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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.



Special-Needs Pets

Submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member

Recently, three special-needs animals were adopted from the Douglas County Animal Shelter.

Henry the Third, an orange tabby cat was adopted by a special person who chose to give him the care

and love needed after Henry had his leg amputated after coming to the shelter.



Aspen, a beautiful, blue-eyed cat who is very sweet and cuddly, suffers from Ataxia. This is a loss of coordination of voluntary muscle movement caused by damage to the cerebellum (the part of the brain responsible for coordinating movement). Aspen also has been adopted. With her difficulties in getting

around, she will need patience and special care from her new adopter. She can only give love in return.

Ace is a young pit bull mix who is deaf, but that doesn't stop him from giving out lots of free kisses. DAWG has offered specialized deaf dog training to his adopter to help in this transition.

Special-needs pets are vulnerable animals with health and behavioral issues. They may require medication, assistive devices, training or a special habitat. The owners must be able to provide extra time and energy, as well as a financial commitment as the pet grows older.



Fortunately, there are rescue groups like DAWG that can provide resources and recommendations on how to care for these animals.

The most important requirement is that the adopters have BIG hearts willing to be filled with the love and companionship they'll receive from these appreciative animals.



We are pleased to provide a summary of the 2021 activities for Douglas Animal Welfare Group (DAWG). Even during this difficult year, the commitment and passion of DAWG volunteers enabled us to help hundreds of local animals through our various programs and services, and in accordance with our Mission Statement, to better the lives of Douglas County animals.

DAWG spent a total of \$145,446 in 2021. The following is information on some of the year's activities:

- DAWG members invested 5,104 hours caring for the animals at DCACS and on community outreach programs and DAWG operations.
- DAWG members spent 1,309.5 hours on the care of and assistance to all 119 dogs and 186 cats that were adopted from DCACS. This includes activities such as twice-daily dog walking, and daily cat care and socializing 365 days a year.
- DAWG co-hosted the 5th Annual Carson Valley Turkey Trot with the Carson Valley Food Closet. We raised \$9,170.07 of muchneeded funds for Douglas County's animals.

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

- \$15,821 for medical care for the animals at DCACS. This included wellness exams, dental work, senior exams, x-rays, surgeries, and some spay and neuter assistance upon adoption.
- \$18,419 for DAWG's Community Assistance program that assists lower-income Douglas County residents needing help paying for veterinary care.
- \$15,285 for "Fix a Family Pet", a low-cost spay and neuter program for the pets of lower-income Douglas County residents. 73 dogs and 73 cats were altered.
- \$6,275 for "Fix-a-Pit Bull", a low-cost program that spayed or neutered 52 pit bulls owned by Douglas County residents.
- \$20,708 for a trap/neuter/return (TNR) program for feral community cats in Douglas County. This also paid for vaccinations and minor medical issues. 226 cats benefited from the program.
- \$11,329 for temporary care of stray domestic cats and kittens through the "Found Cat Program", prior to these cats' admission to DCACS.
- \$2,409 for a foster program which provided both short- and long-term foster homes for animals recovering from surgery or illness, and for those in hospice care and other situations.
- \$75 for training of DCACS dogs, including recently adopted dogs.
- \$2,448 for the purchase of microchips and \$85 for the purchase of vaccines for the dogs and cats residing at DCACS.
- \$401 for other assistance to DCACS, such as washer and dryer maintenance, shelter repairs, food, supplies, etc.
- \$3,520 for cat adoption assistance, which covers adoption fees and the cost of rabies vaccinations.
- \$55 toward reducing the adoption cost for Veterans who adopt animals from DCACS.
- \$150 in adoption assistance which reduces the adoption fees of hard-to-adopt animals.
- \$2,810 for the purchase of cat and dog food for Douglas Counties families in need (distributed by F.I.S.H. in the Ranchos).

DAWG's volunteers and officers would like to thank Liz Begovich (Douglas County Animal Services Supervisor) and her staff for the continued support of our organization's mission to care for the animals in Douglas County.

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Sincerely,

Lori Paxson, President Douglas Animal Welfare Group (DAWG)

Barry

Submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member

Handsome Barry came to the shelter as a transfer from the Washoe Tribe and is a mixed-breed dog about **3 years old.** He's multicolor(!): tan, yellow and white, with dapper white and tan spotted socks. Barry is a dog with lots of energy and loves being outside.

He would make a great agility dog, as he shows no hesitancy about steps or tunnels. Though he displays a traditional distrust of cats, he does get along with certain dogs of his acquaintance.

Barry was at the shelter for a while and developed some stress-related issues from the shelter environment. Fortunately, along came a savior to rescue him and give him a chance to love someone back.

While Barry was at the shelter, a DAWG volunteer had a DNA test run on him and discovered that he is: • 37.2% American Pit Bull Terrier • 22.8% German Shepherd Dog • 9.6% Rottweiler • 9.0% Pomeranian • 21.4% Super Mutt

Barry is an Official All-American Dog! 🎔



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Eloise's TNR Plea

Submitted by Eloise Reed, DAWG member

Hello, DAWG people. Only two months before kitten season starts all over again! We need your help. Remember, in one year a cat can produce 12 kittens, and the next year these cats produce 67 kittens, and the number continues to grow and grow until we have about 2,072,514 kittens and cats in 8 years!

Whether you hate cats or love cats, this should be of interest to you. The ONLY way to prevent the over-population of free



roaming, feral, stray or dumped/ abandoned cats is to get cats fixed (spayed or neutered). There is an unbelievable number of cats without homes in our community. The DAWG Trap/

Neuter/Return (TNR) Team is making a dent in this problem. In November, alone, we fixed 45 cats, including 25 females. **But we have a LONG WAY to go and WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please consider joining with us to help control this problem. We need help in many areas: appointment scheduling, coordination of appointments between trapping parties and veterinary offices, trap set up, trap monitoring and trap transportation, or "all of the above". Each time a position is filled by another volunteer, it frees the TNR team to go in the field to help those who need extra help. As it is, the two main volunteer trappers are spread throughout the county helping multiple people performing ALL OF THESE TASKS on a daily basis. We cover from the Topaz Lake/Topaz Ranch Estates area to the border of Douglas County and Carson City and everywhere in between. Along with helping several people dealing with between one and ten cats, we also are assisting with three separate hoarding cases. We both have jobs and families. We are stretched thin. We need more help!

Because TNR team members are not Douglas County volunteers, this is a great opportunity for those who prefer not to undergo the criminal background checks the county requires of its volunteers. You can start working with our team today!

Additional information about this program may be found at dawgrescue.com.

Please call Eloise Reed at 408-309-4625 if you have any interest in helping. Your assistance is greatly needed and greatly appreciated.

Winter Adoption Events

Submitted by Casey McClain, DAWG member

This winter, a couple of adoption events sponsored by DAWG and the Douglas County Animal Control resulted in the adoption of several animals.

On December 15th, a cat adoption event drew cat lovers to the shelter to shop for family pet. *The Found Cat and Foster programs* brought in cats for some much need explosion for adoptions. These were cats that



were waiting on the sidelines for admittance to the shelter and ready for a home. Eight cats were adopted.

The Betty White Adoption Event was held in January in honor of Betty White, who was an energetic and enthusiastic animal rights advocate. The Animal Rescue Relay brought in animals from other shelters in hopes of finding homes for them.

The results of the event were good! One cat and four dogs were adopted into loving homes. \heartsuit



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

following unique donations.

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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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DOG ADOPTION FOLLOW-UPS



ARIA is awesome. A huge lovebug. When my sons come through the door her tail flaps like crazy.

DAISY MAE is doing wonderfully and has my sister's and son's dogs to play with. My wife doesn't understand the hound behavior and doesn't think Daisy Mae likes her. I'm sure that will change when she has been here a while, so we are just loving her.





TRIGGER (now Tigger) is amazing and awesome and so intelligent. We cannot believe this dog! He knows everything. He rolls over, sits, shakes hands and is great on walks. He is so patient with the boys (3 and 6) and they love him. We can't imagine not having him.

PRECIOUS & BABY GIRL

are doing well. They've been outside and explored the backyard, and



they're getting into their little beds now. Not sure what we will name them yet.



REMO is a good dog. We had a problem with the potty training, but my husband usually takes him out around midnight and again at 4 AM when he gets up. It's working. He's a lovely boy.

LANCE is doing all right. We both work full time so he's in a crate, but we walk him on our lunch hour. He gets 7-8 walks a day.





DASHER (now Ozzie) is wonderful. It was love at first sight ad he follows my 7-year-old son everywhere. My son went through a list of names and the puppy looked up at him when he got to Ozzie. He picked his name himself!

PRANCER (now Winkie) and DANCER (now Zephyr) are both doing well and acting like



crazy puppies. Our challenge has been crate-training, but we have a wonderful trainer so that will not be a problem.



VIXEN (now Holly) and DONNER (now Oliver): Holly's doing normal puppy things and learning to go

potty outside. She's good with the kids 21, 15, 12, 10, 7, 5, 4, 2, and 9 months. Oliver's doing fine, is already potty trained and is very smart. The pups and kids all have a lot of energy, so it is a good match.

COMET (now Annabella) is struggling with the potty training, but she is so sweet. She's our little pumpkin.





DENALI is fitting in quite well and has bonded with my son (16) and me. I try to get her to sleep in her own bed but during the night she sneaks up into mine. She doesn't get into anything and is actually quite well trained.

ROXY (now Bella) is doing just fine and goes to puppy day care to meet other dogs and be socialized. It's wonderful having her.





COSMO (now Brugger) is growing like a wildflower and doing well with training, though the potty training has been rough. He's catching on pretty well for having been here only ten days.



RITA (now Sadie) is doing so well! She is a smart little thing and is nicely mellow. At the shelter, she wagged her tail and was so friendly that my husband fell in love with her. She is a very, very good puppy.

MARTINI (now EEpa): She's doing quite well. She loves her crate and sleeps through the night. She is alert and a quick learner and loves going for walks.



PATRON (now Max) is doing phenomenally! Our kids decided that Max is the perfect name for him, and he's also the perfect fit for our family. We're so grateful that we could adopt him.





GIN (now Loki) really fits in with our family. Our cats are not 100% comfortable with him, but we provide them with a safe place to escape and progress is being made. Loki is quite the character and we love him.

Adoption Update We are happy to report that for October, 2021 through January, 2022, we succeeded in finding new homes for

> 44 dogs, 13 puppies, 33 cats, 43 kittens and 1 chicken!

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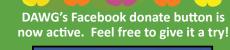
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