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DALHART ANIMAL WELLNESS
GROUP AND SANCTUARY



*"All animals are equal in our eyes,
and each one has a special gift to give"*



WINTER 2011



Atlas (left) is a darling cocker/schnauzer mix, who was rescued with his litter mates. Princess (below) is an adorable little kitten whose family was moving and couldn't take her with them. Today, thanks to your help, they are both in their forever homes.

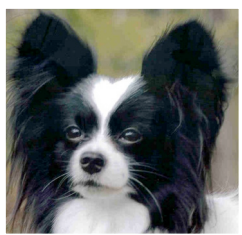


THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

Dear DAWGS Family,

This year has been really a difficult one for everyone here at DAWGS. The winter was brutally cold and the summer was blistering hot and not much in between. The students, who founded DAWGS in 2003, have now graduated high school and are out in the world, making it a better place, with compassion and love for animals. In their place, we have a dedicated group of students from Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Colorado College who have been volunteering at the shelter throughout the year. We have had some heartfelt success stories of animals needing help--from five strays deserted in the cold, to five papillons from a puppy mill, to a pitiful little lab mix, O'Ryan--and those rescues were only made possible because of your generosity and kindness. We are very excited about our new program, Silver Paws, which promotes the adoptions of needy animals by lonely seniors. Our loyal food supplier, Merrick Pet Care, was recently sold and we are now faced with trying to find food for our animals at a reduced price, knowing that a healthy diet makes a major difference in an animal's ability to thrive and to find a new home. Thankfully, through it all, with your help and support, we are able to continue to rescue and care for hundreds of precious animals and find great homes for so many. Thank you!

We wish you the happiest of holidays and may the new year bring great joy and love to you and your family.



OUR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

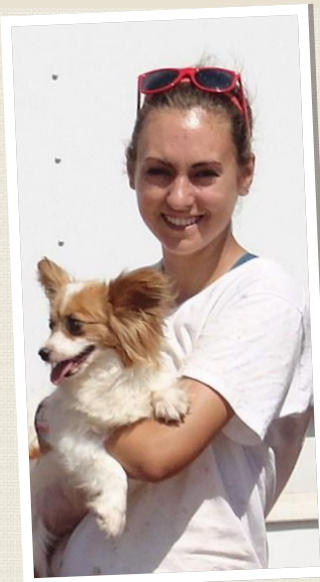


DAWGS was founded by a group of fourth-grade students who wanted to make a difference in the lives of animals. For over eight years they worked tirelessly to save every needy creature. Today their efforts have resulted in thousands of animals being saved, and over 5,370 are now loved and cared for in their forever homes. We have been very fortunate to have the invaluable assistance of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and the Colorado College students. These young people give up their time to volunteer at the shelter and work so hard on the daily activities of feeding, watering and maintenance. Their favorite part of the day is when they spend lots of time loving and playing with all the dogs and cats. We so appreciate all their compassion, kindness and empathy.

MERRICK PET CARE, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN SO GENEROUS TO US, AND TO SO MANY OTHERS, HAS BEEN SOLD. UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDED US WITH HIGH QUALITY PETFOOD, HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP, ESPECIALLY NOW, TO FEED THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE. WITH OVER 700 DOGS AND 30 CATS, WE GO THROUGH A PALLET OF FOOD EACH DAY. YOUR MINIMUM DONATION OF \$25 WILL FEED ONE DOG OR CAT FOR ONE MONTH. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A MONTHLY DONATION TO HELP CARE FOR THESE LOVING ANIMALS WHO, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, NEED YOUR HELP.



THE PAPILLONS



IN LATE SUMMER, A PUPPY MILL CLOSED DOWN AND FIVE LITTLE PAPILLONS WERE SURRENDERED TO DAWGS. EACH ONE HAD SEVERE HEALTH ISSUES, BUT, THANKFULLY, DUE TO YOUR SUPPORT, WE WERE ABLE TO REHABILITATE THEM AND GET THEM READY FOR ADOPTION. TODAY THEY ARE ALL THRIVING AND EACH HAS A LOVING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND FOREVER.

O'RYAN



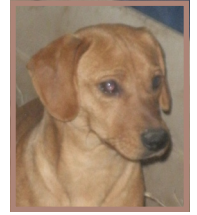
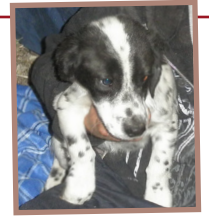
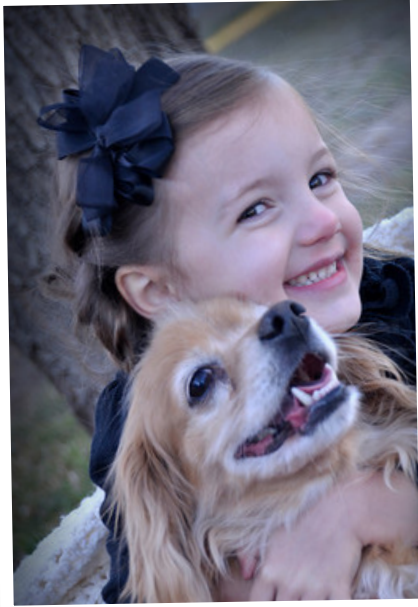
O'RYAN WAS FOUND TIED TO THE FRONT GATE OF THE SHELTER ONE COLD MORNING. HE HAD A HUGE WOUND ON HIS LEFT FRONT LEG. WE IMMEDIATELY TOOK HIM TO THE VET AND THEY STARTED HIM ON HEAVY ANTIBIOTICS TO TRY AND SAVE HIS LEG. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SITUATION BECAME WORSE AND THE LEG NEEDED TO BE AMPUTATED. YOUR GENEROSITY MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO SAVE AND CARE FOR O'RYAN. TODAY HE IS COMPLETELY HEALED, HAPPY AND READY TO GO TO HIS FOREVER HOME.

SILVER PAWS



WE HAVE STARTED A NEW PROGRAM ENTITLED "SILVER PAWS." THIS PROGRAM WILL PROMOTE THE ADOPTION OF NEEDY, HOMELESS ANIMALS BY CARING SENIOR CITIZENS. DAWGS HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED ANIMALS PROVIDE GREAT HEALTH AND SOCIAL BENEFITS TO PEOPLE. FOR QUALIFYING SENIORS, WE OFFER A REDUCED ADOPTION FEE, A RETURN POLICY AT ANY TIME AND DISCOUNTED VETERINARY ASSISTANCE. OUR FIRST SILVER PAWS MATCH IS FLASH AND HER NEW MOM, WANDA. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THESE SPECIAL MOMENTS POSSIBLE.

THE CORNFIELD RESCUE



SOPHIA'S AND SPENCER'S HOLIDAY WISHLIST FOR DAWGS

1. FOOD TO KEEP THEIR TUMMIES FULL.
2. DOG HOUSES TO KEEP THEM NICE AND WARM.
3. CAT BEDS FOR THEM TO CURL UP AND SNUGGLE.
4. PUPPY AND KITTY SHOTS TO KEEP THEM HEALTHY.
5. SPAY AND NEUTER APPOINTMENTS SO THERE WON'T BE SO MANY HOMELESS PETS.
6. MICROCHIPS AND TAGS TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE CAN GET BACK HOME.
7. AND MOST OF ALL, GREAT HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND FOR A LIFETIME.

The morning began with a truck tearing up to the shelter and two men jumping out. The men were frantically looking for a lost puppy and were hoping we had received it. Fortunately, our local animal control had released the little puppy to us, on its final day, and we had just taken him in. The man was so happy to see his puppy and the dog, Smiley, was jumping for joy! Now microchipped and sporting a new collar with ID, a smiling Smiley left safely in the arms of his dad who, complying with state law, signed an agreement to have Smiley sterilized. We love great reunions!

As Smiley and his family were driving away, we noticed five dogs bounding out of a field of tall cornstalks near the shelter. A young chocolate lab mix and four little doxies mixes had been hiding in the stalks of corn and wandered out in search of water. We gathered all the helpers together and tried to coax the dogs to come to us...but they were not interested. We tried to bribe them with food...no takers. We tried to gently corral them towards the entrance gate...NO WAY! We had to come up with a plan and quickly; if they ran back into the corn stalks, there would be a huge problem finding them. Trying to keep them altogether, we laid on the ground and we attempted to sneak up on them. Imagine ten people crawling ever so slowly up to five dogs who were scared, hungry and really only wanted to get a drink and head back to their hiding place. Fortunately, the chocolate lab decided to lie down and we were able to put a leash on her and two of the doxies who had decided to stay with her. Meanwhile the two tan

doxies sprinted off across the field and into the corn, pausing only for a second to loudly bark their disapproval at us!

We searched for hours through the brittle stalks of corn and could not find them. Finally, with night rapidly approaching, we spotted the two exhausted puppies lying on the edge of the field. They took off in separate directions and we knew we had to catch them and do it quickly. The farmer was scheduled to cut the corn in the morning and they were in serious danger. We had no time left. Jesus and Aaron, two young men in their twenties who have volunteered and worked at the shelter for several years, provided the solution. They are both ardent soccer players and very fast...but not necessarily faster than a pair of four short little legs running at full speed! We parked the car in the middle of the field, had the group move towards the dogs and, when they started to sprint, the young men ran next to them until the dogs dove under the car for cover. Thankfully we now had them cornered. We gave them a chance to calm down and were able to gently pull them out. They were so frightened, but when they realized they were okay and safe, they collapsed into our arms and gave us grateful licks.

Today they are all safely together, finishing up their immunization shots and almost ready for adoption. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to rescue these little guys and give them a second chance.

IN MEMORY OF

Vernon Aaron
Skittles Albright
Cecil Altman
Teddy Baggenstos
Libby Balasus
Athea & Victor Bearden and
Sherman Boddy
Buffy and Wildman Willie
Becker
Veta Usrey Bedard
Moosie Benders
Dusty and Scully Bentley
Candy Berry
Sophie Bialor
Merlin and Moses Bielinski
Suey Billups
Ann and Roy Bogue
Cassie Bonasera
Sherman Bourhenne
William Boyd and Austin,
Peter, Gretchen and Hiedi
Lily Boynton
Ray Brickley
Barry Brock and Maggie
Cleo Brown
Lorna Burge
Rikki Burks
Lenny and Teddy Cash
Lady Chambers
Bam Bam Cheronowez
Katy Coffee
Raymond Conway, Friski,
Cuddles, Mimi, Princess,
Cleo, Frisbee, Crystal,
Eclipse and Katie
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Indy Eichman
Larry Ellison
"Big Guy" Enley
Darla Etcott
Willie Faust
Oscar and Daisy Feuer
June Anne Fey
Sonora Fisher
Billie Jean "BJ" Fitzwater
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Janet G. Freeman
Georgia Frontiere
Betty & Roger Fuller & Nancy
Eugene and Hazel Fuller
Harold Fuller & Helen Fuller
Blue
Annie Galloway
Molly Geltman
Ruth Giles
Sparkle-Twinkle Gillis
Beau Goodman
Tina Goodman
John Graham
Margaret Hallock
William Harris
Dwight Hartman
Tiger and Gracey Russ-Hayes
Daisy and Sippi Healy
Doris, Mable and Kitty Herman
Kyle Hickman
Robert "Bob" Hilder
Caroline Holt
Margaret (Meg) Hoopes
Blush Horwedel
Jackson Huff-Dillon

Happy, Bailey & Sam Hustin
Joan Irene
Ally and Sparky Jacobson
Janet's babies: Agmier, Bernie,
Brandy, Buffy, Candy, Eunice,
Lotti, Missy, Moma Dog, Sugar,
Sweet Pea, Top Tricks, Solo One
Miss Spiffy to you, Lapetite Flo
Clayton Johnson
Lucy Jordan
Rocky and Chapman Justice
Pumpkin and Saint Kanner
Chewie Kautz
Meredith Kayser
Tootsie and Sally Kelly
Alan King
Remy Kissam
Millie Kitts
Nancy Klein
Anna Marie Klondike
Casey Krafft
Larry Krepela & Cecilia Krepela
Ed Lackey
Putri McAree, Sabrina
and Annie Little
Robert Langhorne
Wheezy Lawther
Chip Luter
David Maller
Wagner Manny
Arnold Matula
Mac and Bubba McConnell
Gunny, Joey and Max McKee
Piper Menges
Sari Mercedes
William Merrill and Kodi
Dorothy Metzler
Sabrina Michaelson
Ray Miller and Junior
Sherwin Miller and Muffy
Jackpot Milton
Shana Mitch
Cassie Molloy

Mary Anne Moore
Bernadine Morgan
Sierra and Moose Nielsen
Granny Ruth, Bootsie and
Tippy
LaVell Nutt, Charmer and
Raskal
Oakland officers: Sgts.
Dunakin, Sakai, Romans &
Officer Hege
Miles, Miss Kitty and Elwood
O'Loughlin
Shana Papaioannou
Baxter and Noel Peel
Lady Grace Peeples
Milly Perry and Oscar Cook
Walter Peterson
Ruth Pickup and Bridget
Etta and Charles Pierce
Tucker Dog Pirkle
Chance Poling
Jim Poole
Gracie and Sadie Prater
Ida Mae Quillin
R.A. "Rick" Rammung
Simon and Garfunkel Reinhart
Copper and Maizey Roberts
Bo Rapstine
Sadie Reimer
Bogue Rice
Rocket, Sally, Bill, Jasta, Lola
& Kittay
Gillie Rosenberg
Dugan Roth
Arnold Rufino
Pickles Salk
Arnie Schenker
Lou and Jean Schuler
Laura Viola Scott
Angel Scott
Libby Skinner
Tigger Rags Spafford
Helen Fitch Steel

Inga, Leroy, Sweetpea &
Tecumseh Stenstad
Carol Stout and "Kitty"
Patterson
Louis Christian Stratman III &
Mango
Anthony and Pepper Sucich
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Bear and Skillet Talley
Albertz Taylor
Jean Taylor
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Sunshine, ZZ Bird and
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Poncho Wade
Sunny Walters
Mary Etta Ward
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Waters
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Tuffy Williamson
Jane Whitman
Sue Willbanks
Jean Hayman Wilson
Zoe Wolff
Candi Workman
Angel and Midge Wright
Pete 1,2,3, Jotter & Alex Wright
Rudolf Vogler and Missy
Lady Bug Von Vorys
Wes Watson
Sophie Weiser
Fiji Wright
Luna Youner

A special memorial to Aunt C, who always gave her love, time, help and support to so many and is deeply missed by all.

IN HONOR OF

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