



# DAWG Unleashed

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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.*



**Brody**

## YEAR IN REVIEW

*DAWG's mission is to better the lives of Douglas County animals. Here is a summary of how we worked toward that goal in 2024.*

***Thank you to all the donors and volunteers who helped make this happen!***



### People Power!

- Shelter volunteers spent 4,068 hours caring for the animals at Douglas County Animal Services (DCAS).
- DAWG members spent over 4,700 hours administering and managing our programs and almost 7,000 hours caring for non-shelter animals (fostering, trapping, transporting, etc.).
- DAWG members provided care and assistance to 213 dogs and 345 cats that were adopted from DCAS. This included activities such as dog walking (365 days a year in all kinds of weather!), cat care and socialization, and fostering.

### Community Outreach

- Co-hosted the 7th Annual Carson Valley Turkey Trot with the Carson Valley Food Bank.
- Produced "DAWG's Got Talent" fundraiser, raising \$25,000 to help Douglas County animals.
- Launched a fundraising campaign to help pay for the new DCAS Cat Cottage and raised \$34,098 in 2024 (our goal is to raise \$100,000).

### Investing in Animals and the People who love them

#### DAWG spent:

- \$66,400 assisting low-income Douglas County residents who needed help paying for their animals' veterinary care through our "Community Assistance" program.
- \$35,300 to foster and provide necessary medical care for 264 stray domestic cats/kittens pending admission or adoption through DCAS. This service was provided through our "Found Cat" program.
- \$35,100 providing medical care for animals that were at DCAS, including: wellness exams, dental work, senior exams, x-rays, surgeries, and post-adoption medical assistance through our "Shelter Medical" program.
- \$24,400 for our "Trap, Neuter and Return" program (TNR), which provided spay/neuter, vaccinations and minor medical for 284 feral/community cats in Douglas County.
- \$17,100 to incentivize Douglas County residents to adopt hard-to-adopt animals.
- \$16,790 helping 180 low-income Douglas County residents spay and neuter their pets through the "Fix-a Family Pet" program.
- \$8,200 to cover cat adoption fees and rabies vaccines.
- \$5,470 for the purchase of microchips for DCAS dogs and cats.
- \$4,960 to provide cat and dog food to Douglas County families in need (distributed by F.I.S.H. in the Ranchos).
- \$2,838 for post-adoption behavior training of 11 former DCAS shelter dogs.
- \$2,764 helping spay and neuter 17 Douglas County Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes through our low cost "Fix-a Bull" program.
- \$1,130 to assist Douglas County Veterans adopting animals from DCAS.
- \$920 to buy half the vaccines used to vaccinate the dogs and cats residing at DCAS.

*This information was provided to the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners by DAWG President Kathryn Dodge.*



# Found Cat Program

Please call DAWG for Help! (775) 267-7325

**Douglas Animal Welfare Group's (DAWG) Found Cat Program** places stray cats and kittens (not feral) in temporary foster homes pending adoption or admission to the Douglas County Animal Shelter.



DAWG has helped thousands of homeless cats and kittens since the Found Cat program was established in 2016.

New foster homes are needed! DAWG covers all expenses and is there to provide training and answer any questions.



If you have it in your heart to help homeless cats while they await their forever home, please call DAWG at 775-267-7325.



If you find a stray cat or kitten, call the Douglas County Animal Shelter, 775-782-9061.



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County Officials, DAWG members and representatives from CORE Construction and TSK Architects at the December 19 County Commissioners meeting.

## Cat Cottage campaign off to bright start

The future is looking bright for Douglas County felines as support for the new Cat Cottage at the Animal Services shelter continues to grow.

In December, the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners announced that CORE Construction is donating the labor to build the cottage, which at about 1,000 square feet will be three times bigger than the current temporary

structure. In addition, TSK Architects donated their services to finalize project drawings. The initial design work was done pro bono by architect, and DAWG volunteer, Bill Iverson. Construction is expected to start later this year.

In the meantime, DAWG launched the "Feed the Kitty" campaign to raise \$100,000 to help pay for building materials. As of March 15, we are two-thirds of the way there! Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

Support at the following levels will be recognized on the donor wall at the new Cat Cottage, in our newsletter and on our website:

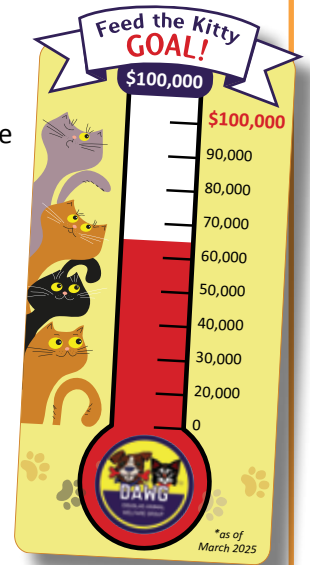
**Top Cats (\$20,000) • Cat Champions (\$10,000) • Purrfect Pals (\$5,000) • Feline Friends (\$1,000)**

Of course, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Pamela Johnson, whose offer to match up to \$2,500 in donations was a huge success!

To make a donation online, go to [bit.ly/CatCottageDonation](http://bit.ly/CatCottageDonation). Checks may be mailed using the envelope in this newsletter, or directly to DAWG, PO Box 1850, Gardnerville, NV 89410.

If you have any questions or fundraising suggestions, reach out to me at [Kathryn.dodge@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.dodge@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
Kathryn Dodge, DAWG President



## From feral kitten to a Lab's best friend

*By Pongo's adoptive mom*

Our sweet little boy Pongo has been the perfect addition to our growing family. We had been waiting for years for the right moment to get a pet. Upon the news that we would be receiving a puppy, we decided to also adopt a kitten, with the hopes of raising them together as friends.

I was looking at rescue signs when I noticed the posting for a little feral rescue named Pongo. One of my favorite movies growing up was "101 Dalmatians," so I messaged his foster mom for a meet up.

We loved his playful attitude and how fast he took to my fiancé, so we took him home the next day.

Pongo was timid at first, but who wouldn't be after entering a new home with strange people? We played, cuddled, and fed him by hand every day for three weeks straight until we got Cash.

Cash, our 30-pound black lab puppy, immediately wanted to be friends and play with Pongo. Pongo wasn't a fan at first but now waits every day for us to come home so he can play with his friend. The gentle puppy will even share his food and bed with Pongo.

I love how far our little rescue has come and can't wait to see how he continues to grow! ♥



Pongo and Cash ready for a car ride.



# PAWS OF THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

[ October - December 2024 ]



We wish to acknowledge the following special donations:

- **APPLEGATE-MACDONALD FAMILY TRUST** for their generous donation.
- **STEVE AND SANDY BOLGER** for their steadfast support of DAWG.
- **KAREN CRANDALL** for her kind contribution.
- **DIANNE EDMONDS** for all she does for the health and well-being of shelter cats.
- **EJW CHARITABLE FOUNDATION** for promoting the adoption of shelter animals into loving homes.
- **FLAIG FOUNDATION** for a much-appreciated grant in support of DAWG.
- **RICH AND SUSAN GROSCH** for remembering Tessa by helping Douglas County animals.
- **SUZANNE JOHNSON** for championing the needs of felines.
- **BEN AND CLAUDIA JUSTUS** for honoring the memory of Jonathon, Woody and Dottie by supporting the new Cat Cottage project.
- **LISA MAGNOTTA** for her heartfelt contribution to our Holiday Appeal.
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- **SANDRA MCANARNEY** for helping pet lovers get the care their pets need through Community Assistance.
- **SHERRIE MILLICHAP** for helping the dreams of homeless Douglas County animals come true.
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- **AFTON PEEVYHOUSE** for her ongoing generosity in support of DAWG.
- **PERSONNEL PLUS, INC.** for remembering DAWG in their holiday giving.
- **EDGAR REYES AND FAMILY** for their kind gift in loving memory of Marion Duffy.
- **DEAN SEEMAN FOUNDATION** for providing funding for medical care of shelter animals in memory of little sister Jessie.
- **LORI AND DANIEL WARD** for generously responding to our Holiday Appeal.
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- **STEVE AND SUE WOSKOW** for remembering DAWG with a generous donation.
- **MRS. PENELOPE WRIGHT** for her gracious support of the Douglas Animal Welfare Group.
- **JOHN AND NANCY ZEMLOCK** for helping needy animals in memory of Harvey the cat.

## October - December 2024

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Rachele Sampson – *in memory of Ezra Galvez, who loved dogs*  
Karen & Linn Scott – *in memory of Rocky*  
Kristen Tuell – *in memory of Ellie*



Martha Voss of Sertoma, left, presents DAWG Board of Directors Chair Eloise Reed with a check for \$500 to be divided between DAWG's Community Assistance program and the new Cat Cottage building fund.



**Thank you to Sertoma for your generous support!**



## CAT COTTAGE DONATIONS

### October-December 2024

Anonymous – *in memory of Ranger Timothy & Darla Brown*  
Kathryn Dodge – *in memory of Ace Kitty Dianne Edmonds Sabine Henkel*  
Ben & Claudia Justus – *in memory of Jonathon, Woody & Dottie Elinor Lacy & Llew the Cat*  
Walter Shepperd – *in memory of Julia Shepperd. She loved her cats!*  
Janet Shure  
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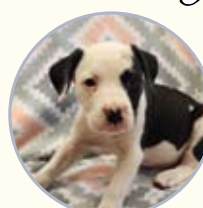
## Dog & Cat Adoption Updates

**ARROW** and **CUDDLES** are growing like little weeds. They have great personalities, so loving, playful, all the good things. They take naps and when they wake up, they both go out and go potty. **BAILY** (now Hondo) is doing great. He's learning what he can and can't do and we're bonding perfectly. Life is grand. **COCO** is such a cuddle-bug. My parents have dogs, and they all get along together. Such a good boy.

**FREYA** is sweet and affectionate and one of the best dogs I've had. I left her alone for 3 ½ hours on Monday and she didn't chew or go to the bathroom. We take 2 walks per day usually around the small parks because my yard isn't very big, and I want to socialize her with other people and dogs. She's met my neighbor and their dog and they got along well. **HUNTER** has his childhood moments eating things he shouldn't and chewing up all my German Shepherd's toys and getting the beepers out and me trying to stop him. At the end of the day, it is all good and he crawls up in my lap to ask forgiveness. **JADON** (now Benni) is almost potty trained so it's all good. Even though he is supposed to be Shepherd he looks like he has Pit Bull in him.



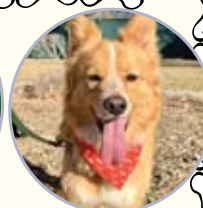
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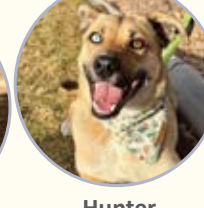
Baily



Coco



Freya



Hunter



Jadon



Jake



Jax



Jupiter



Onyx



Oso



Riley



Romeo

**JAKE** At first, he was very confused from everything he had been through, and he does have separation anxiety. That is not a problem because I bring him to work with me. Jake is such a good-hearted dog. All he wants to do is please. It's 'just let me know what you want, and I will do it.' He is so sweet. **JAX** is gentle, playful and gets along with everyone. We have a Corgi who had a hard time accepting it when we had to put our other dog down, and she was ornery to Jax at first. Now they play outside. Even my Mom plays with him. **JUPITER** is doing amazingly well. It took just a few days, and she was crate trained. I work from home so I can keep an eye on her but when I went out for 3 1/2 hours she did fine. She nips Cody, my toy Manchester Terrier/Chihuahua, and he lets her know when he has had enough. We think she looks like a Belgian Malinois so we are doing DNA on her and will let you know. **ONYX** (now Buddy) was uncomfortable for a few days, but then he warmed up. He's very, very affectionate, sometimes a little too much. He sleeps with the kids (ages 7 and 9). We take him on walks and runs and he's good on the leash. He's good at sit and stay and now we are working on extending the time. **OSO** has been here long enough that he is starting to show his personality. We're seeing how playful he is and how very, very sweet. He didn't know what a couch was, and he didn't know about cuddles. Now he knows he has a whole couch to himself, and he loves to snuggle. **RILEY** (now Zoe) is adjusting to our family and eating well. She goes for walks every morning and evening and she does act aggressively when she sees other dogs or cats, so we are training her ourselves while we wait for Guy's class. She isn't treat oriented so it is more of a challenge. But Guy has been very supportive to us in this waiting period. **ROMEO** (now Oreo) is doing great getting settled in. Daisy, our Australian Shepherd, and he get along great.



Sage



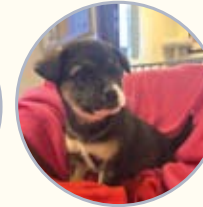
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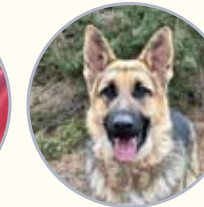
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Tino



Venus

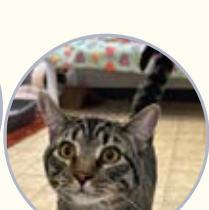


Zeus

**SAGE** (now Sierra) is actually doing well with the house training. We have pads around the house, but she is good about going outside. When we take her for walks, she wants to play with the other dogs she sees but we are cautious about that since she doesn't have all her shots. We're training her and she has 'sit' down pretty good. She's a good dog. **SPOT** is doing great. He has 2 favorite spots; one is by the slider along with all his squeaky toys and the other is on the bed. He doesn't bark much except when he sees someone walk by. He does pull when he is on the leash so I'm thinking about hiring a dog walker to get him more exercise. From the moment I saw him I knew he was going home with me. **SUNDAY** is doing really well with us and getting along with our other dog. We go to two dog parks and he really enjoys both parks. We're keeping the name Sunday because I am a Special Ed teacher and all my students know his name and ask about him. **TINO** (now Valentino) The first night was challenging. He didn't know what was going on. But then he did a big turnaround. He seems to be quite flexible. Totally fine with the grandkids. He's not hyper - in fact we think we might have a couch potato on our hands. His name is VALENTINO because he is a lover. **VENUS** (now Whiskey) OMG she's awesome. A really good dog. Took her on her first vacation to L.A. and she did well after we took her out of the crate and gave her a towel to lay on, on the floor. She's a good fit. **ZEUS** (now Zuzu) We're doing crate training for short periods of time. He was left alone for 4 hours the other day, and he was fine. He does have a doggie door so he can come and go as he pleases. We are taking him to doggie day care tomorrow and the next day because my husband and I will both be gone. I never had a rescue dog before and my daughter who worked at AMS for 16 years is giving me advice. He's a good boy.



Aspen



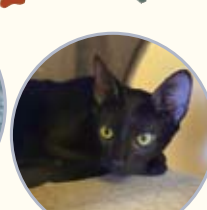
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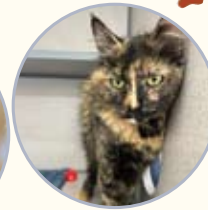
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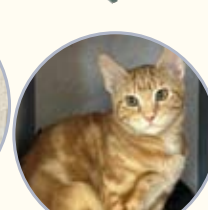
Bubbles



Buckee



Buttercup



Cheddar

**ASPEN** is doing fine, is more friendly and is eating more. **BEANS** is a real joy, a really nice cat. **BERNADETTE** is playful and loves the kids. She is such a great cat. **BUBBLES** is great and crazy as a nut. **GREGORY** (not shown) turned out to be a girl, so she is now Gracie. The owners love them. **BUCKEE** is doing wonderfully and is very happy and loved. **BUTTERCUP** plays with the other cat and is really nice. **CHEDDAR** (now Caesar) has made friends with the owner's Burmese Mountain dog and sleeps on the dog's tail. When he accidentally escapes, he comes right back in.



Doug



Fastball



Slider



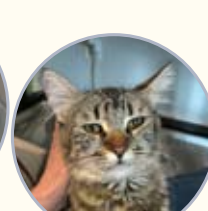
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Frankie



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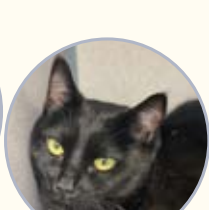


Hannah

**DOUG** (now Frankie) is doing wonderfully. He's a very good kitty and gets along with the owners' other cat. **FASTBALL** and **SLIDER** live together now. They are great cats and have been to the vet for their shots. **FRANCINE** (now Franny) has been spayed and everything is good. **FRANKIE** is awesome. He is the cat whose tail had to be amputated, but he was a butthead at the vet and refused to take the cone. The tail looks good now and was dry the day after the surgery. **HAILEY** hit the jackpot house. **HANNAH** (now Princess) is amazing and perfect with the owner's two yellow labs. The owner has never had a cat she loved so much.



Harley



KC



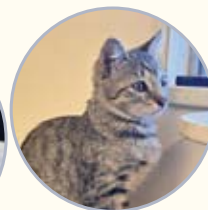
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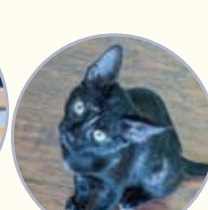
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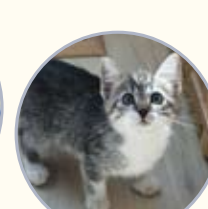


Missy Catnip

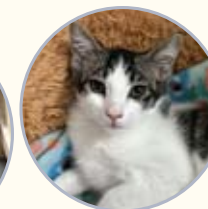
**HARLEY** (now Grayson) is a sweet, rambunctious, cuddly kitten. **KC** settled right in. Everything is going really well with her. **L'IL BIT** (now Mickey) is absolutely amazing. He has become a hangar cat as his owner has helicopters in a hangar. Fifteen people are always around to adore him. He's super fun and sleeps in the helicopter. **LUNA** is doing well although she hasn't been introduced yet to the other cats in the house. She loves the dogs, and the Aussie protects her and thinks the cat is his baby. **MATER** (now Michelangelo) and **MCQUEEN** (now Leonardo Da Vinci) have had their shots and are doing well. They have very different personalities. **MISSY CATNIP** (now Gizmo) just had her vet checkup and will be spayed in December.



Raj



Penny



Sal



Sheldon



Spot

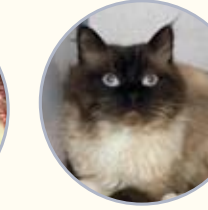


Rusty

**RAJ & PENNY** are doing great. They are fixed and have had their vaccines and bloodwork done. Everything is wonderful. **SAL** (now Sebastian) is a very funny cat. The owner is pleased she got him. **SHELDON** (now Bierce) is a very happy cat! **SPOT** (now Jabber) and **RUSTY** live together. Jabber is the biggest; Rusty screeches a lot. They're doing fine, have had their shots and are good with people. **TAO'S** owner is surprised a full-blooded Siamese was at the shelter. He a wonderful kitty, he is beautiful. **TILLY** is awesome – there is nothing bad about her!



Tilly



Tao



# Thank you to everyone who answered the call of our 2024 Holiday Appeal.

Anonymous  
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Pamela & Pat Jordan – *in memory of Morey*  
Michael Kirchner  
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Camille May  
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B.A. Minner  
Susan & Pete Minor  
Joseph & Sue Modarelli – *in memory of Chuck Sanicola*  
Vick & Myrna Morris – *in memory of Sally and Lucy, numbers 4 and 5 of my favorite breed: rescue*  
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Ellen & Richard Nelson  
Denise & John Nikakis  
Diane M. Noble  
Geoffrey & Sheri Northcote  
Matt & Gina O'Grady – *in memory of Ezra Galvez*  
Richard Ostaggi  
Richard Palmer & Rhonda Glisson  
Toni & Eldon Penner  
Peter Philips & Estela Rodriguez  
Trish Port – *in memory of Angel*

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Joanne Sanferraro  
Nancy Sanicola  
Ann Santos  
Stacey Sawyer & Brian Williams  
Wayne & Swarn Scarpaci  
Chuck & Terry Scherl  
Larry & Phyllis Schmidt  
Dolly Schreckengost – *in memory of Coe*  
Curtis & Lorie Schulenberg  
Karen & Linn Scott – *in living honor of Reno*  
Christine & William Seal – *in memory of kitties Midnight, Velvet, & Bodie*  
Cary & Susan Sharp  
David & Lynda Smith  
Sally Sozoff  
Bob & Jodi Stovall  
Doug Taylor – *in memory of Sally Taylor*  
Judith Thran  
Topaz Sagehens  
Carol Vickrey  
Jennifer Villalobos  
Ken & Sandra Ward  
Eric Watkins – *in living honor of Tondra, Dr. Shane Sheets and Nick Kenneth & Carol Webb*  
Mary Wenner  
Robert & Sonya Roth Wieczorek  
Noeleen Wilcks  
Lorraine Wood – *in memory of Bill Wood*  
Russ & Mary Wood  
Willard Wood  
Renato & Elsa Zamperin – *in memory of my dog Bosco and my cat Cenerina*  
Craig & Stacey Ziglar





## From ignored to adored – the story of Jack and Missy

Jack and Missy have quite the tale to tell.

They spent their early months in separate outside kennels with very little human contact or opportunities to play. As time went on, they missed out on normal puppy experiences and became more fearful of humans.

A pair of determined DAWG volunteers convinced the dogs' guardians to let them take the pair to a home with a professional trainer. DAWG agreed to cover their boarding and training costs during their initial training period.

**Jack and Missy have made such great progress!** In fact, they are ready to be adopted, says their trainer/foster mom Tonda Benge (owner of Professional Dog Mom).

Once adopted, either separately or together, Tonda will provide 12 months of **FREE** one-on-one training to the adopters.

Missy is an easy-going girl, not overly hyper, but always up for playtime, a walk, or just hanging out. To see her Petfinder profile, go to [bit.ly/AHome4Missy](https://bit.ly/AHome4Missy)

Jack is also a sweetie but is still figuring out how to read other dogs' signals when it's playtime, so he needs a bit of extra guidance. For more about Jack, go to [bit.ly/AHome4Jack](https://bit.ly/AHome4Jack)

Both dogs are turning into fine snugglers. They are around 1 year old, medium sized, vaccinated and neutered/spayed. They are the finest of breeds – mutts! ♥

To meet Jack and Missy, contact trainer Tonda Benge,  
[tonda@prodogmom.com](mailto:tonda@prodogmom.com) or 775-800-6710



*Jack in sadder times when he spent most of his days isolated in an outdoor kennel.*



*(top) That face! Jack is ready for someone to call his own.  
(right) Missy standing tall like the wonderful girl she is.*



## Credit Union employee 'pays it forward' to DAWG



*Victoria Rogers, left, inspired her fellow Credit Union employees to contribute to DAWG. DAWG President Kathryn Dodge, second from left, accepts the check from branch manager Kasha Austill.*

DAWG received a welcome surprise early this year when United Federal Credit Union employee Victoria Rogers reached out with a request. Could a DAWG representative stop by the credit union's Minden branch to pick up a check?

"At the end of every year, each branch employee is given \$20 to "pay-it-forward." When the end of last year came, DAWG was the first business that came to mind. In the past, I have worked with a local veterinary hospital, and I can recall multiple occasions that your services helped a pet owner. The assistance you provide to pets and their owners has not gone unrecognized," Victoria explained.

The branch collectively chose to pool their pay-it-forward funds to give to DAWG, Victoria said. "We did this with the hopes that what we can contribute will help you in helping our community and their pets."

On January 13, DAWG president Kathryn Dodge accepted an \$80 check from branch manager Kasha Austill with Victoria and other branch employees in attendance. **Thank you, Victoria!**



## Kitten's grateful adopter amazed by dedication of foster mom



Hello, my name is Marie Field-Carpenter, and I have a story to share with you.

Back in July, I lost my beloved calico ragdoll, Pooka. She lived to be 15, and I was devastated when she died. I decided the best way to start to heal and live my life without her was to adopt a cat.

I found a kitten on Petfinder that was being cared for at a rescue in Washoe Valley and drove out to meet her. The kitten I was looking for was sitting on a cat tree forlornly gazing out a window with a view of dried weeds. I sat on a bench, and she plopped on my lap, lay on her back, kissed my hand, and purred while the foster owner left the room. I felt like she had chosen me, and I melted. I named her Kelpie.



*Selkie (in green 'donut') and Kelpie share a rare quiet moment.*

Kelpie chirps and talks and makes all kinds of vocal noises I've never heard before from a cat. But it seemed to me she was lonely and would like a playmate. Two is better, right?

I resumed my search for a second kitten and came across Rosie, a kitten being fostered through DAWG's Found Cat Program. I began communicating with Rosie's foster mom Gwen and answered some questions about myself and my experience with cats and why I was interested in adopting Rosie. We decided she'd be a good fit and I renamed her Selkie.

Gwen told me she was treating Selkie for ringworm. I explained I couldn't take Selkie after all, because I have a 1-bedroom apartment and Selkie would need her own room that required sterilization daily while she was recovering. Gwen very generously offered to take care of Selkie while she healed. I was dumbfounded and moved by Gwen's offer to care for Selkie for an additional month.

I received regular communication from Gwen with calls, email, texts and photos. This was comforting. I felt Selkie was in the best of care with Gwen.

When the time arrived for me to finally get Selkie, the Davis Creek Fire was raging. I had planned on driving to Minden to pick her up but couldn't expose myself to the smoke with my asthma. Gwen offered to drive her to Reno, but I was concerned about smoke exposure to Gwen and Selkie. We agreed on the following weekend. Gwen had an appointment in Reno and brought Selkie with her. She gave me a bag loaded with toys, canned food and kibble and helped me get Selkie safely in the car. Finally, Selkie was home!

I am so impressed with the DAWG Found Cat community. Gwen's extraordinary contribution to saving kittens and cats is stunning. She taxied Selkie back and forth to the vet and ensured Selkie had the right medication to treat ringworm. Then she had the challenging experience of administering the meds to a kitten who wasn't on board with that idea. We need more Gwens in this world.

As for Kelpie and Selkie, they are adjusting. It is an interesting process with two spirited, playful, inquisitive kittens who have a colorful past. After all that's happened in Selkie's journey, I can't help but feel that she is meant to be with me and Kelpie, and that all will work out with time and patience ... and a sense of humor! ❤️

## ROCKY: Puppy energy and great potential!

**Rocky is a handsome 1-year-old Lab mix full of puppy energy and eager to trade the confines of the shelter for a real home.**

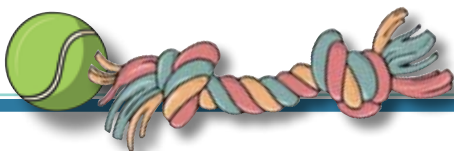
While he loves to play tug-of-war and chase balls, he's also happy to walk right alongside his human companion on leash.

Rocky is a smart boy who is mastering basic commands during training classes. His perfect

match is an active person or family who will continue to train with him so he can reach his full potential. He gets along with most dogs.

Rocky is being cared for at Douglas County Animal Services – 775-782-9061. He is housebroken, neutered and fully vaccinated.

**Come meet this fun-loving boy!**







# DAWG Members Wanted!

Volunteer with DAWG (775) 901-9596

## BETTER THE LIVES OF DOUGLAS COUNTY ANIMALS

**DAWG members better the lives of Douglas County animals in many ways, including:**

- Walking dogs and caring for cats at the Douglas County Animal Shelter\*
- Fostering cats and kittens
- Assisting with Trap/Neuter/Return
- Marketing, Outreach and Fund Raising
- Administrative Support
- Serving on the Board of Directors or Executive Committee



DAWG members have voting rights and are invited to the monthly DAWG meeting. Members receive regular communications about important DAWG initiatives, may choose to subscribe to topical DAWG email lists, and receive the quarterly "DAWG Unleashed" newsletter.

**Members pay annual dues or may choose to contribute volunteer hours in lieu of dues.**

**Membership dues are:**

- Individual - \$25
- Family - \$35
- Business - \$100
- Lifetime Individual - \$500
- Lifetime Family - \$750

**Volunteers Hours in Lieu (of paying dues) is a great way to get hands on with DAWG:**

- Individual - 60 hours
- Family - 100 hours

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the lives of Douglas County animals!

**For a membership application, go to  
[dawgrescue.com](http://dawgrescue.com)**



*\* Volunteers who help at the Shelter must be approved Douglas County volunteers. More information about the Douglas County Volunteer process is available at [douglascountynv.gov](http://douglascountynv.gov)*



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## King finds his person

After a little more than a year at the shelter, King met his perfect person. His adopter reports that the two are getting along like they knew each other in past lives. He plans to take King with him on all kinds of adventures - camping, back country skiing, and hitting the beach.

**Happy Trails, King!**

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