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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.



Tank is Home!

Submitted by Vernon Boyes, Tank's adopter

Life should be about second chances. I welcome any opportunity to provide a chance to any senior dog. And then I met Tank.

I am lucky enough to be Tank's next chance. And what an adventure it has been. The goofy way he half jumps when I ask him if he wants to go for a walk. The way he stretches out on the floor and crawls on his belly. His manners amaze me. Tank shows absolute respect at all times. He is just amazing. When he wants to relax and take a siesta, he folds his front paws in. He is a real prince.

When I adopted Tank, he was rather husky. A change of diet was implemented, and we started exercising three times a day. Slow at first. Now, after a month, we are climbing hills together. We roam public lands twice daily. Tank really enjoys the smells and the surprises. I hate the look of disappointment on his face when he fails to catch the rabbit he has been skillfully tracking. He enjoys leading the way most times. He is incredibly confident. Other times, he allows me the lead position. After two days together, Tank was tried off leash. He did really well. He roamed next to me, content and very happy. We have been together over a month now and our walk times have doubled. The cooler mornings are more to Tank's liking. I don't blame him. I am over the heat as well. I am hoping to get him down to 80lbs by the end of December.

Tank is now my third Douglas County Shelter dog. It's also another chance for me to do better. Another chance to make my senior pooch spoiled and happy. To make a difference in whatever time Tank and I have together.

As I put my finishing touches on this, my 94lb lap dog jumps up on his couch next to me for some snuggle time. I totally oblige. We look at each other and Tank gives me a big old smile.

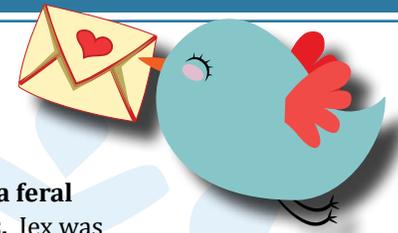
This is why I adopt. ❤️





Jex's Journey

Submitted by Steve Noble, DAWG member



Jex came to us at about five weeks old from a feral colony that had no interaction with humans. Jex was a true house panther: jet black, with sleek silky fur and large yellow eyes. We didn't know his gender for the first several weeks because we couldn't get near enough to him. He was a hissing ball of feline furry. When we entered the room, we were greeted with fangs, claws and hisses. After a few weeks, I was not sure I could rehabilitate him. I reached out to Eloise and Tondra and they gave me some good tips. Slowly his fear subsided and his trust in me grew. I was delighted the first time I was able to pet him, even though it was just for a brief moment. Each day we made progress. Fast forward to three and a half months since coming to our home. Jex is now the most loving, and affectionate cat. He cuddles with me in bed every night and when I reach out to touch him, he sounds a loud cooing purr. He follows me wherever I go in the house and jumps up on my desk to be near me.

Jex was adopted today! While this is bittersweet for us, we are so happy that he has found a forever loving home. After three and a half months, Jex had carved out a loving place in our hearts, and as hard as it is to say goodbye, we want to continue being fosters.

Much thanks to everyone who participates in this life saving program! ♥

My First Experience as a Foster Kitten Mom

Submitted by Adrienne Chaney, DAWG member

In October of 2021, I attended a Volunteer Opportunity Event at the Douglas Community Center. Amongst the many amazing volunteer opportunities, one struck me right in the heart: FOSTERS NEEDED for KITTENS. So, my journey began with DAWG's Found Cat Program (FCP). FCP allows me the joy of loving and caring for both kittens and cats, while finding a forever home for them that is safe, loving and secure. My first tiny kittens were Ula and Toby; both were young and scared. Slowly they learned to trust me and to enjoy being held. But it wasn't until sweet little Ringo entered the picture that life changed for these two kittens. Ringo was fun, flamboyant and really taught the kittens how to play. The trio was soon joined by Chauncy, another sweet boy that was gentle and loving. Now, you must know that all these were black cats, and during the month of October, I was being super cautious about who was adopting these precious babies. My most beloved was Ringo. I wanted desperately to keep him for myself.



As luck would have it, a family saw Chauncey on PetFinder and was excited about adopting him. When the time came for me to crate him and take him to the Shelter for the adoption, Chauncey was nowhere to be found. I searched high and low – nothing. Out of fear and sadness, I had no choice but to take the next best substitute – Ringo. I cried the whole way to the shelter. This was my very first adoption experience, and it was the hardest thing I had done in a long time. After saying goodbye to Ringo, I knew that it was the best thing for him and that I truly needed to learn to let go. As I consoled myself with these thoughts, I arrived home and was explaining to my husband the bait and switch I had to make with Ringo for Chauncey – when in walks Chauncey, lazily stretches then sits down, yawns and looks at me as if to say, "What did I miss?". All I was thinking was, "Your adoption, you crazy boy!" ♥





Mojo: A Magic Charm or a Spell?

Submitted by
Leslie Morefield, DAWG member

Our shelter dog Mojo definitely has magical charm, but it's hard for him to show it being stuck at the shelter so long.

So let's help him find a home where he can spread that magic! He's 3 years old, neutered and all ready for a home. This goofy guy loves to play with toys and go for walks, but none of this is any fun without being with his people. He absolutely loves attention. Shelter staff have used him as a therapy dog with senior citizens. He also spent time at a volunteer's home and was an absolute gentleman in the car and during the entire visit. He loved every minute and didn't want to leave when it was time to go. Please help and spread the word on this wonderful boy so he can finally go home. Please call the shelter at 775-782-9061 if you have any questions on Mojo.

His adoption fees have been sponsored too!



Thank you Carson Valley!



For your support and recognition in voting DAWG **Best Service Organization** and **Second Best Non-Profit Organization.**

We couldn't have done it without YOU!

..... FIVE PET SAFETY TIPS FOR

The Holidays

IVET360

It's great fun to celebrate holiday festivities with our pets, but make sure you monitor your pets and what they're eating! Keep your pet safe with these five tips:



1.

Alcohol poisoning can cause serious complications, so keep wine glasses and beer bottles away from sneaky paws.



5.

Try to keep cats from climbing Christmas trees, as kitties could knock the trees over and seriously hurt themselves in the process.



2.

Many holiday treats are full of fruits, like raisins and grapes, and sweets, like chocolate and xylitol, that are toxic to our pets. Keep that plate of treats in the kitchen and away from pets.



4.

Shiny, sparkly wrapping paper and ribbon look like fun toys, but pets can accidentally ingest them while playing. Clean up as soon as gifts are opened.



3.

Almost all traditional winter plants, like holly, poinsettias and mistletoe, can cause severe organ damage if pets ingest them. These plants may look pretty, but think twice before bringing them into your home this season.

PAWS OF THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT [August-September 2022]



THANK YOU

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

- **NIMBY FARMS** for the generous donation for shelter cat adoption assistance.
- **MICHAEL & SUSAN HAUBENSTOCK (HAUBENSTOCK CHARITABLE FUND)** for their thoughtful donation in memory of Sally Taylor.
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- **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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 Swartz, Kathleen - *for shelter medical needs*
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Carson Valley Turkey Trot 2022

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We would like to thank all of the Carson Valley Turkey Trot Sponsors for their support of our community Turkey Trot:

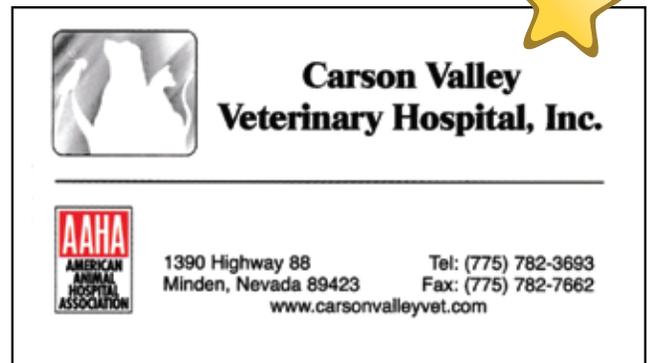
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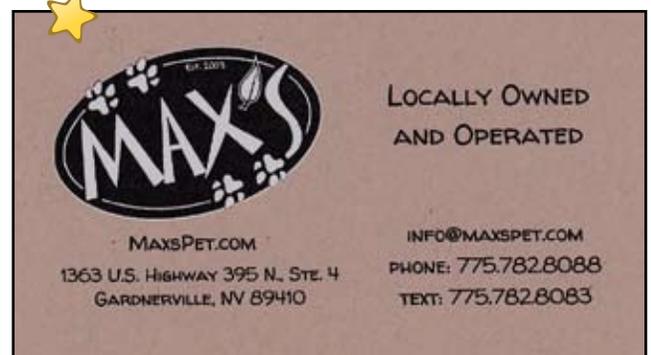
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**17TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT TREE
November 25 to December 31, 2022.**

Max's is collecting pet food, supplies and gifts for Douglas County Animal Control and Services (DCACS) and pet food for the Carson Valley Community Food Closet.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ CAT & DOG ADOPTION UPDATES ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Apple



Mac



Happy



Xena



Gracie



Captain



Panther

APPLE and **MAC** are sleeping right now. Apple is now Minaj. My dad who lives in Carson City adopted Minaj and drops her off here when he goes to work. They are both doing just fine and love playing together. **HAPPY** does a lot of hiding but does come out to use the litter box and drink. **XENA** is doing so well and is a happy puppy. First night she had an accident but none after. She gets along with all the other dogs here. She is my sweetheart. **GRACIE** follows me everywhere I go. I'll be training her on the basics and recall. She isn't going anywhere. **CAPTAIN** is such a good dog. So sweet. I can leave him in the house for hours and he sleeps on the couch and doesn't touch anything. **PANTHER** is doing well.



Jazzy



Slate



Krista



Harry



Vincent



Groot



Penny

JAZZY and **SLATE** have settled in well. They like the kids and are growing and getting more friendly. **KRISTA** is such a sweet girl and doing wonderfully. She plays well with Reese (Catahoula adopted from DCAS 5 years ago). The previous owner's phone number was inside the dog collar so my daughter called her. The lady had been very distraught at having to give her away and was glad to know that she had a good home. **HARRY** and **VINCENT** are now Tonka and Vincent. They are wonderful, except one of them chewed through the phone cord. They are pretty colors and are growing. Tonka is the instigator. They are getting along with the other cat. **GROOT** and **PENNY** are doing fine.



Hamlet



Ashley



Tony



Milo



Hewlett



Iceman



Fritz

HAMLET is now Oatie and has adjusted very well. His older brother (a Bijon/Maltese eight-year-old who likes to sleep a lot) has started to like him. Oatie is always in his business, but he's adjusted to that and now they get along great. He's a character and we love him. **ASHLEY** has been renamed Dolixy and is an amazing purr ball. **TONY** is an adorable love bug. **MILO** is such a little lover and is super calm at home. We introduced him to a friend's little puppy and he was good with it, but he's having a hard time with the cat. Milo is good with him but the cat isn't having it. When my son comes home from school Milo greets him at the door with the ball in his mouth. Milo is a sweetheart and we love him. **HEWLETT** (now Khaleesi) is doing great. We have two other dogs that are getting along in years and two kids that give her a lot of attention. **ICEMAN** is adorable and a delight. He is making himself right at home. **FRITZ** warmed up nicely and likes his new home. The owner is glad to have him.



Diana



Mary



Dakota



Finn



Elroy



Abbie



Dell

DIANA and **MARY** are wonderful company and are into everything. They are a great joy. **DAKOTA** is absolutely perfect. He fits in so well with the family. The other guys, all rescues, follow one another around the house and play all day long. We have a massive conservation area in back of our property and they run and play on that. **FINN** is having a good time. **ELROY** and **ABBIE** play and are best buddies. They are great family pets. **DELL** is fitting in just fine with our gentle giant George (a 140 lb. Anatolian Shepherd/Golden Retriever) and Jane (our small Terrier mix). She gallops around like a little horse and throws her paws up in the air. She is perfectly precious.



Nala



Jet



Piper



John



Emma



Rooster



Mamba

NALA loves running around our two acres chasing bunnies and birds. Her older brother is teaching her the ropes. I move to another room and she follows along. She is settling in just fine and has a permanent home here. **JET** is a wonderful kitty. He lets the owner's 2- and 4-year-old grandkids hold him. He's an awesome, playful kitty. **PIPER** is so good and getting so big. We have a kennel and she is doing fine with that. She's a smart puppy. **JOHN** is now Bandit. He is a hellion and is just right for the family! **EMMA** is doing well, though we have some skirmishes here and there. She likes to bite so I squirt her with the water bottle. I'm 76 and can't run that far so I am getting her used to running alongside the truck on a long leash. I call her Slick. **ROOSTER** and **MAMBA**: Mamba is now Daisy, she is very teeny. They are getting along well with the other cats.



Forest



Cruise



Anna



Cassidy



Amelia



Darla



Viola

FOREST has been very well incorporated into our family. My son and he will somewhat play fetch though Forest doesn't bring things back. He was very excited to find out he can get up on the couch. He is very smart. **CRUISE** is so nice. He is wonderful! **ANNA** and **CASSIDY** are adjusting and doing well. They are darling. **AMELIA** was shy at first, but she has become adventurous. She is doing great and is awesome. **DARLA** is now named Chloe and she's fabulous. We're spoiling her rotten and she sleeps in our bed. She's just a wonderful little dog. **VIOLA** is three times the size of when she was adopted. It's like she had always lived in her new home and is exactly what the owner was looking for. She's the queen.



Loki



Tyler



Benny



Pierre



Rosie



Bean



Bree

LOKI is a wonderful little boy. He was so skittish going up the stairs and was terrified of the elevator and the electric door, but he is getting better. He has made himself at home here. He's a keeper. **TYLER** is getting big and playing with the wiener dog. **BENNY** has adjusted well. **PIERRE** is just awesome. The first few days he had an attitude and he would come at me and I wasn't sure about him. He's at work with me right now and I keep him under control (he'll also start training next week). He is super sweet and he's learning. **ROSIE** is doing great. The owner loves seeing her progress. She loves to play with the laser light. **BEAN** is very happy as the owner's older cat has adopted him. **BREE** is doing well. I was afraid she wouldn't get along with my two chihuahuas but I put them all out in the pen and they get along fine.



Zsa Zsa



Jinx



Rocky



Simon

ZSA ZSA is now Ariel and **JINX** is Jinxy. They are wonderful and are getting along fine. **ROCKY** is doing wonderfully and is happy and playful. He gets along with the landlord's two dogs, running and playing with them. He has doggie dates with a friend's dog and also loves car rides. He fits our home perfectly and we love him. **SIMON** is a terror, but the owner loves him. His markings are beautiful. He is great company for the owner's husband who isn't very mobile due to two knee replacements. He gets along with the other cats and is so active he is Superman.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 We are happy to report that for August through September, 2022, we succeeded in finding new homes for
18 dogs,
11 puppies,
14 cats and
50 kittens!
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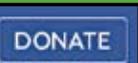
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