

# Pet News

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## October 29 is National Cat Day



National Cat Day, which is celebrated on October 29th in the United States, is a day on which people take time to appreciate the common household cat - an animal that has been around humans for the past 12,000 years. It's the perfect time of the year to show these felines some love and adoration.

The International Cat Association recognizes **71** distinctive cat breeds, which makes it the largest cat registry of pedigreed cats. The Cat Fanciers Association, however, recognizes only **42 cat breeds**. Here are a few of the more unusual breeds:



Persian



Abyssinian



Sphnyx



Siamese



Scottish Fold

Of course, the most important cat is the one you decide to rescue. Over 2 million felines are euthanized each year. Spay and neuter is the key to overpopulation. Thanks to all of you who found room for a rescue cat in your heart and home.

*We do our part to find homes for rescued cats . . . Here are some of our recent adoptions – Yea !!*



← “Jubilee” was adopted from Chris, foster mom in Paonia, on June 30 by Ellen and Tim of South Fork, Colo. Although Ellen has wanted a kitty for many years, Tim has never owned a cat and, understandably, was a little skeptical of this new adoption. But since all Julibee’s necessities (bed, scratchpost, toys, food, etc.) were already purchased by Ellen, and there was no way that Jubilee was going to be pried from Ellen’s arms, we are sure that Tim will come to accept this new kitten in their home. Plus, Jubilee’s new best friend is a sweet dog named Buddy, a gentle Lab that we are sure will watch out for her. Great adoption and a perfect home for Jubilee!

One photo says it all – this pic sent to us by Ellen tells us that “Kara” (fka Jubilee) has convinced the men in the family (Tim & Buddy) that she’s here to stay. →



Gia, of Taos, New Mexico, adopted “Bingo” on July 5 from our foster mom, Joan, in Delta. When Bingo arrives home, he will find that he has an older sister who is also a Manx cat. Gia wanted another “high energy” kitty so that they could play with each other, and she was very happy that she could adopt Bingo. Thanks, Gia! →



← “Mink” was headed to his new home in Colorado Springs, Colo. when this photo was taken on July 6. Joan, our foster mom, and Melissa, Mink’s new mom, met in Montrose, Colo. for the transfer of Mink. Melissa already has 3 dogs and 2 cats in her home, so Mink will round out her 4-footed friends to an even half dozen – and all of them are rescues! Good for you, Melissa – thanks for taking Mink into your home!



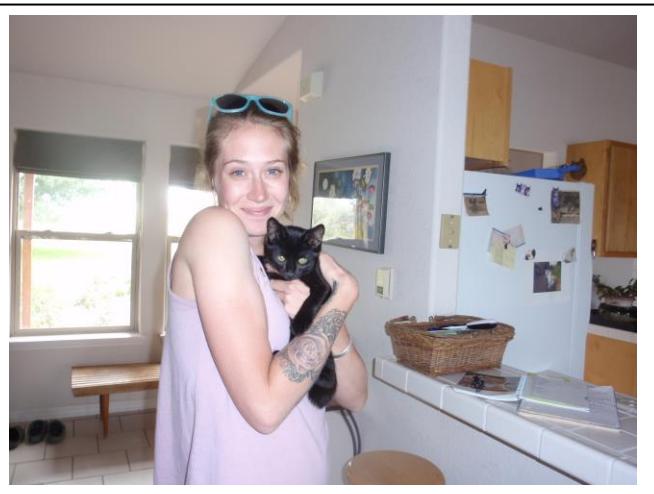
"Mushu"



"Cricket"

↑ We're sorry that we missed getting the adopter's photo with these two cuties, but are so glad that Ginny from Ridgway, Colo. wanted to adopt these two brothers into her family. They will have a 1-year-old pit bull to play with too, who loves cats. Thank you, Ginny, for allowing the two boys to stay together – great adoption!

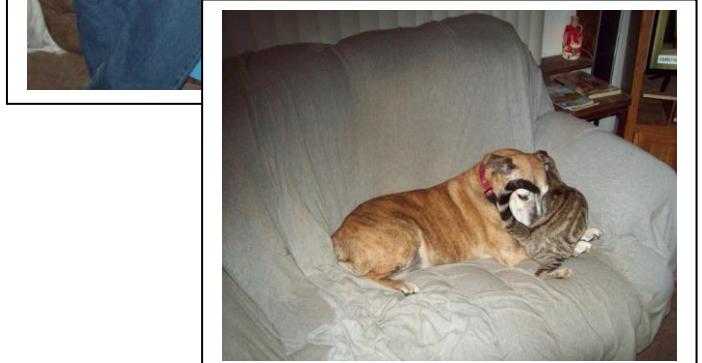
Our foster mom, Joan, obviously had a very busy adoption month in July – even a long distance adoption shown here. Sarah drove from Price, Utah to pick up her kitten, now known as "Abigail." Her cute kitty will now make their family a total of four – Sarah, her husband, Nic, their 4-yr-old German Shepherd, and, of course, Abigail. Thank you, Sarah, for coming the distance for your rescue kitty! →



← Chelsea adopted "Mulan" from Joan on August 7 - actually, it was a case of Mulan adopting Chelsea, as she came to her immediately when she arrived at Joan's house – she wanted to show Chelsea that she should be the one to go home with her. This special adoption now allows Mulan to play with Chelsea, her 18-month-old daughter, a dog, and an older brother cat, all at her new home in Eckert, Colo. Great choice, Chelsea!



← Jean, and her daughter, Patty, of Delta, Colo., came to check out "Oscar" at Joan's home on August 16. They both decided that Oscar would be a good playmate for Patty's cat, Sissy – but as you can tell, Oscar will definitely be Jean's cat. We love this adoption!

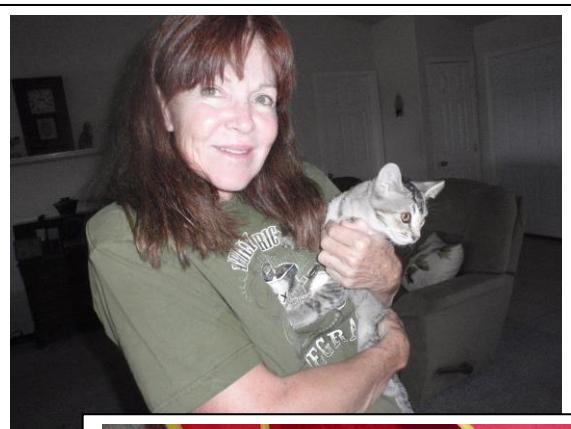


Sandy and David, of Nucla, Colo., originally wanted to adopt feline siblings, but when they saw the photos of "Stache" and "Haddie" available at Chris's foster home in Paonia, and saw how well the kittens played together, they fell in love with them and called Chris to arrange the adoptions. As you can see, both Stache & Haddie have settled in quite well at their new home and even won the affection of their elderly pit bull doggie. →

Super adoption – thanks for taking two !!

JoAnn, of Crawford, Colo., loves Abyssinian cats and when she saw that our foster mom, Joan, had an Abyssinian mix named "Gabby" up for adoption, she had to come and meet her. Well, of course, JoAnn didn't leave without Gabby and now this adorable kitty has a wonderful home with JoAnn, her, a 1-year-old cat, 3 dogs & 4 horses. →

If you're wondering (like I did) what determines if a cat has the Abyssinian trait in it, Joan tells me it mostly has to do with the "ticked" fur. You can see it more easily on her head in this earlier photo taken of Gabby. →

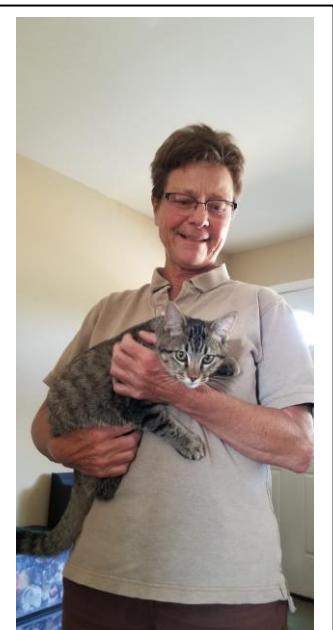


*Just a few Halloween cuties . . . . .*



**One more kitty adoption →**

"Boomer" went to his forever home on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Nancy spotted him on Petfinder and the rest is history. He will live in Gunnison with Nancy and her husband, 2 donkeys and a female kitty who is very attached to Nancy's husband. Nancy wanted a cat of her own. Boomer hid under the bed of his foster mom, Chris, for about 30 seconds, came out and crawled into Nancy's lap and started purring. Done deal!



*A little advice for the upcoming holiday . . . .*

**8 Somewhat Surprising!**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY FOODS**  
**that can kill your dog.**

**1 Turkey Skin**  
High fat foods, like that delicious turkey skin, can be extremely hazardous to your dog's health. The skin holds any marinade, spices, butter and oils and is difficult to digest. High fat foods can lead to pancreatitis. Symptoms include vomiting, abdominal pain and lethargy.



**2 Cooked Bones**  
Cooked turkey and ham bones are NOT safe for dogs. They can splinter in the dog's digestive tract and your holiday may include a pricey trip to the emergency room and worse. Dispose of bones carefully so that your pup isn't tempted to eat them.



**3 Onions & Garlic**  
Onions and garlic contain sulfides, which are toxic to dogs, and can lead to anemia. Onions are more toxic than garlic and cooking them does not reduce their toxicity.



**4 Alcohol**  
Many dogs love the taste of beer, but this does not mean you should share your frosty brew with your best friend. Any alcohol, and particularly the hops in beer, is toxic and in some cases can cause death in dogs.



**5 Nuts**  
Specifically walnuts and macadamia nuts and very dangerous for your dog. They could cause a toxic reaction called, "macadamia nut toxicosis." Within 12 hours of eating them, dogs are unable to stand, vomiting, having tremors, fever, weakness and elevated heart rate. Usually symptoms go away but this can lead to deadly shock.



**6 Nutmeg**  
Used to spice sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie, nutmeg can cause seizures and central nervous system problems if your dog ingests it. In extreme cases, it can even cause death. Both sweet potatoes and pumpkin, in moderation, are good for your dog - just make sure they don't have any nutmeg on them before you feed him any!



**7 Sage**  
Sage contains essential oils that can cause stomach upset. Best to keep this herb out of reach from your pup's paws!

**8 Chocolate, Dough, & Batter**  
We all know chocolate is a no-no, but did you know that dough can actually rise inside your dog's stomach, causing bloating and severe pain? Additionally, dough and batter contain raw eggs, which may contain Salmonella. Keep your furkid out of the kitchen while you bake and clean up any spills right away.

**The “Pre-Thanksgiving” Talk...**



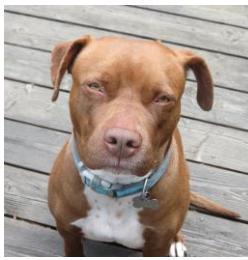
Look, when the family comes over for Thanksgiving, it's literally going to be raining food. People drop things, peas roll off plates, gravy drips, things happen. So stay alert!

### **City Market Community Rewards Program**

If you shop at a City Market store in Delta County, you could help us by signing up with their Community Rewards program - you will still receive your rewards points on your account, but in addition, our rescue group will also receive a percentage of your purchase. Please log on the link shown below, sign up for a Rewards account, and select Delta County Humane Society as your nonprofit choice. Thank you !!

<https://www.citymarket.com/topic/city-market-community-rewards>

Also, if you already have a Rewards account with City Market, you need to renew it - at that time you can change your nonprofit selection to, or remain with, our rescue group. We would greatly appreciate it.



Fall for a Dog this season . . . .

October is Adopt-a-Dog Month!

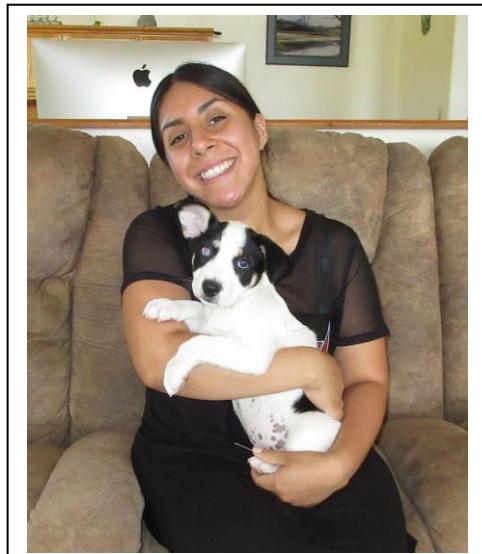
*The end of July was super for puppy adoptions . . . . .*

Carol, our foster mom in Crawford, took in a litter of seven assorted-colored pups in early June, on the day they were born, along with the mama dog. This photo shows them at 3 weeks of age, already eating solid food. They grew into healthy pups, ready for adoption the week of July 21. Obviously, they didn't last long once their photos hit the internet . . . . .



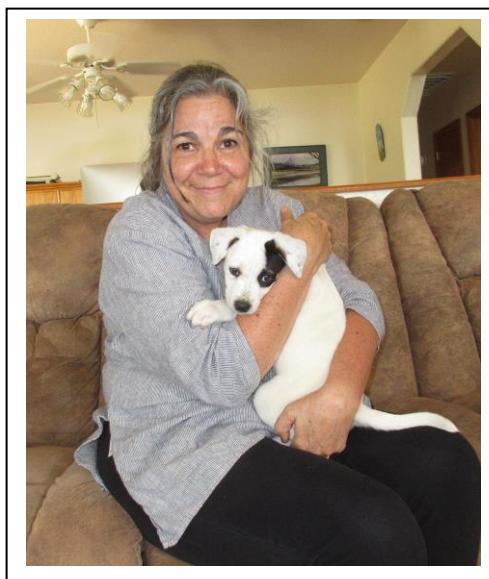
← Sierra, of Aspen, Colo., was the first to adopt one of the puppies on July 22. She made arrangements with Carol to come right away for her puppy. This little guy will have Sierra to love him, in addition to her boyfriend, and another 1-year-old canine friend – plus, Sierra is able to take him to work with her every day. What a great bonding experience for the both of them!

The next day, July 23, Katelynn's family in Grand Junction, Colo. (husband & 3 daughters) had no idea that she was going to adopt a puppy for them – can you imagine the excitement in that household when Katelynn arrived home !! Thank you, Katelynn, for taking a rescue pup into your family. →





← Nick and Ariel drove all the way from Aurora, Colo. to get their puppy, also on July 23. They told Carol that they wanted a dog who would give them kisses, and this little girl pup obliged them by giving them never-ending kisses. She'll also have another 4-legged buddy to play with – looks like a perfect home for this little gal. Thank you both!

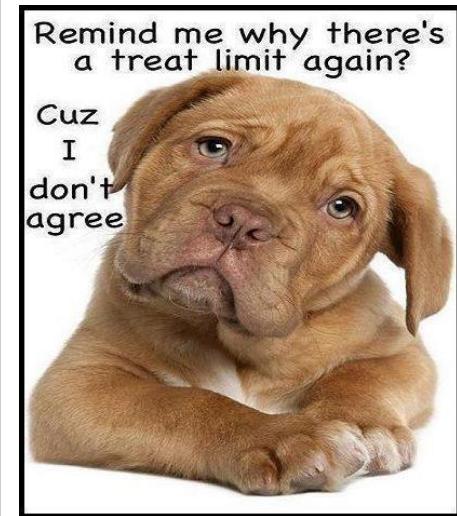


There was no doubt in Sally's mind that she wanted to adopt the little one black-eyed girl when she saw her online up for adoption, but when Carol told her that this particular pup was the last one to be born out of seven pups, Sally was ecstatic. To Sally, that meant the pup was 7<sup>th</sup> out of 7 pups, and "7" was her lucky number – a perfect match! . . . and we think so too. →



← Aaron promised his kids, Trystan, 14, and Trenton, 16, that once they bought a home they could have a puppy. Well, they bought the home in Montrose a year ago and are now ready for the puppy. Aaron told Carol that his daughter, Trystan, was the one who was most anxious for the puppy and is ready to train him. This little pup probably got the best "welcome home" ever – and happy times are ahead for both the family and the puppy.

**There are no bad days when you come home to a dog's love . . .**





← Peter adopted this little fellow on July 30 – he told Carol that the pup will be his new hiking buddy. How great is that? In addition, the puppy will have two smaller 4-legged friends to play with and keep him company at Peter's house in Montrose, Colo. Thanks, Peter!

The little white pup with the baby blue eyes was the last one to be adopted, but Dillon and Melinda, of Rifle, Colo., were thrilled to be the ones to adopt him on August 4. They were closing on their new home & would be moving in the following week, but they wanted their puppy now. We love it when our adopters can't wait to start lovin' on their dog. Thank you both! →



Now for the best news of all – Dakota, the mama dog to the 7 pups above, was also adopted on August 4. After being picked up as a pregnant stray, birthing 7 pups (one of them actually being born in Carol's car on the way to her foster home), and caring for those 7 puppies so well, Dakota now has a new, forever home with Brian, Nora, and their daughter, Miyoko. They are presently staying in their cabin in Crested Butte, Colo. and will be heading back home to Florida when the summer is over. Her foster folks, Antony & Kelley, said that Mikoyo was already in love with Dakota – great adoption! →



We would love to see updated photos of these kittens & puppies from their adopters – we always like to see how they look as they grow up, and how they have become a part of your families.  
Thanks!

*.... and then in mid-August, another litter of puppies*



← Carol had just managed to adopt out all the pups shown on the previous pages, and then was asked to take in these eight pit bull pups, approximately 7-8 weeks old. Six of the pups were doing well enough, but two of them were sickly. Carol monitored them 24/7, giving them medications and fluid injections over a period of 10 days. Sadly, the two sick pups did not survive. On the upside, as of August 23, the remaining 6 pups were healthy, ranging between 9.5 and 16.5 lbs., given their vaccinations, and ready for adoption.



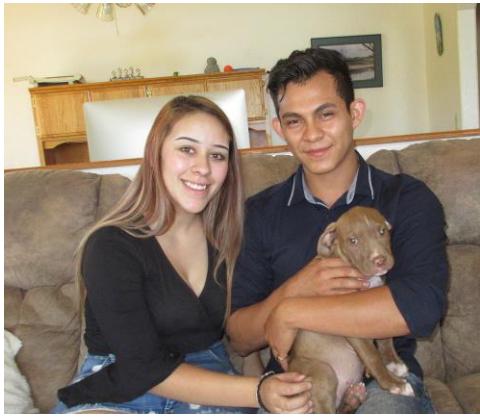
← This little pup was the first one to be adopted by Grandpa Eric of Parachute, Colo. Eric and his wife had been without a dog for a long time since their old dog had passed away, and the house felt lonely without one. This little pup will certainly help them to feel the love and warmth that only a dog can provide. Of course, the pup will belong to Grandpa & Grandma, but their daughter, Shayna, and granddaughter, Torui, helped to pick it out.

Greg and Donna, of Glenwood Springs, Colo., are in love with pitties and were the first to reserve their puppy. They are hoping that Beau, their 14-year-old dog, will impart some of his wisdom and good habits on the new puppy. Donna is going to have to be quicker if she wants to avoid those sloppy puppy kisses . . . but we don't think she really minds at all. →



Hector, and his twin daughters, Alexa (r) and Adrianna (l), came to pick out their puppy on August 27. Although this young pup already weighed in at 16.5 lbs., the two young girls managed to wear him out before leaving Carol's house. Hector is in love with pits too – their old pittie passed away recently and the family needed a replacement. This puppy will receive LOTS of love from this family – thank you for adopting a rescue dog!





← The last little girl puppy to be adopted will now live in New Castle, Colo. with Octavio and Daisy. They had been looking for a puppy for quite some time, and they didn't waste any time driving to Crawford when Carol told them that their puppy was still available. They were both excited to adopt this little girl, as you can tell from their smiles.

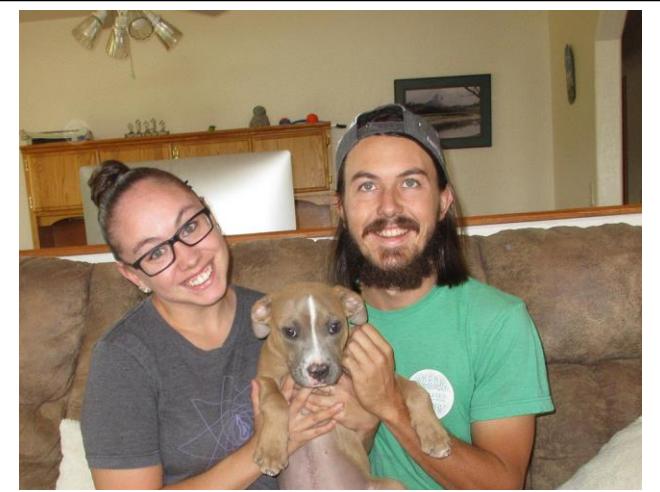
P.S. – her new name is “Genesis”

And here is little Genesis in her new home environment – boy, does she ever look comfortable. Thanks for sending the photos, Daisy – great photography! We look forward to more in the future as your little girl grows up. →



← Jesse and Shelby lost one old pit a few months ago and they and their current pit, Sam, were lonely. But that problem has been rectified by the adoption of this little guy, now known as “Mason.” He will have a new 4-legged friend to run with at their home in Norwood, Colo. – and word has it that there is a veterinarian in their extended family. How much better can it get – great adoption!

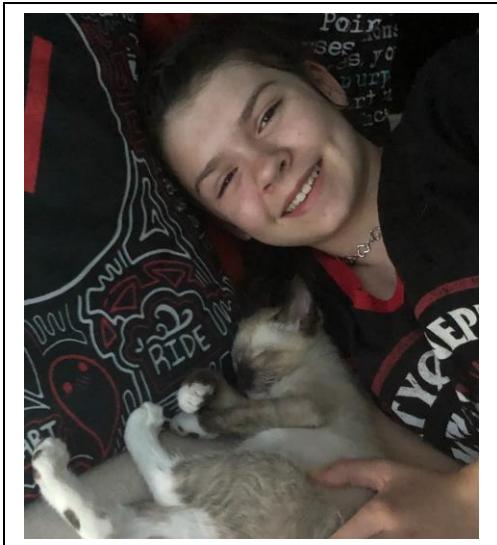
And last, but not least, this little guy went home with Andy and Maria on September 17 to his new home in Montrose, Colo. He was the last pit bull pup to be adopted, and waited the longest, but his wait paid off. He now has two wonderful owners, new friends to play with (an 8-year-old pit bull, a 4-year-old pit bull, and a 2-year-old mixed breed) – PLUS, 100 acres to run around on – what a great home! →



*Here's looking back at some SUPER adoptions . . .*



← Oh my – how you've grown! Sampson (left) and Kali (right) were both adopted in the fall of 2018 by Lisa and Jerry of Delta, Colo. from our foster mom, Carol. Sampson has grown to 61.5 lbs. and Kali is a healthy weight of 47.5 lbs. Lisa tells us that they both are great dogs! Look at the photos below to see the difference between puppy fat and the gorgeous, healthy dogs they have become . . .



← We love it when a plan comes together. Meadow had her heart set on adopting "Logan" in June 2019. She asked her Dad to take a video of the kitten at the home of his foster mom, Chris, while she was in Denver with her Mom. Shortly after, Logan became Meadow's kitten – and obviously the love of her life. Logan seems to be right at home and is willing to take all the cuddles he can get.



**AS I WATCHED THE DOG  
CHASING HIS TAIL,  
I THOUGHT DOGS ARE  
EASILY AMUSED.  
THEN I REALIZED I WAS  
WATCHING THE DOG CHASE  
HIS TAIL.**

↑ These two rescue dogs ended up in the best home ever with Crystal and her husband in Grand Junction, Colo. Daisy (l) and Xena (r) were both adopted within the last 1.5 years from DCHS – in addition to running in rivers (see last newsletter), they are shown here enjoying their Kong treat balls.



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