

# Pet News

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

All of the volunteers here at Delta County Humane Society want to wish you a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and thank all of our adopters and donors who love their animals and help support our rescue organization !!

In addition, we would like to send out special thank yous to the following parties – those people who help us to make what we do possible . . .

**Veterinarians:**

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. . . and we love our wonderful foster  
parents: Carol N., Joan, Kathie, Jackie, Carol L., Chris,  
Miranda, Mary and Allison !!

***Spay Day USA is February 28, 2017.....***

***but let's practice the spay and neuter solution all year long...***

An unspayed dog, her mate, and all of their offspring, plus the offsprings' puppies, if none are neutered or spayed, add up to:

1 year = 16  
2 years = 128  
4 years = 2,048  
5 years = 12,288  
6 years = 67,000



An unspayed cat, her mate, and all of their offspring, plus the offsprings' kittens, if none are neutered or spayed, add up to:

1 year = 12  
3 years = 376  
6 years = 66,088  
9 years = 11,066,077



### **When to Spay or Neuter Your Pet**

- For dogs: While the traditional age for neutering is six to nine months, puppies as young as eight weeks old can be neutered as long as they're healthy. Dogs can be neutered as adults as well, although there's a slightly higher risk of post-operative complications in older dogs, dogs that are overweight or dogs that have health problems.
- For cats: It is generally considered safe for kittens as young as eight weeks old to be spayed or neutered. In animal shelters, surgery is often performed at this time so that kittens can be sterilized prior to adoption. In an effort to avoid the start of urine spraying and eliminate the chance for pregnancy, it's advisable to schedule the surgery before your own cat reaches five months of age. It is possible to spay a female cat while she's in heat.

***PLEASE NOTE: The Delta County Humane Society has subsidy spay/neuter coupons available to eligible low-income Delta County residents. Check our web site for the online application or call our phone number for "snail mail" if you don't have a computer. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS BY SPAYING OR NEUTERING YOUR COMPANION ANIMALS!***

# 10 Reasons Your Dog Makes the Best Valentine's Date

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As Valentine's Day approaches you could be thinking a couple of things. Maybe you're contentedly daydreaming about perforated paper bunny cards, too-hot cinnamon hearts and the various secret admirers you are sure to have doting on you this year.

Or perhaps you are thinking, "Ugh."

You're not alone. *Yahoo News* reports that one in five people would prefer to spend Valentine's Day with their pet over their partner.

So here are the top ten reasons why a dog makes a better date this Valentine's Day:

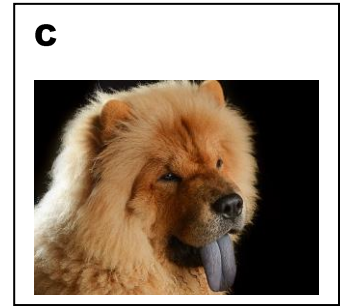
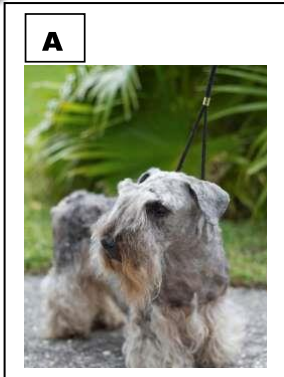
1. Dogs don't talk. I could elaborate, but I think we can all agree this is a good thing.
2. If you worry your dog will destroy your lovely home four seconds after you step out the door, you can put him in a crate. The authorities frown upon this when it comes to dates.
3. Dog slobber is cute. Date slobber is **very not cute**. Ever.
4. You don't have to share your dessert with a dog (and probably shouldn't). This is great because dessert is the best part about Valentine's Day and all that stuff conveniently makes dogs sick. So you get your tempting torte all to yourself. Perfect!
5. For the not-so-romantic folks out there, a dog won't look hopefully, then desperately, and finally disdainfully into your eyes when the evening doesn't end in a helicopter ride to Paris and a romantic marriage proposal. Won't happen. Prolonged eye contact totally freaks dogs out.
6. When a dog follows you around it's cute. Am I right? Pretty much nothing is better than being adored by a dog. If a date follows you around ... we call that little phenomenon stalking.
7. Dogs don't care if you are "presentable" or not. You don't have to buy expensive shoes to hang out with your dog. You don't even have to shower. Just head out on a couple of hikes, toss a ball around, dole out a healthy belly rub and you're golden! No makeup, no ironing, no Spanx required. Amen.
8. You will never have to dream up a way to gently/firmly/sneakily "get rid" of a dog. Because you'd never want to get rid of a dog! Dogs are fun, and funny, and goofy, and handily clean food right off the kitchen floor for you when you drop it. Dates seem to think that kind of thing is below them. Lame.
9. Pup snuggles are **the best**. Okay, snuggles from a human can be pretty darn good too, but when Fido nuzzles into the nape of your neck and huffs a grumbly sigh, you'll stay in that exact same position for ages so you don't disrupt the little mutt's comfort.
10. Did I mention dogs don't talk?

So off you go! Use the Petfinder search tool on its web site to find your best Valentine's date yet! And enjoy your torte. All of it.

# KIDS' PAGE

*How smart are you about dog breeds? . . . . .*

*Match the pictures with the facts (answers on page 6)*



1. Chow Chow dogs are well known for their distinctive blue-black tongues, they're actually born with pink tongues. They turn blue-black at 8-10 weeks of age.

2. The Newfoundland breed has a water resistant coat and webbed feet. This dog was originally bred to help haul nets for fishermen and rescuing people at risk of drowning.

3. Dalmatian puppies are pure white when they are born and develop their spots as they grow older.

4. The Pekingese originated in China & was also known as the lion dog. Smaller Pekingese were called sleeve dogs because they could be carried in the large sleeves of their Chinese masters.

5. Cesky Terriers are the rarest breed of dog, with merely 350 of them alive.

6. The Chihuahua is the smallest dog breed and its area of origin is Mexico.

## ***JOKES . . .***

Why couldn't the leopard escape from the zoo? **Answer:** *He was always spotted!*

Why can't you play games in the jungle? **Answer:** *There are too many cheetas!*

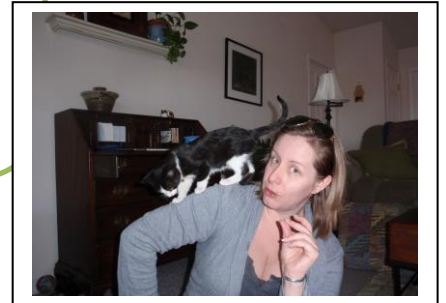
Why did I go to Walmart when my cat's tail came off? **Answer:** *Because it's the best re-tale store!*



## *Our December adoptions . . . .*



Nicole adopted “Bambi” on December 1 and we’re sure that the both of them had a wonderful first holiday season together in Crawford. Bambi was so comfortable with Nicole right “off the bat,” as you can see by this photo →



Maura and Greg fell in love with little “Tilly” (fka Sprout) and formally adopted her on Dec.4. You may recall (see Oct/Nov.2016 Pet News) that Tilly was the little dog that was hit by a car and severely injured.

She has already had one surgery on a leg and will require at least 1 or 2 more surgeries.

Tilly will have the best home for her situation, with Maura & Greg providing the love and care that she requires. Even Dennis, their marshmallow Pit, has taken to Tilly. Thank you both for loving the ones who need it the most. →



This little pup found her new home on December 19 with a ready-made family of four. Tom and Cheryl brought their children along – Emma (holding pup) and Lily (on mom’s lap) for the adoption and they all agreed that this little girl would fit perfectly in their home. Lily even said she would be willing to share all her stuffed animals with the puppy – how great is that! →





Answers to KIDS' PAGE dog breed questions:

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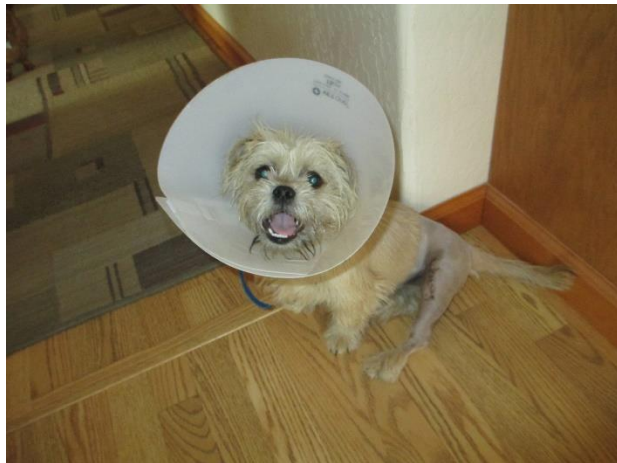
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6D



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who sent us a donation to help with Sprout's medical expenses. It warms our hearts to know there are so many loving and caring individuals here in Delta County. Sprout is now known as "Tilly" (see previous page) and she looks to make a full recovery from all her injuries in her new home. Thank you again to Dr. Gretta Carmichael (who gave Tilly initial emergency care), Dr. Norman Vincent (who did her leg surgery & who will be doing subsequent surgeries), and to ALL of you who gave from your hearts and your wallets to help one little defenseless dog – you have truly made a difference in her life !!



*Sprout/Tilly after 1st leg surgery*



*Resting up in foster care*



## More December adoptions . . . .



“Pepper” was adopted by a great family from Montrose on Dec. 19. Not only are Jennifer and her two children thrilled with the adoption, but Pepper can look forward to having her own family, and even an older cat and a dog to play with.

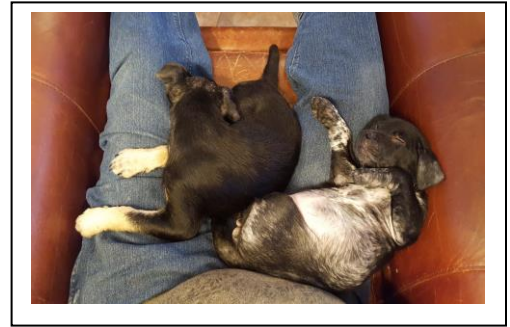


Carmen picked up her kitten named “Six” and headed home with her to Telluride on Dec. 21 – the kitten was actually to be a surprise Christmas present for her 9-year-old son. Lucky for Carmen, she has a friend who hid Six until Christmas – what a great surprise for both her son and the kitten!

## How Dogs are frustrated by Winter



*... the last of the December adoptions ...*

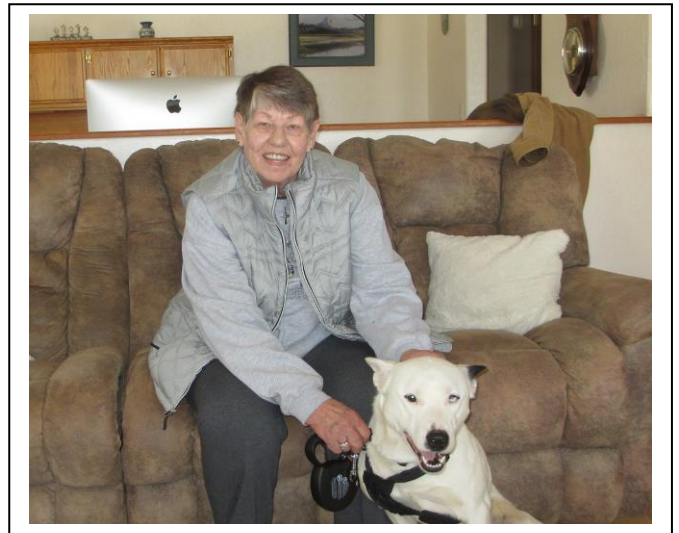


*“after dinner lap nap”*



Rick and Anne of Cedaredge, Colo. got Christmas Eve presents when they decided to adopt a pair of puppies from Carol (Crawford facility). They hinted that future names might be “Sonny & Cher.” Whatever names these pups end up with, you can be sure that they will be spoiled – just look at the side photos taken in their new home.

“Tank” went home with Jean to Grand Junction on December 28. Jean plans on teaching him a few commands and taking him on lots and lots of walks. As if Tank wouldn’t be happy enough with all the lovin’ he’ll have in his new forever home, Jean also said that he might get “sleeping on the bed” privileges. Tank has definitely found doggie heaven here on earth with Jean.



*“Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love; they depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog; it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs, your heart is very big.” - unknown*





The Delta County Humane Society is a non-profit organization. This means all of your donations of money and materials are tax deductible. The organization is not funded by your government tax dollars. This is why YOUR membership and donations are so very vital to us. As many of you are aware, we have only a small force of volunteers who care for the abandoned and unwanted animals in their homes until they can be provided with a permanent and suitable home. If you are concerned with the well-being of our animals and would like to help financially with a membership or donation, please fill out this form and return it with your check. If you have material items with a value, please call our office (970-874-2149) and leave a message. (We are always in need of blankets, towels, dog houses and runs, pet food, carriers, collars, leashes, food bowls, large food storage containers, wire fencing, etc.)

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**MEMBERSHIP: \$10 (annual) \$20 (supporting) \$100 (lifetime)**

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