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RESCUE is a nonprofit quarterly magazine for anyone who feels compassion for stray or abandoned animals in need of a loving home, and who shares our concern that wildlife and not-so-wild life receive humane treatment. The publication has a commitment to advocate and to actively assist the efforts of CAWS (Delta County Citizens for Animal Welfare and Shelter) and to educate the public about animal care, hopefully inspiring compassion.

The greatness of a nation... can be judged by the way its animals are treated. — Mahatma Gandhi

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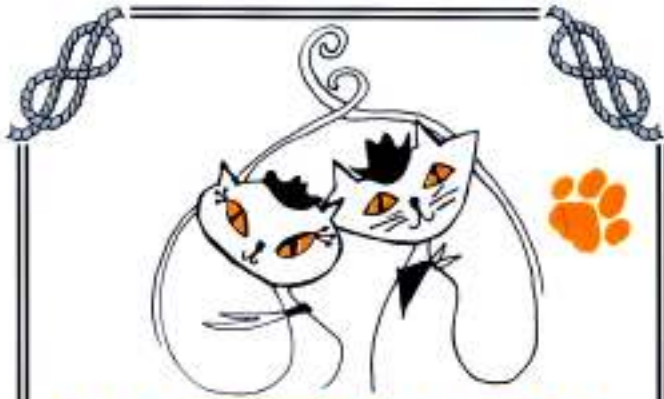
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Men as pack leaders

My first thought when being asked to write on this subject was, "How do I write about my dog training experience with men when all my clients are women?" Then I realized that the fact men do not ask for my help is good reason to address this subject.

Male "Leaders" have primarily dominated human civilization. We tend to think of men as those who "Take command." In fact, male energy (testosterone) is more linear in nature where as

female energy is more holistic or circular in nature.

Dogs respond well to linear energy when they are given commands, but they do



not respond well to fearful energy, and here in lies the challenge. The majority of men are quite fearful. Most male "Leaders" are dominate, fearful, aggressive, and self centered. Just look at the state of our current world order. Dogs need a strong, calm and connected leader. Openness, compassion, connectivity, and intuition are elements of the femine that most men could use more of. Patience is another huge element to being a good pack leader. I find men often lack in this area (I sure do). Men tend to view life as a problem that needs to be fixed. Our dog's lives need to be tended to not fixed. Care and attention needs to be given on a daily basis. They ask us to be present to them in each and every moment. That's not all ways possible, but we can try. I myself am in a constant state of success and failure with my own training. I feel at my best when I am calm and connected to my dogs. I feel like I actually have my act together when I am in the zone with my dogs.

The ultimate pack leader is a balance of female and male energy (imagine that!) . So to my male companions please consider the qualities of patience, connection, and calm intuition. Please be honest with yourself if you are fearful or aggressive in nature. Work at bringing balance, strength and grace to our dog's life and to our world in general... We really need it!

**GUSTAVO BRETT
PACK LEADER DOG TRAINING**



Critter books to live and cry by

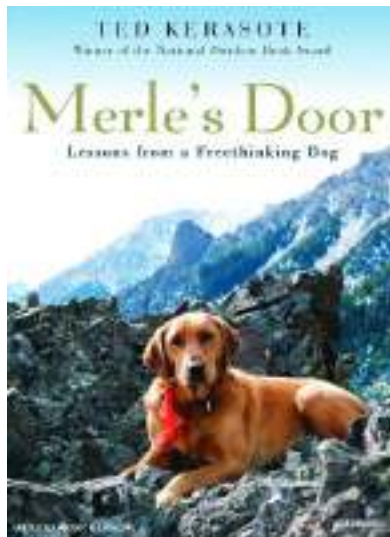
Editor curls up with a dog-gone good read

I read the final few chapters through a mist of tears, sniffing and sobbing, blowing my nose, trying not to get the pages damp. As I read, I'd so admired the stalwart spirit of the hero, his zest for adventure, his uncomplicated approach to life. Now, his tragic death was breaking my heart. You'd have thought that I was finishing the latest romantic bestseller by Nicholas Sparks or Jodi Picoult. But this hero wasn't human, and the book was *Merle's Door: Lessons from a Free-Thinking Dog*, by Ted Kerasote.

The book tells the story of Merle, a stray who finds Kerasote on a desert camping trip and basically declares with his eyes "you need a dog, and I'm it." Kerasote adopts the dog, names him Merle and brings him to his rural Wyoming home. He and Merle develop a deep, complex bond, based on freedom. Merle can come and go at will through his own doggy door (hence the title), which leads not to a fenced yard but to the wide world beyond. Though Merle spends his days wandering and pursuing his own interests, he always returns to Kerasote. By watching and observing, the writer comes to understand his dog's view of the world, and shares his captivating insights into canine evolution and behavior. "His (Merle's) lessons weren't about training, but about partnership," writes Kerasote. "They were never about method; they were about attitude."

Merle's Door was by no means the first dog story that broke my heart. That honor goes to *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls, which my third-grade teacher read aloud to the class. Even she couldn't hold back the tears, and I sobbed for days every time I thought about

Billy, his hounds Old Dan and Little Ann, and that awful mountain lion. The next year we read *Old Yeller*, by Fred Gipson, which told the tale of Travis, a Texas farm boy, and his big "yeller" dog. Then I found and devoured Jim Kjelgaard's series of books about a line of beautiful, uncannily smart Irish Setters: *Big Red*, *Irish Red*, *Outlaw Red*. And Jack London, too, those fine, thrilling tales of dogs and wolf-dogs in the Alaskan bush, *White Fang* and *Call of the Wild*.



But it seemed to me from all those books that only boys got to have grand adventures with dogs, which struck me as completely unfair. I didn't have a dog, either, much as I wanted one, but I imagined how my brave, ever-faithful hound and I would run off into the mountains to live. He'd hunt for both of us and fend off bears. When my parents gave me *Ajax: Golden Dog of the Australian Bus*, by Mary E. Patchett, on my 10th birthday, I was stunned. Finally, a girl who had

her own dog – and not just the marvelous dingo mix of the title, but also a bulldog named Algy and a terrier named Ben, not to mention horses, kangaroos and goannas. With her animals and her family, Mary lived a vastly exciting, often dangerous life in the Australian Outback. In a drab suburb of Denver, I pretended our back yard was a cattle station in the Bush, poisonous snakes lurked in our garden, and my yellow tabby was actually Ajax. Then I found the story of Julie, an Inuit child who did that little Aussie girl one better, surviving all by herself on the Arctic tundra, raised by a pack of wolves (*Julie of the Wolves*, Jean Craighead George).

Decades later, I continue to delight in dog books. I've come across some truly wonderful cat books (like James Herriot's *Cat Stories* and Cleveland Amory's *The Cat Who Came for Christmas*) but somehow I always return to tales of canines. R.M. Koster's Carmichael's *Dog* tells the fanciful tale of a curmudgeonly sci-fi writer who is possessed by a whole host of demons – of wrath, pride, lust, envy, sloth and avarice. He's wildly successful but no one suspects that he's haunted by demons except Furfante, a tiny lapdog who proves himself an able four-footed exorcist. It's a rather weird story, but witty and wise. Then there's *The Dog Lover's Literary Companion*, edited by John Richard Stephens, with dog-centered excerpts from writers ranging from John Muir to Bram Stoker to Warren Harding to Sting. Perhaps this remembering of great dog books will remind you of others you've enjoyed – and perhaps you'll go back to them, and dog-ear the pages.

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Dave



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Oh, puppy Oh, puppy
Your heart is so sweet.

When I hugged you good night, you fell asleep.

By the time you left me,
I felt lonely in my heart.

by Cecilia, age 12

“Are you ready to go take a look at that puppy?” my husband, Wayne said, with his disarming smile that made it hard for me to say no. Four years had passed since we’d lost Pepper, our beloved Husky Lab mix. Maybe it was time to get another dog. On the way, Wayne filled in more details of the story. Someone had dumped a puppy off at his brother’s ranch, and Dennis had been caring for him for a few weeks while he tried to find him a home.

Arriving at his brother’s, we looked around but didn’t see a puppy. All at once from the other side of the yard a black ball of fur came bounding toward us. Wayne knelt down and barely had a chance to touch the puppy’s wiggling body when he spotted me. I tried to remain detached as he jumped up and down, begging me to pet him. Soon I was on the ground too. He ran back and forth between us, ecstatic to have some attention.

After a while we got up to go, planning to discuss whether we wanted the puppy on our walk home. As Wayne and I headed up the driveway we looked back. The little black dog was following us. We looked at each other and smiled. “It looks like the decision has already been made,” I told Wayne.

We named him Sam. Our vet estimated the pup’s age, and we figured Sam must have been dumped when he was only six weeks old.

Sam needed lots of tender, loving care. Although he was very friendly, he had some trust issues. Just before dark he would sit on our porch looking sad. Then he’d grab whatever he could in his mouth and aggressively tear it apart. I think he was reliving his traumatic abandonment and didn’t know what else to do. I sat with him on my lap just before dark comforting him several nights until he outgrew it.

Sam loved taking long walks on our ranch. One day as we were walking along the road he stopped and stood perfectly still with one front paw raised, tail sticking straight out and his nose pointed at the sagebrush patch on the side of the road. He looked at me as if I was supposed to give him a command. When I didn’t say anything he darted off into the underbrush. Several minutes passed. Suddenly a pheasant flew into the air, then another and soon one more. I was amazed at how quickly he’d found their hiding places and flushed them out without any barking. He sat down and watched them. Once again I sensed he was waiting for a

Saving Sam

command. "Good boy," I said. He trotted back to me with his head held high, feeling a great sense of accomplishment. We looked at a book of dog breeds and decided he was a wire-haired pointer with some terrier thrown in because he liked to catch field mice.



Sam. COURTESY WOLF FAMILY.

As Sam grew older he developed a bad habit of running off to the neighbor's to play with their dogs. A couple of times he was gone overnight. We live on a ranch and our fence is made to keep out cows and horses, not to keep dogs in. We started tying him up and he was not happy. He didn't fight it. He just got depressed. I knew that wasn't the answer.

After a week of discussing our options we decided we'd have to find another home for him. It was a heart-wrenching decision but we knew it was best for Sam. I prayed we wouldn't have to take him to a shelter. Then Wayne remembered a group he had worked with as a county commissioner. He called CAWS and they confirmed they had room for him in a foster home I was so happy. He would stay there until they could find a permanent home for him.

When we took him to meet his foster mom, Mary, Sam gave her a big lick on the face. "What a sweetie," she exclaimed. We helped Mary load his doggy bed, toys and food into her car. Wayne had Sam get in the back seat. The last time I saw him he was sitting in her front seat, happily looking out the window and ready for his next adventure. I knew he'd find a loving home with another family.

BY KRISTINE WOLF

MESSAGE FROM SAM'S NEW FAMILY

"My whole family would really like to thank you again for allowing us to adopt Sam.

He really is a special dog and exactly what we were looking for. We've already taken a couple of nice hikes and Sam really likes to play in the snow. He's eating well and seems very comfortable with his new situation. His inquisitiveness and playfulness are a joy to watch, and yes he does like to take odd items and move them around and play with them. So far this has not led to any destructive results, so it's fine. He's really pretty good on a leash and knows Sit. We're working on Stay, Come and Heel at which point he will have more freedom."

xxxxxx Family

Puppy-mill pup finds her forever home

CAWS often gets wonderful letters from folks that have adopted animals in need of a loving home. Below are some heart-warming thoughts from a wonderful woman who recently adopted Peanut, a wisp of a dog, rescued from a puppy-mill where she'd spent for entire life in a cage.

"Peanut is the ultimate lap dog, and you would have gotten a kick out of seeing her the other day with her back half on the arm of my recliner and her head resting on my lap! She has been a lot of company for me and has a wonderful disposition. As my sister said recently: "Peanut probably thinks that she died and has gone to dogie heaven!" Well, I'll admit she's already spoiled, but she deserves to be after a rough start in her life.

She's a very happy dog and races through the house on occasion with lightening speed and has "howled" three times since she's been here. I decided those are both traits from her dachshund side.

She accomplished a milestone today by going down the hall all by herself and using the pee pee pads that are in the corner of my computer room. Of course I praised her right away for "going potty on her mat," and she seemed to be pleased. Well, I always praise her, but this time she wasn't in her play pen or in my workroom with the door closed, so it was special."



CAWS launches new foster program

The Delta County Citizens for Animal Welfare and Shelter (CAWS) was formed to promote and encourage the humane treatment of dogs and cats who have been rescued or abandoned. The organization promotes adoption, develops spay/neuter programs, and encourages a foster home network through public education.

CAWS is a 501-C3 organization and is completely funded by donations and grants. It is supported by a dedicated assortment of volunteers whose uniting value is an unconditional love and respect for animals. In its eighth year of providing spay/neuter services, and caretaker families, it has fostered/adopted out close to a thousand abandoned or rescued animals in Western Colorado's North Fork Valley. It has spayed/neutered many more.

CAWS has a new board and a new vigor toward its goal of bettering the lives of animals in the county. As the area does not have a county-wide system for dealing with rescued dogs and cats, CAWS' first order of business is to implement a new foster care program in the area through finding suitable families. A new multi-tiered system will allow potential foster families many options depending on what works for them.



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Emergency care homes will provide short-term care, usually five days or less and will be used to get a stray and/or abused pet into the system after which it is placed in a more permanent home.

Treatment homes will provide care whereby injured dogs or cats recuperate after they have had surgery. Caregivers will be trained to care for the injured animal until it is well enough to move on to a more permanent home.

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And finally, foster/compassionate care homes will offer shelter for usually three months or less. CAWS pays for food and veterinary care and provides an outdoor shelter where needed.

If you are interested in becoming a foster family for a dog or cat, or wish to donate or volunteer in any way, please write PO Box 12, Crawford, CO, 81415 or phone 970-361-8600 and talk to the new program coordinator, LaFawn Hamm. The CAWS office is located in Barkin Bargains at 211 Grand Ave. in Paonia. Adoptable animals and more may be viewed at its website — CAWSonline.org or e-mail CAWS@CAWSonline.org for more information about CAWS.

RAND KOKERNOT

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Do you remember the first time you read Jack London’s *Call of the Wild*? This great adventure novel tells the story of Buck, a dog stolen from his California home and doomed to toil in the goldfields of Alaska. In April, through a Big Read grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, Delta County Libraries will offer numerous free events featuring London’s classic tale — and CAWS is a community partner.



“We hope reading *Call of the Wild* will draw attention not only to the importance of wilderness but to the many ways dogs have helped mankind throughout history — and to issues of animal cruelty,” explains co-coordinator Laura Lee Yates from the Paonia Library. “We’ve designated May 1st as Dog Day, with a mile-long ‘Strut Your Mutt’ parade beginning at Barkin’ Bargains on Grand Avenue in Paonia and ending at Paonia Town Park, where we’ll have fun and educational presentations — and, of course, rewards for all the dogs.”

Other events still under construction at press-time include Kickoff Parties, bird-watching expeditions, a Klondike Day celebration at Fort Uncompahgre, and a Full Moon Howl in each community. Wolf researchers will be visiting local schools, and students from 7th-12th grades can participate in a “Writing Wild” challenge with cash prizes.

Beginning in late March, stop by any Delta County Library for signup forms for “Dog Day” and information about the other Big Read events, as well as your free copy of Jack London’s *Call of the Wild*.

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Growing pains

CAWS moves through its life-cycle

This past February, I took a couple of vacation days from my “paying job” at High Country News to jump, feet-first, into a pool of reflection and deep analysis. Afterward, my head was swimming but my spirits were high.

Sounds like a great spa day, huh?

Well, not exactly. It was more like sixteen hours at one of the most intense, information-filled seminars that I've ever attended.

Pat Gwinn, CAWS' VP (or VEEP, as she likes to call herself), and I spent two days in the company of other animal rescue friends — including staff and board from Second Chance in Ridgeway and folks from Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League — where we were attending a seminar, “Raising Funds in Challenging Times.” Presented by Richard Male, a well-known expert on nonprofit fundraising, organizational growth and board leadership, the seminar was a “private” presentation offered to four area animal rescue groups. Animal Assistance Foundation executive director, David Gies and Program Officer, Sarah Timms also attended the training as workshop facilitator's. (AAF has my ‘thank you’ for providing a majority of the funding for the program.)

Bottom line, the event was an invaluable opportunity for CAWS to network with our animal rescue neighbors and talk about everything from board structure to raising funds in a recession. But the most important thing I took away from the discussions and workshops was the understanding of what is expected of me as president of a well-respected organization — leadership.

Big deal, you say? Wasn't that clear going into the position? Not really. In the beginning, I focused on revitalizing our foster and adoption program, getting our accounting in order, maintaining our many licenses, overseeing a thrift store, and a myriad of other projects and tasks vital to the management of CAWS.

That's where Rich nailed me. Management. “Leaders steer, managers execute,” he said. Gads, I thought. I am a control freak who has spent most of my career in management, and now, I was being asked to provide tools, empower others and concentrate on building a sustain-

able organization that I can pass on to other leaders.

I must have broken out in a cold sweat because “Veep Pat” took my arm and said, “We can do this. Just look at all of the things we've done these last few months.”

Pat was right. CAWS has moved into a “transitional point, where the balance between leadership and management changes,” explained Rich in his lesson on the “Life Cycles of the Nonprofit.” Over the last several months, CAWS has put a great deal of emphasis on clarifying its values, empowering its volunteers, developing a strategic business and marketing plan, and building the organization's infrastructure. These are all signs of an organization growing toward the maturity stage in its natural life cycle.

CAWS has been in a growth stage for several years and in 2009 we realized that our expectations were beginning to exceed our resources of time, people, talent, and money. According to Rich's analysis of nonprofit growth, this happens to all groups that continue to progress. And CAWS has continued to progress.

My cold sweat clears when I consider the important steps we've taken over the past six months. The new board and growing volunteer base are people that have an understanding of the organization's roots — the community need that generated the original idea — and a passion for the organization's mission, they also bring a wide variety of talents and skills including banking and finance, marketing and public education, fund raising, nonprofit legalities, and human and media relations.

Further, we've hired two part time managers to oversee our most vital programs. A local CPA and bookkeeper helps with our accounting needs and our board is filled with dedicated professionals all taking on important leadership roles (please visit www.CAWSonline.org/board to learn more about the CAWS BOD).

My head is still spinning but my spirits remain high. CAWS is so dear to my heart...yes, it's a living thing to me and I am bound to nurture and grow it, as I do my own family. CAWS will continue well into the future — well past my lifetime.

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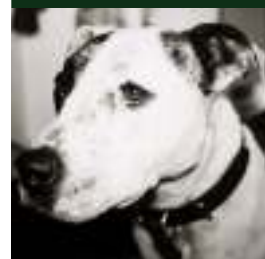
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Go to work," Aimee Hurt calls. It's a cool August afternoon in Montana's Blackfoot Valley. Dressed in an orange vest and bear bells, Wicket begins sweeping across the trail, running in wide arcs, jumping downed trees, traveling with her nose high, mouth wide open. We follow the 3-year-old Lab cross through a recently logged patch of woods at the base of the Scapegoat Wilderness.

Wicket narrows in on an area, becomes more focused, tail wagging furiously. Suddenly, she stops, sits down and stares at her handler. Hurt walks over to investigate her find. "Good girl!" she yells, and tosses Wicket her favorite toy. "It could be grizzly," Hurt says, pulling out a bag to collect the sample for analysis. Some dogs lead the blind, others sniff out drugs or explosives. Wicket's specialty is poop: grizzly, black bear, cougar and wolf. A specially trained scat-detection dog, Wicket is conducting science in a whole new way. She and a growing team of dogs like her are making significant contributions to conservation efforts in the West and around the globe.

With the DNA extracted from the scat Wicket finds, scientists can identify species and sex, and potentially determine population size, home range, paternity and kinship. The analysis of endocrine extracted from scat can even determine the reproductive status of the animals.

Armed with hundreds of millions of scent-sensitive cells, compared to the dismal few hundred possessed by humans, dogs are ideal for scat-detection work. But not all dogs are employable. As Megan Parker, co-founder of Working Dogs for Conservation Foundation (WDCF), points out, "Most people would describe these dogs as psycho."

Hurt, also a co-founder of WDCF, came across Wicket at Pintler Pets, a shelter in Anaconda, Mont., when the pup was just 12 months old. An employee contacted her about a different dog, but that mildly playful mutt lacked the off-the-charts energy and drive necessary for a scat-dog's line of work. A stroll through the kennel led Hurt to Wicket, who was bouncing off the walls, completely ball-obsessed. "When I described to the shelter worker which dog I wanted to take for a try-out, she said, 'That one's crazy,'" says Hurt. "Turned out to be the right kind of crazy." Wicket had been passed over for the last six months, but her day had finally come.

After just nine weeks of intensive training, Wicket went to work. Now, she is in her third season on the Wildlife Conservation Society's Centennial Carnivore Connectivity Project, an

for conservation

attempt to determine the habitat selection and movement patterns of the four critical carnivore species whose scat are Wicket's specialty. The Centennials serve as a migratory corridor between the Yellowstone area and central Idaho's Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. Connecting these two areas is essential for preventing genetic isolation of these species.



Wicket. COURTESY WDCF

This fall, Wicket will begin work for the Missoula, Mont.-based Rocky Mountain Research Station. She'll be part of an ongoing study of the elusive fisher. Fishers - a relative of the weasel - are rare in the Rocky Mountains; they have been found only in north-central Idaho and west-central Montana. Researchers plan to employ a variety of survey methods - including Wicket's skills - to learn more about how and why this carnivore is so rare in this area.

Wicket's work is deeply important to her human handlers and to all the scientists who use the data she uncovers. But for Wicket herself, it's all about a romp through the woods for a few minutes of ball time, her coveted reward for a successful find.

When not on the job, Wicket spends her downtime obsessing over the hose. She sits by the spigot in her yard, eagerly waiting for some sucker to turn it on so she can chase the stream. According to Hurt, "She'll wait quietly, but shiver with anticipation while we water the garden before her turn."

In the end, she is still that crazy dog from the shelter.

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ABBY

Abby is a 2 and 1/2-year-old Golden Retriever/Yellow Lab mix female named Abby. Her owners found her as a pup in the streets of Mexico while on vacation. They brought her home but, over time, the family became too busy to train or walk her. For more info contact 970-361-5073 or 970-921-3784 or email debra@rocavista.com.



BETTY BOOP

Betty Boop is cautious but, given time, she'd be the most loyal companion you'll ever have. Approximately 18 months old but wise for her years. Betty would prefer to be the only dog but tolerates other dogs if she has to. For more info contact debra@rocavista.com or 970-361-5073.



LUKE

Luke is a one-year-old Chesapeake Bay retriever who was abandoned at a rental by his owner. He's got a sweet, gentle nature, lots of energy and can run like an Olympic athlete through the snow. Luke is quite thin but once he gets to normal weight he will be a large dog. For more info contact debra@rocavista.com or 970-361-5073.



CHLOE

Chloe is a small, two-year-old female Basset Hound. She is a sweet, affectionate girl who would like a lap to call her own. She is housebroken, likes to play with other dogs and would love a family to dote on her. Chloe is not a CAWS animal but is being listed as community service. Call her temporary home, 921-3486 for more information.



LUCY

Lucy has the "nose" of a Beagle and the smarts of a Catahoula. It is a MUST that she is taken for a walk every day. It would also help her lose weight and calm her Beagle instincts. She is shy and a little nervous, at first, but once she warms up, she's fun loving and affectionate. If you'd like to meet Lucy, call her foster mom, Mary, at 970-921-3486.



COCOA

Cocoa is a Shepard mix that is veryobedient but will need some refresher courses in training. She seems to be house broken and gets along with other dogs. Contact the City of Delta Animal Shelter & Control Delta, CO, 970-874-1078.



YODA

Yoda is a cute baby boy who loves to play, but is also very content to sleep in your chair. He is learning the ways of house training but he is still just a baby. He is very smart and aims to please everyone. He loves his Harley Davidson shirt and is not afraid to show it off. Contact the City of Delta Animal Shelter & Control Delta, CO, 970-874-1078.



GORDY

Gordy is a Wetterhoun mix who is not real sure of himself just yet, but he is really coming out of his shell. He is a smaller dog and really likes to just hang back and watch everything around him. He is a very mellow puppy and would love to find a forever home. Contact the City of Delta Animal Shelter & Control Delta, CO, 970-874-1078.



TESS

Tess is a sweetheart who came into foster care after being hit by a car and having her right rear leg badly damaged. She has spent three months recovering and now she is almost good as new except for a slight limp. But Tess is a trouper and is doing just fine. Tess is about 6 years old, she knows some commands, is well mannered and is house trained. Tess would prefer to be an only dog and enjoys chasing cats. For more information, contact Mary at 970-921-3555 or dufon@paonia.com.



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BINGO

Bingo is quite a boy but full of locomotion — he is always on the move. He is a very smart and learns quickly. He has a 3/4-length tail, probably from his Kelpie heritage.. Bingo will make an excellent companion for anyone who is active. To meet him contact his foster mom, Carol, at 970-399-7227 or muttmail@paonia.com.



FROSTY

Frosty is a beautiful long hair orange tabby, male kitty. He is approximately 2-3 years old. Frosty loves people. He likes to sit in your lap and turn on his back like a baby so you can pet his chin. He will follow you around the house like a dog. To meet Frosty, contact his foster mom at 970-527-3424.



CHILI

Chili is a beautiful orange and white medium size long hair neutered male kitty, 2-3 years old. He was found in Crawford, Colorado and is looking for a new home. He has lived outside but loves napping on your lap or the sofa. He's not jealous and likes other cats. He will be a snuggly companion and get any mice that might wander into your house. If you'd like to meet Chili, contact Pat at 970-527-3424.



KEE-KEE

Kee-Kee is a year old long haired female/spayed black kitty. She is very dainty and loves to be held. She gets along with other cats but likes a quiet environment. Call Becky (foster mom) at 527-3146 if you'd like to meet Kee-Kee.



DOLLY

Dolly is a four-month-old, pretty long-haired tortoiseshell kitten. She and her litter were relinquished by an older woman who could not care for them. She is extremely playful and athletic. She is shy at first but warms up to new people in a few days and then loves to be held and sit in your lap. Dolly would be a great addition to an active household. For more information contact Toni Gaskin at 970-527-8289 or gaskinj@tds.net.



FAITH

Faith is a pretty four-month-old kitten with shades of gray and a little orange in her long coat. She had a tough start in life and received medical care quickly enough but her left eye had to be removed. She has recovered well and needs to be strictly an indoor cat. For more information contact Toni Gaskin at 970-527-8289 or gaskinj@tds.net.



DANNY

Danny is a five-month-old male neutered gray and white kitten. He was found as a stray. He is a little shy at first, but is very friendly and cuddly when he gets to know you. He loves to play and gets along with other kittens. For more information contact Toni Gaskin at 970-527-8289 or gaskinj@tds.net.



BRAVE ONE

Brave One is a sweet little kitty, about one-year-old, who loves people and plays very well with other kitties. She lives outside but loves to come inside whenever she can. She is very affectionate and loves to be petted and picked up as much as possible. Brave One is not a CAWS foster cat but is being listed as a courtesy. If you'd like to meet her, call 970-527-3281.



BEE KAY

BeeKay is a beautiful Manx adult cat. He is mostly black with a white nose and white toes. He is approximately four-years-old and has mostly been an outdoor cat but loves to come into the house and lay around. He is very social and likes other cats. B.K. belonged to an elderly lady who was taken to a nursing home. To meet BK, contact Fran at 970-874-6338.



PEACHES

Peaches is a 9-year-old female, short hair orange tabby. She is naturally sweet and would love to be queen of the castle. She would do best in a home that she doesn't have to share with other critters or small children. Peaches is an indoor/outdoor cat but mostly stays indoors. She is current on vaccines. Call Cindy at 527-4498.



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