescue!

Kittens up to 5-6 weeks of age are completely dependent on their mother. Without her, their only chance of survival is with another lactating cat willing to nurse them (rarely found) or a bottle-feeding human foster. Bottle feeders are hard to come by and currently DAWG has only a couple of these uniquely qualified volunteers.

One of our young DAWG members, Savannah, is a skilled and committed bottle-feeder who has saved many precious lives in recent years. This amazing young lady balances school and other obligations with fostering and bottle feeding, devoting much of her time and expertise to these tiny, orphaned babies. As with human babies, it's an around the clock commitment and labor of love but also incredibly rewarding. On any given day while fostering, you can find Savannah cuddling and nurturing a little one, providing lifesaving nourishment, and just as important, the human touch, love and socializing needed for these kittens to thrive and become adoptable. Time and time again, Savannah and other bottle-feeders rescue vulnerable kittens from an early, untimely death and help them to become healthy, playful, loving kitties ready for their forever home. We can't thank these incredible volunteers enough for what they do!



Here's our dilemma - we desperately need more bottle-feeders and ask that you please consider this wonderful volunteer opportunity. The couple of volunteers we have can't possibly take in the many orphaned kittens that come our way. Training will be provided, and DAWG covers all expenses, including medical care, food and supplies. Please contact us at 775-901-6434 if you are interested in helping these precious babies. ♥



Something New in Carson Valley

Submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member

**Your pet has given you and your family
years of joy and unconditional love.**

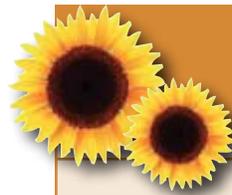
We understand how deeply you love your
pets and how much they mean to you.

Eastside Pet Memorial Garden is a new
addition to Douglas County pet services.
It is a beautiful-designed cemetery that is
specially created to honor your pet's memory.

Located in the Johnson Lane area, this
quarter-acre landscaped grassy area includes
a walkway and bench for people to enjoy
while visiting and remembering their pets.

This is a great option for a final resting place
for your pet.

More information may be found at
eastsidememorialpark.com.



FIX-A-PIT-BULL

Submitted by Leslie Morefield, DAWG member

**Do you or someone
you know reside in
Douglas County and
have a "Pit Bull" or
blocky-headed dog
that isn't spayed
or neutered?** We
encourage you to
use our low-cost
program called
"Fix-a-Pit-Bull"



to get your dog fixed. For \$25, proof of residency and
confirmation your dog is a Pit or Pit mix, DAWG will pay for
the spay or neuter (dogs must be 6 months or older). 56
"Pitties" were fixed through this program last year.

Shelters across the country are full of Pit and Pit mixes
waiting to be adopted. Unfortunately, these dogs are up
against societal misbeliefs and falsehoods regarding this
breed, and they face extended shelter stays due to tough
odds for placement. Worse, they are often the first breed
euthanized in kill shelters. We encourage you to do your
part to use our spay and neuter program to help reduce the
number of Pitties that end up in shelters. Altering animals
can also reduce behavioral problems, making pets better
companions and neighbors.

Please call or text 775-790-7666 for more information or to
set up an appointment.



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dogs through smoke, heat and Covid.

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- **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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PET FIRE SAFETY



The best way to protect your pets from the effects of a fire is to include them in your family plan. This includes having their own disaster supplies kit as well as arranging in advance for a safe place for them to stay if you need to leave your home.



When you practice your escape plan, practice taking your pets with you. Train them to come to you when you call.



In the event of a disaster, if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them, too. But remember: never delay escape or endanger yourself or family to rescue a family pet.



Keep collars on pets and leashes at the ready in case firefighters need to rescue your pet. When leaving pets home alone, keep them in areas or rooms near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.



Affix a pet alert window cling and write down the number of pets inside your house and attach the static cling to a front window. This critical information saves rescuers time when locating your pets. Make sure to keep the number of pets listed current.

DOG Adoption Follow-Ups



CHEETO is doing very well. She has no one to play with right now but I take her to socialize with a friend's dog. We've named her Number One and just call her One. She's very well loved.

KAI tries to do good but he is a pup. He's a good little dog. I had the same problem with my last dog; he had been starved and beaten. Kai's here with me and we are going to work it out. He's my buddy.



LOLA is now Luna. My other dog doesn't understand why I've brought this young dog into our home. I gave her too much freedom and she did a lot of damage. I forgot what it was like to have a puppy.

She is doing well and adjusting, but I am aware of her anxiety. Someone has already trained her using the same hand signals that I use. 100% of my time is dedicated to the dogs and making this work.

LILAH'S new name is Amber and she learned it right away. Both kitties are fine with her because she leaves them alone. The female is a little shy and the male wants to snuggle with her in the worst way, but Amber isn't quite sure about that. We have lots of people doing work on our property and Amber gets to meet them all. We both love her.



MAX is doing well. His challenge is that he was abused. He's friendly with people but cringes at movement. If something is not quite right, he

runs. I'm pretty sure what he needs right now is stability and learning to trust. He is responsive and learns quickly. People are his priority. I am really enjoying him.

HARPER is doing so well and we love her. She is well-trained and well-mannered. She doesn't like men and seems to be very protective: If she can come up to them, she is fine but otherwise she is aggressive. When dogs come to our fence and bark at her she ignores them but on TV at Westminster she barks at them. She is a fast learner.



MAGIC did very well with us. Yesterday she went back to the breeder. The Executor had specific instructions and money about the dog and they somehow were not followed. She was absolutely lovely and we would have kept

her but we only had her for a week. Such a dear little thing, mostly blind, mostly deaf, but when she heard the familiar voices she started to get excited and then started to lick. I'm honored to be part of her rescue.

COACH is doing great and acclimating very well. I take him to my brother's and he plays with his dog. It's crazy the number of commands he already knows. Someone has trained him really well. He's staying.



RUFUS is doing great. He is an only child, but we are visiting Auntie in So Cal who has a Boston Terrier and they play together. We're working on his possessiveness. Rufus keeps taking the Boston's toys, but he really doesn't care so it is not an issue. We've learned he is very vocal when he wants something.

CALLIE is wonderful. She knows quiet time and energy time. I only had to work on her barking at the door, but the shaker can has been quite successful. I can't believe that someone gave up this dog. She is whistle-trained and her response is like lightning. She has a whole talking thing going on. The mouth moves but nothing comes out. She is too cute. I love her and she is all mine.



ECHO is doing amazingly well. When I met him, my gut told me was a good dog. No trauma, no aggression. And how quickly he learns. I show him 3 times and he gets it. He's the first German Shepherd I've had, and I am impressed. He is outstanding. I did a slow integration with my other two dogs and now they are all besties.

RIO is doing really well.



SKY is now Daisy. She is sleeping on the couch next to us. She peed in the house the first couple of days, but I think that was from anxiety and she's fine now. Her older brother Chewy looks identical to her and they both have the same sweet temperament. We have a lot of property and they run and play. They do really great together.

ZORRO We had taken 2 dogs in from someone and then we had to surrender them to the shelter. One did OK but Zorro didn't, so we went and got him back. He is doing well now.



CHARA is the best. The first couple of days she was scared but now she follows us around. We love her and she has a forever home.

TESS is Layla now, after Layla Ali, and she is doing great. She's skittish about going outside and is quite heavy so we wonder if she was always kept inside. She's a lovely dog with a good temperament. Since she was older and we know a lot of people only want puppies and young dogs, we didn't want anything to happen to her once we saw her online.



MILA is a good girl and doing well. We are working on getting her to stop barking at all other dogs. She was around a friend's 3-year-old baby who played with her and laid on her and Mila loved it (we closely monitored the interaction, of course). She has discipline and love and all the things she needs. We intend to keep her.



ADOPTION UPDATE:

We are happy to report that for May through July, 2021, we succeeded in finding new homes for **22 dogs, 7 puppies, 12 cats, 32 kittens, 1 chicken and 1 turtle!**

CAT Adoption Follow-Ups



ADA had an infection but has been to the vet and is doing well.



DRIZZLE is doing fine.



RAIN assimilated well and loves the children. She is wonderful.



MR. CHARLIE KITTY was adopted as a playmate. He is a good addition.



BERNIE is a great cat and making his owner very happy.



BUD has had his name changed to Roscoe. He fits right in.



CLOUD is doing great and ruling the house and ruling over the Yorkies. The owner recommends to all her friends to adopt from the shelter.



DAVY is a sweet kitty and is now called Marcus. He is good natured. The owner is putting up a fence with anti-coyote rollers to protect him.



BABY GIRL (now Ruthie) and **DAISY** (now Charley) are so happy in their new home together!



ANDY is renamed Pierre. He is doing good and getting along with the 2 dogs. He is the best kitten the owner has ever had.



PRUDENCE is now Precious and is a great kitty, putting on weight and taking over the house. She is friendly.



SMUDGE is now Pinto Bean. He's the third cat the owner has adopted from the shelter. He is a sweetie.



PIXIE is amazing and we love her. She is growing like crazy. She is adorable. We're very happy.



RIO has very satisfied owners. He has adjusted well to the house; it was an easy process.



STORM is great. Adopting from the shelter is the best decision the owner ever made.



TRIXIE's owner feels it was a match made in heaven. She is the sweetest thing.



DARA is now Belle and **GEM** is Lillie, named after the owner's deceased mom. The owner feels she hit the lotto with these two who are spoiled rotten, and she is very impressed with the shelter. She is going to leash train them.



BLOSSOM turned out to be a he. **ASHER** is with him and they are awesome.



SPARKLE has grown a lot and is a good cat.



JESSIE is doing great.



RASCAL is amazing and is doing fantastically well. He is not a cat, but a dog...he is more potty-trained than the dog. He is a great addition to the family.



LUVIE came to the shelter because her owner was ill and feared she couldn't care for her. However, after a day she brought her back home and all is well. She and Luvie are doing great.



LUCY is good, but LAZY. She does nothing, but the owner loves her.



KLEIN is a great cat and is lots of fun.



NOIRE is good and pretty smart. She is outgoing and walks on a leash.



KING is a good little cat and a great addition.



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