

# Pet News

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*HAPPY HOLIDAYS & SEASON'S GREETINGS TO YOU FROM*

*ALL OF US at the DELTA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY*

## ***Dangers for Pets during the Christmas Holidays – Be Aware!***

It's that time of year again, and we probably give you this information every year – but it's important that pet owners be aware of the numerous dangers to their 4-footed family members during the holiday season. Here are a few items to be aware of:

1. If you have a real Christmas tree, keep the water in the stand covered so your animals can't drink it. The pine sap is dangerous if ingested.
2. Many people love to burn candles around this time of year, but they can be hazardous to pets. Put burning candles in places that are inaccessible to your pets and don't let candles burn unattended.
3. Christmas flowers such as poinsettias, mistletoe, holly and lilies are very dangerous to dogs and cats. Eating parts of the poinsettia can give a cat a severe gastrointestinal upset, and even licking lily pollen off their fur can kill an animal.
4. Foods containing chocolate, alcohol, raisins and onions (cooked or raw) are dangerous to your pet's health. Keep these foods out of reach and/or covered to protect your pet from accidentally ingesting them.



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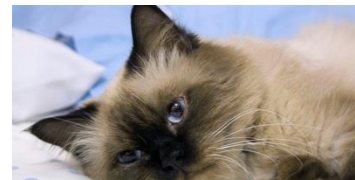
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### **Can you help out during the Holidays?**

We know that everyone is asking for donations at this time of year, but our animals need food and medical treatment – our foster moms supply the love. If you could manage to send us a donation, big or small, it would be greatly appreciated. Check page 1 for our mailing address, or you can go online and give us a donation. Thank you !!

## ***These adoptions are going to have the Purr-fect Christmas holiday season . . .***



← Emily and Blake, of Placerville, Colo., adopted “Denali” from Joan (foster mom) on October 1. They are both animal lovers and Denali will have lots of 4-footed friends and playmates (another cat, 2 rabbits, and a dog who loves cats & rabbits). What a great home for Denali!



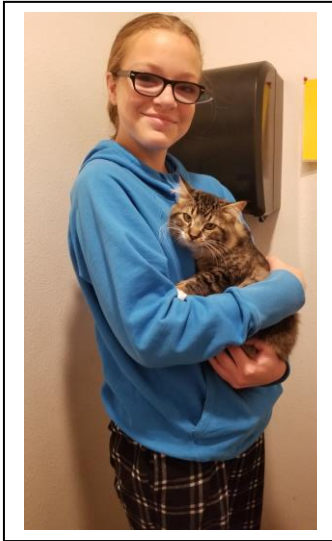
Kathie (foster mom) recently took in 20 kittens - yes, that’s what we all thought – unbelievable! This gorgeous black kitten was the first adoption at the beginning of October. Here’s the shortened version of how Kathie tells the adoption: Dianne (daughter in Denver) wanted a kitten for her mom (Laurel) living in Delta. Mom did not want a black cat so Kathie only showed her a group of kittens that were un-black. None of them seemed to meld with Laurel. Kathie then brought in Group 2 of kittens, along with a solid black kitten that Kathie said “just wanted to play with the others – don’t pay any attention to him.” As soon as he saw Laurel he gently patted her on the shoulder and when she turned her head he started licking her chin. As soon as she sat back down, “Zynga” was in her lap, purring up a storm. End of story. They went home with the most gorgeous black cat. →



“Apollo” and “Sputnik” now live in their great new home in Wyoming. Jess and Phil were visiting their daughter in Montrose and discussed that they wanted a kitten because theirs had recently died. Joan (foster mom) said Jess and Phil decided to meet Apollo on their way home and it was instant love on both sides!! The surprise was they also fell in love with Sputnik who is Apollo’s twin brother, and it is fantastic that they get to stay together. Thank you! →



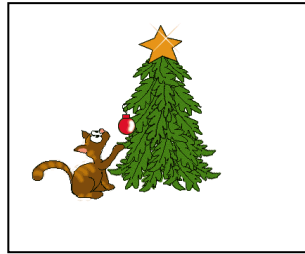
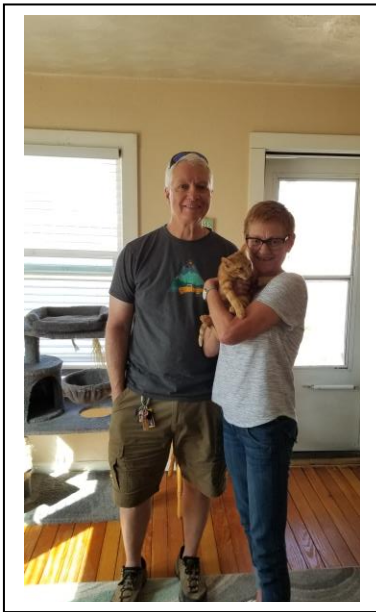




Olivia had spotted “Oppie” on Petfinder & knew immediately that he was the kitten meant for her. Olivia had to wait a few weeks due to Oppie’s pending neuter operation and scheduling conflicts. But on October 1 she and her mom drove from Colo. Springs to meet Chris (foster mom) in Sargent, CO – the big transfer/adoption took place in the restroom of the local store.



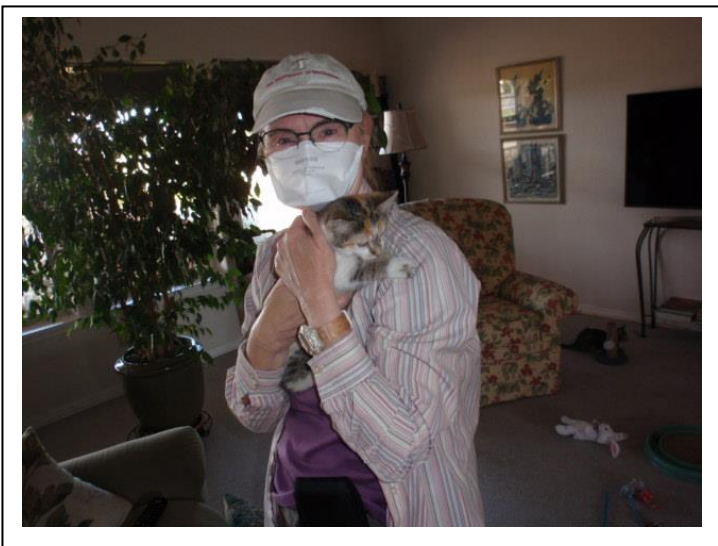
Chris says that Oppie did not like to be held, but when she handed him over to Olivia, he melted in her arms. This was an adoption that was meant to be, & as you can see by the photo on the right, they have bonded for life. BTW, Olivia changed his name to “Rocky” because it looks like he has boxing gloves on his front paws. Great name & great adoption!



“Remy” went to his new forever home on September 25. Jen and Mitch came over to meet him and he was all theirs. Jen picked him up and he started purring and was very much in the place he was supposed to be. Remy now lives in Glenwood Springs, Colo. with his new buddies, Edison and Woody (photo on right with Remy snuggled in the middle). Have a happy life , Remy!



← “Thomas, aka Big Boy Blue” was adopted on October 24 by Delanie. Jackie (his former foster mom) said that Delanie was already shopping for cat furniture for him before she picked him up, and he was scheduled for a vet appointment. We are confident that Thomas will have the best home ever. Thank you, Delanie!



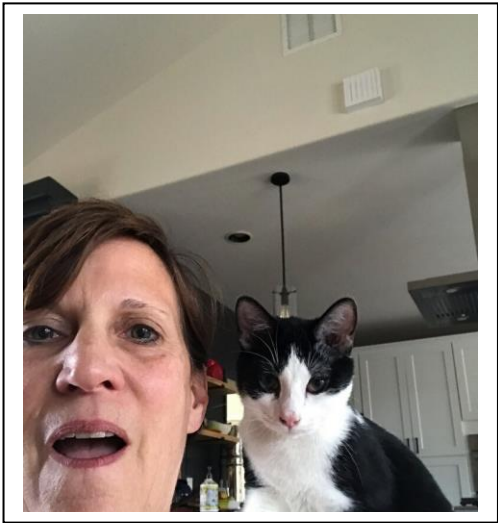
↑ . . . (as told by our foster mom, Joan)

It’s a really great home for “Squeek.” Cindy and her husband recently lost their cat, Ziva. They were now ready to adopt a new kitten to fill the emptiness in their laps. Cindy has fostered cats for Roice Hurst and is definitely a cat person. All the kittens went right to her the minute she sat on the floor. Squeek wanted her to play and dragged her favorite old, ratty wand into Cindy’s lap. It was sort of like she knew that she was going home with Cindy and wanted to make sure her favorite toy went with her. It did!! There are no kids or other animals so Squeek will get all the attention. She will love that!!





← “Rowdy” was adopted out on November 5 to Aurora of Battlement Mesa, Colo. Joan (foster mom) tells us that Aurora lost her 17-year-old cat recently and was ready for a new kitten. Rowdy will have a great home with Aurora, her boyfriend and her sister, in Battlement Mesa. Her one year old cat, Obi, is going to be so happy to have a new playmate!



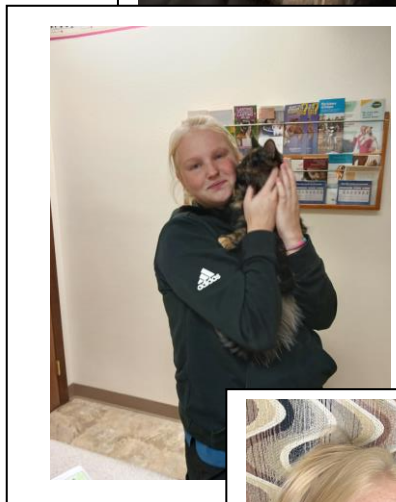
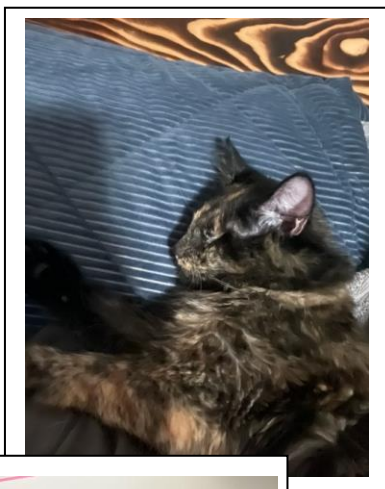
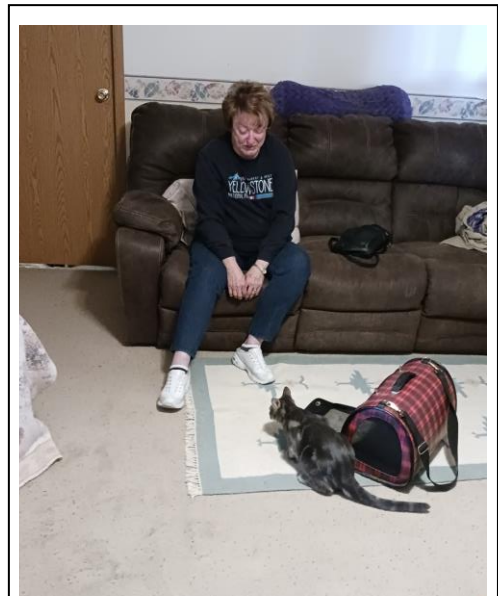
↑ On Oct. 21 Monty and Connie came to visit kittens at Kathie’s (foster mom) home in Cedaredge to see who would be a good match for them. After playing with several, Monty suggested that they take a set of look-alikes. And away they went with “Penguin” and “Sparrow.”

Although it took a few days for Sparrow to feel comfortable in his new surroundings (as he was very shy), it appears (from the photos) that both kittens have now settled nicely into their new home, and Sparrow has bonded with Monty. They also got a brand new cat tree to be comfy as they look out the window to watch the birds. Great adoption! →



Kathie (foster mom) said Geri had called interested in "Isaac." She had just lost her cat of 18 years on Oct 18, and two weeks later she lost her husband. She now was all alone for the first time in a long time, and Isaac reminded her of her "Smokey."

On Nov. 8, Geri and her nephew's friend came to see if Isaac would be her new buddy. She only had her heart set on him. Enticed into the carrier with treats, they set off for home in Grand Junction, Colo. Only a couple of days later Geri was Isaac's best friend. We love a happy ending, and the fact that Isaac now has a wonderful home! →



***A Miracle Kitty & Adoption . . . (as told by foster mom, Kathie)***

← The hardest adoption of all: When this little girl was rescued on June 22, she had all but given up. Her eyes were badly infected and she was in a lot of pain. I syringe fed her for three days, every 2-1/2 hours. It gave her the strength and courage to want to live.

One week to the day, at 3 weeks old, she had her first vet visit. Her left eye had already ruptured and the decision was made to remove it and pray that she survived the surgery. She made it through with flying colors. The right eye was bad too, and was stitched shut to try and save it. When we went back the next week, it was starting to rupture also. So back to surgery she went. It had to be removed too. She had so much will to live by then, and survived the second major surgery at 4 weeks of age. It earned her the name "MOXY." She weighed all of one pound and had the tenacity of a tiger. Everyone at the vet office loved her, but most of all Emily.

Since I took care of Moxy for over 4 months, it was extremely hard to let her go, and hoped that I was making a good choice in her placement. Taking on a special needs animal is a big commitment. However, as you can see from the photos, it looks like she loves Emily very much too.



**. . . . and now it's time to reminisce**

“Luke’s” adoption happened five years ago in 2017 – he was just a pup then, but is now a seasoned canine with a wonderful family and, as you can see by the photo on the left, he also has a 4-footed buddy in his life. Evelyn has given Luke a great home, and she even says he might be a little spoiled. Luke is a lucky dog!



Evelyn, holding “Luke” on adoption day in 2017, and her son, Scott, - and best buddy Maggie.



“Luke” now – 5 years old



Dog Spelled Backwards

When God had made the earth and sky,  
The flowers and the trees,  
He then made all the animals,  
The fish, the birds and bees.  
And when at last He'd finished,  
Not one was quite the same.  
He said, "I'll walk this world of mine,  
And give each one a name."  
And so He traveled far and wide  
And everywhere He went,  
A little creature followed Him  
Until its strength was spent.  
When all were named upon the earth  
And in the sky and sea,  
The little creature said, "Dear Lord,  
There's not one left for me."  
Kindly the Father said to him,  
"I've left you to the end.  
I've turned my own name back to front  
And called you DOG, my friend."

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