

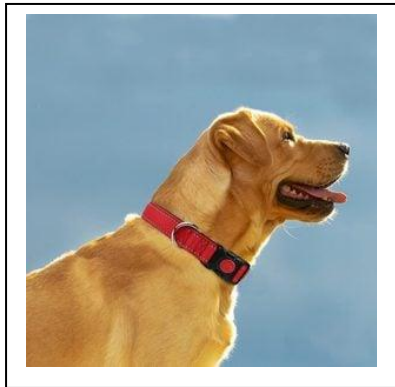
Pet News

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What does it mean when dogs wear a **red collar or bandana**? *(information supplied by RD.com and Facebook)*



Red is the universal sign for “stop.” We see it on stop signs and stoplights around the world. It’s a prominent color for police sirens and fire trucks, and we even use the color when talking about “red flags.” Red gives us reason to pause and be cautious, and it’s why some pups wear red dog collars or bandanas or use red leashes.

“Red is the signal that this pet is aggressive and needs space from both people and other animals,” explains Dr. Brian Evans, veterinarian and medical director of virtual vet care company Dutch. “These are pets that have been known to snap or bite at passersby, attack other dogs, or lunge at people. These pets may be perfectly fine at home with their owner but become overly protective of them when they are out.”

In some cases, red dog collars might also be worn by service or working dogs that shouldn’t be petted. Usually, they’ll have on a vest that says “service dog” or “emotional support,” which is often accompanied by a phrase like “Do not pet.”

That said, not all dog owners use this color-coded language. In the United States, we tend to see it more in professional settings. For example, red dog collars are commonly used by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW). The red bandana simply warns others to give the dog distance, yet allows the person and dog to participate in relative safety.

As a rule of thumb, it’s always best practice to use caution when approaching a new dog and to *always* ask permission before extending your hand. If the owner says they’d prefer you didn’t pet their dog, this is likely to protect you, the pup, and the owner.

What to do if you see a red dog collar, bandana, or leash

While not every potentially dangerous dog will have a red accessory—and not every red accessory worn necessarily means danger—always practice caution if you see a dog wearing this hue.

Exercise Caution:

The primary rule when approaching a dog with a red collar is to exercise caution. Resist the urge to approach and pet the dog immediately. Instead, keep your distance and assess the situation.

Observe Body Language:

Research has shown that dogs' body language is a key indicator of their emotional state. Even when wearing a red collar, a dog may not be aggressive all the time. Look for signs of relaxation and comfort, such as loose body posture and a wagging tail. If these signs are present, *approach slowly and gently, always asking the owner for permission first.*

Communication with Owners:

Engaging in a conversation with the dog's owner can provide valuable insights into the dog's behavior and temperament. Research suggests that open communication with the owner is crucial for understanding the dog's specific needs and boundaries.

Managing Your Own Dog:

If you have your own dog with you, research data underscores the importance of supervising their interactions with a dog wearing a red collar. This not only prevents potential conflicts but also ensures a safe and respectful environment for all dogs involved.

Spreading Awareness:

Research and data consistently support the idea that sharing knowledge about the significance of red collars can contribute to a safer and more considerate canine community. Raising awareness among fellow dog owners and enthusiasts can lead to a more harmonious environment for everyone.



KABOODLES of Kitten Adoptions



← “Asia” went to Glenwood springs to her new home on January 6. Lauren and Mark contacted Chris (foster mom) the previous week about her and Lauren said she just fell in love with her especially after she saw her crossed eyes. They have another cat that looks like a Turkish Van mix that Asia will have as a buddy. Asia will have a very loved and pampered life. Thank you both for adopting her!



← “Splash” was adopted on January 16 from Joan (foster mom) and now resides with Patricia at her new home in Montrose. Patricia was looking for a playmate for her 3-month-old Blue Point Siamese kitten, Milo. Splash seemed to fit in pretty well in the looks department but it was her sweet nature that led Patricia to adopt her. In addition to Patricia and Milo, Splash will have three , cat loving, Chihuahuas to play with. It’s going to be a very fun, active home – thank you, Patricia!

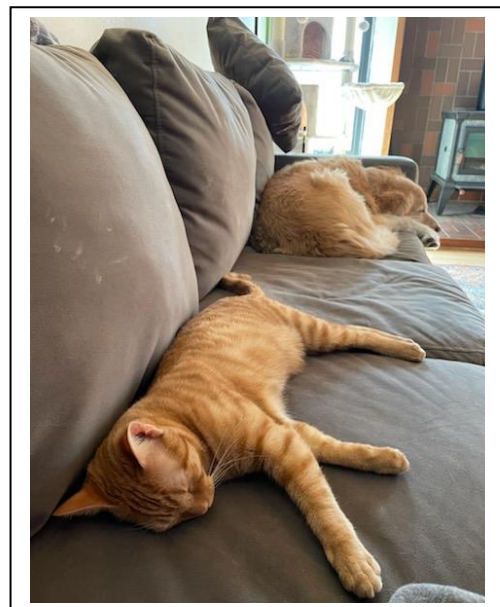


← Heidi and her two daughters picked up “Bandit” on January 26 and took her to their home in Delta. Joan (foster mom) said that the two girls and Bandit were instant friends, and they played very gently with their new kitty. Apparently, the youngest daughter announced that Bandit would now be called “Molly” and would be sleeping with her in her bed at night. What a great home for Molly!

Jamie and Jeffrey of Norwood, Colo. came to Joan's house on January 31 and adopted "Bosco." They have a 5-year-old son named Oliver – it would seem that Oliver and Bosco have the same energy level so they got along just fine. What a great fit for this kitty – thank you for adopting him! →



← "Bijou" was born in the summer of 2023 and came to Kathie's foster home as a bottle baby. She grew into a beautiful orange tabby and caught the attention of Kelly who adopted her in late February. She is now living in Gunnison with her new mom and significant other, along with three new brothers - "Ratty" an 11-year-old red tabby, "T.T." a 4-year-old red tabby, and an 8-year-old Golden Retriever named "Simon." Kelly tells us that Bijou has not totally bonded with the two new cat brothers as yet, but she and the dog are already best buds. That's the way to hit the jackpot! ↓



Ten Facts about Cat Eyes

(information gratefully supplied by firstvet.com)

- Cats, like dogs, do not see all colors as well as humans.
Cats have fewer cones in their eyes so they see fewer colors. Blue and yellow colors are seen better than greens and reds that end up looking more like grey tones.
- Cats have better peripheral vision than humans.
Cats can see 200 degrees where humans see 180 degrees.
- Cats have an area of the retina called the tapetum lucidum.
The tapetum lucidum reflects light and causes the glowing effect to the eyes when a light is shined on them. This allows for better night/low light vision.
- Cats see best at a distance of 2 to 3 feet.
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- Cats can detect rapid motion better than people.
This is a major advantage when stalking and chasing prey.
- The eyes of the cat have evolved as that of a nocturnal predator.
- Cats have many rods which give them 6 times better vision in dim light than people.
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- Cats also have a third eyelid, like dogs.
This tissue produces tears and keeps the eye moist and protected. In senior cats, various types of cancer can develop on the third eyelid.
- Cats respond positively to a slow blink.
- If humans slow blink at a cat, they often repeat the blink. Studies have indicated this is a positive communication between cats and people.
- Cats can go blind as a result of high blood pressure.

Uncontrolled high blood pressure can cause the retinas to detach. High blood pressure is common in cats with kidney disease.

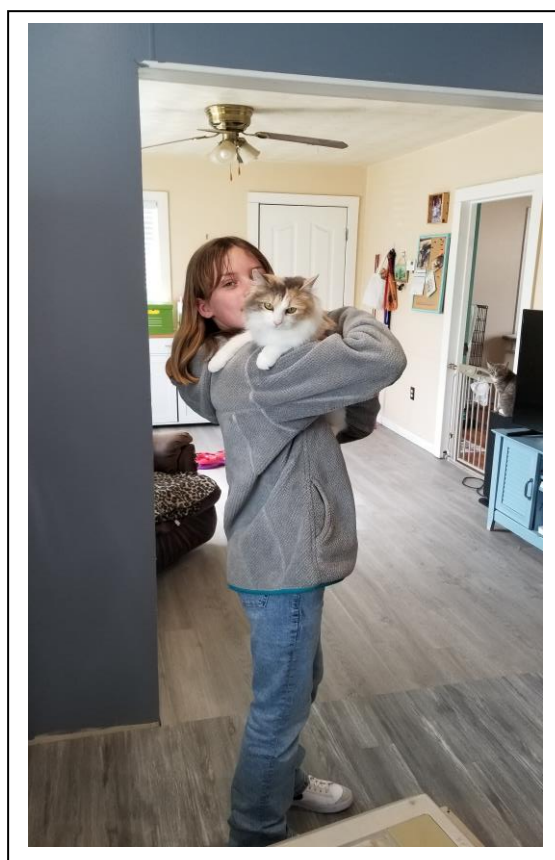


More kitty adoptions



← Carol came to pick up “Teddy” from Joan on March 12. She had been waiting patiently for him to be neutered and March 12 was the day that he could go home. Carol's daughter, Heidi, adopted Molly (Bandit) about a month before (see pg.3). The granddaughters got to name Teddy too for their grandmother. Teddy will also have a new cat friend, with similar markings, to play with at his new home in Delta. It's a great home for Teddy!!

“Victoria” was adopted on March 16 from our foster mom, Chris, and went to her new home in Carbondale with Katie and family. She will also have a new buddy cat, Klondike, aka Tunie, because cats love tuna fish. She will also have two dog buddies to hang with in her new family. Thanks, Katie, for picking Victoria as your new family member! →





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