



# EA PL Ears



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### YEAR END NUMBERS

Well as usual, I am blown away by the end of the year totals of all we have accomplished. We are a small organization, but we sure know how to get things done! Pat yourselves on the back as you read these, you surely deserve it, and more. Thank you all so much, for making this possible!

Cats/kittens adopted out:	176
Cats lost:	198
Cats found:	142
Dogs adopted out:	168
Dogs lost:	240
Resolved:	206
Dogs found:	259
Resolved:	230

Think about it: this means that one dog or cat was adopted out every single day last year!

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### NEW VOLUNTEER:

We'd like to welcome a new volunteer in the cat room, her name is **Linda McNeill**. Thank you for joining us Linda, your help is much appreciated!

### NOVEMBER /DECEMBER 2005 ACTIVITY REPORT

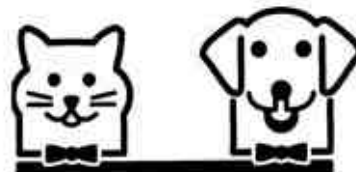
Karen MacFarquhar reports:  
Cats/kittens adopted out: 11

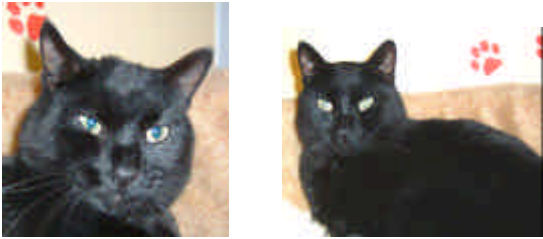
Patty Hatfield reports:  
Dogs adopted out:12

Ann Brown reports:  
Cats lost: 14  
Cats found: 17  
Resolved: 5

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Be sure and check out the recent changes to the website while you're there!





**CARLOS**

By Ginny Reiss

We have a cat named Carlos in the cat room. He's our longest resident now and we can't figure out why. He's a beautiful 3 year old black cat with very shiny fur - so cuddly and playful. He's had it with the cat room and all the cats though. He was quite mellow for the first number of months we had him but now is starting to pick fights with the cats around him. We think he is just bored and desperate to find a home. He used to wait at the door to meet people and now he isn't doing that. We have to keep him in a cage when the volunteers aren't there since he picks on some of our younger cats. He never did that before. If there is any way you could make room in your home for this poor unhappy guy, please contact Ginny Reiss at (303) 526-1724 or email her at [vandmreiss@aol.com](mailto:vandmreiss@aol.com)

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**HEART WARMING STORY**

I received the following story recently from our wonderful volunteer **Mary Monnet**, I know you'll enjoy it as much as I did.

"I have found that the EAPL spirit travels well outside the boundaries of Evergreen -- probably wherever EAPL people travel. Last fall I made several extended trips to northern New York, and one evening I went out for a quick dinner at Pizza Hut and noticed some children chasing something in the parking lot. When I went to check, I found it was a small feral kitten that was living under the dumpster next door. She looked pretty ragged and her ears were frayed stubs from a terrible case of ear mites, but she had a certain grace about her.

Having fostered EAPL feral kittens I knew I couldn't chance scaring her so I offered her a slice of supreme

pizza with one hand and scooped her up with the other. A quick trip to the vet for shots and an ear cleaning and she was ready for adoption! The vet's assistant named her, "Sweet Pea".

Unfortunately I couldn't find a suitable home for Sweet Pea with the abundance of farm cats in the area so I was pretty frazzled when it was time to leave for Colorado. Knowing there was an EAPL network in place in case worst came to worst, I flew her back home with me with a reasonable guess that my neighbor might still be thinking about adopting a kitten.

Luck flew with us and my neighbor did indeed adopt Sweet Pea once she passed the "two big dogs test". Sweet Pea is now known as "Violet" and apparently rules the house, including the two big dogs, in a wonderful home in the mountains.

And there's a sequel to the story -- while I was at the vet's I learned that there was a woman supervisor named Linda at that Pizza Hut who did her best to care for the strays around that dumpster so I went looking for her on my next visit. I told her I had adopted one of her kittens -- white with a dark spot on her head and about 6-8 weeks old. She smiled broadly and said she knew which kitten it was and that it was missing and that she had hoped that it had found a home. She also told me she had called her, "Sweet Pea"!

During my trips since last fall Linda and I have put our heads together towards a longer term solution. I bought her a have-a-heart trap and she's working on catching and having the adults neutered with the help of area vets and the local SPCA.

The EAPL spirit is a powerful one!"

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My thanks to Bev Endsley for sending this to me.:

"Compassion towards animals is essentially bound up with goodness of character. Whoever is cruel to them cannot be good to men."  
Schopenhauer

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Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you,

but when you take him on a car ride,  
he sticks his head out the window?

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**NOTHING REPLACES A FRIEND:**



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**GREAT IDEA:**

From time to time I'm contacted by you folks, asking me if I know of anyone who needs a particular animal-related item they need to find a new home for. Things like crates, toys, ramps, fencing, etc. They no longer need it and would like to either give it away, sell it, or trade it for a bigger, smaller or different one. Or, maybe you're looking for a particular item. I thought it might be a good idea to start a "Want Ads" section here in EARS, and that way you'll all know about these things. The downside is that EARS only comes out every other month, but you could just send me the ad and I'll verify with you all right before putting EARS out to make sure

you still have it or still want it. Let me know what you think, and/ or just go ahead and send me an ad for the next EARS: [hauser@eapl.com](mailto:hauser@eapl.com)

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**LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE MOUSE!**

**FORT SUMNER, N.M. (AP)** - A mouse got its revenge against a homeowner who tried to dispose of it in a pile of burning leaves. The blazing creature ran back to the man's house and set it on fire.

Luciano Mares, 81, of Fort Sumner said he caught the mouse inside his house and wanted to get rid of it.

"I had some leaves burning outside, so I threw it in the fire, and the mouse was on fire and ran back at the house," Mares said from a motel room Saturday.

Village Fire Chief Juan Chavez said the burning mouse ran to just beneath a window, and the flames spread up from there and throughout the house.

No was hurt inside, but the home and everything in it was destroyed.

Unseasonably dry and windy conditions have charred more than 53,000 acres and destroyed 10 homes in southeastern New Mexico in recent weeks.

"I've seen numerous house fires," village Fire Department Capt. Jim Lyssy said, "but nothing as unique as this one."

My thanks to Suzie deDisse for sending this, she commented "serves the guy right". To that I say, Amen.

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"It's a matter of taking side with the weak against the strong, something the best people have always done". -  
Harriet Beecher Stowe

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**REPORT POACHING:**

The Division of Wildlife has a hotline for reporting poaching. A lot of wild game poaching convictions start with residents who call the Operation Game Thief hotline. The number is (877) 265 6648, or #OGT on your Verizon cellular.

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organization. If you want to find out more about the organization, just go to [www.SaveColoradoPets.org](http://www.SaveColoradoPets.org)

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“Anybody who doesn’t know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.”

Franklin P. Jones

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My thanks to Lynne Larsen for sending me the following picture. She takes the pictures of the cats for us and she snapped this one of Mr. Boots recently. She said:

“Looks like he wants to be sure we have a good photo of his "boots!"



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**Mews from the Cat Room**

By Ginny Reiss

We've had a record number of adoptions in the cat room this month. When the weather turns cold people must feel the need to have a warm and cuddly cat in their laps! Its heartwarming to see some of our long term residents and special needs cats find wonderful homes.

Welcome to our newest volunteer, Linda McNeill! We're happy to have her with us. She has already jumped in to help in many ways.

Please stop by and visit the cats in the cat room. We have a terrific group in there now. Many of the cats are young ones so there is lots of action going on!

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**FIRE EMERGENCY TEAM**

By Suzie deDisse

So far our winter hasn't brought much snow to our local landscaping, and you may have heard recently of two significant fires near Golden and Ft. Collins. It is dry and the conditions are there for a disastrous fire.

**TAX RETURNS:**

It's that time of the year again, and just a reminder that you can donate to the Pet Overpopulation Fund by simply checking the box at the end of your tax form. You can enter in any amount, and it goes to a good

Our Animal Emergency Team needs more volunteers that can help set up and maintain a temporary animal shelter at a Red Cross evacuation center. The training is not time consuming and volunteering for this team now will help us be better prepared if there is ever a need. To volunteer, please call Suzie deDisse, 303.674.4121 or email her at c1suzie2@comcast.net. Thank you!

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**BRILLIANT IDEA:**

I had what I consider a brilliant idea recently, I'd like to share it with you. I don't know how many of you have ever had this problem, but I have a large, okay, fat, cat (23 pounds - he should weigh about 18) and we've been having litter box issues lately. That is, he's too big for the biggest litter box I could find! The sides aren't tall enough, and he was peeing over the top of them. What looks like gallons of pee all over the floor and under all the litterboxes is not a pretty sight to behold first thing in the morning when you're in your jammies, holding the first cup of coffee of the day. Ugh.

One day I was in the store looking at plastic storage boxes for some fabric when I realized that some of these boxes were a perfect size for a litterbox for Kofi, the sides were higher! I brought some home, and viola!, no more peeing over the sides. The ones I got were made by Sterlite and they are 66 quarts. All the cats can get in and out of them fine, including the big guy and the problem is solved. I love it when that happens!

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My thanks to Lin Theders for the following: (get the Kleenex)

Do I Go Home Today?

My family brought me home cradled in their arms. They cuddled me and smiled at me and said I was full of charm. They played with me and laughed with me and showered me with

toys. I sure do love my family, especially the girls and boys. The children loved to feed me, they gave me special treats. They even let me sleep with them...all snuggled in the sheets. I used to go for walks, often several times a day. They even fought to hold the leash, I'm very proud to say. These are the things I'll not forget...a cherished memory. I now live in the shelter..without my family. They used to laugh and praise me when I played with that old shoe. But I didn't know the difference between the old ones and the new. The kids and I would grab a rag, for hours we would tug. So I thought I did the right thing when I chewed the bedroom rug. They said I was out of control, and would have to live outside. This I did not understand, although I tried and tried. The walks stopped, one by one; they said they hadn't time. I wish that I could change things, I wish I knew my crime. My life became so lonely, in the backyard, on a chain. I barked and barked all day long to keep from going insane. So they brought me to the shelter but were embarrassed to say why. They said I caused an allergy, and then they each kissed me goodbye. If I'd only had some classes, as a little pup. I wouldn't have been so hard to handle when I was all grown up. "You only have one day left" I heard the worker say. Does that mean I have a second chance? DO I GO HOME TODAY?

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### **BOOK RECOMMENDATION**

I just finished the BEST book, it's in the top 10 list  
 now, and I'm not surprised, it's wonderful. The  
 name of it is "*Marley and Me: Life and Love with  
 the World's Worst Dog*" by John Grogan. This has  
 got to be the world's most patient couple, life with  
 this yellow Lab was unbelievably trying. They  
 truly believed that adopting a dog was forever, and  
 lived their beliefs. If you think you have a difficult  
 dog, read this book; yours will look like an angel to  
 you.

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### Cat Haiku By Deborah Coates

I purr on your lap.  
 Then I decide I don't know  
 you. I scratch you hard.

Poor you. Only your  
 Head fits on this expensive  
 Down pillow? How sad.

What does it feel like  
 To be big, hairless, tail-less,  
 And pink? Bad, I'll bet.

You do puzzles; I  
 Unwind viscera from dead  
 Prey. Hobbies differ.

Hey, if I wanted  
To walk on the end of a  
Leash, I'd be a dog!

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My thanks to Patty Hatfield for sending this in:

“When The dog goes for a walk, the cat and mice  
\*tag\* along...

There is a guy there named Greg Pike who recently moved to Arizona from Colorado and now walks his dog around the old mining town on a regular basis. This in itself is not necessarily of great interest except for the fact that his dog Booger, who is on a leash, has a cat named Kitty who rides and rests on Booger's back without a leash. To top that off there are three mice (nameless) who sit on the cat unrestrained and sometimes wander off the cat onto the dog below the cat.

While walking down the street this "animal group" stays in tact without trying to jump ship or show any disharmony. In my opinion that is a tough act to top in the world of getting along with others when naturally programmed to be predators. In itself it is surely a lesson for the most advanced of the animal world, the homo sapiens.”



The little white things on the back of the cat's neck  
are the mice!

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KANDU UPDATE:

In the last EARS, I wrote about the story of Kandu, the little dog with no front legs. There has been much happen since then, and a happy ending to report! For those of you reading this on the internet, go to:

[http://www.eapl.com/kandus\\_story.html](http://www.eapl.com/kandus_story.html)

and read the update. Those of you receiving this in regular mail will read the story at the end of this newsletter. It's such a wonderful, heartwarming story and is just one example of the great things this organization is able to accomplish thanks to all of you!

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Well, my hardworking volunteer friends, that is, as they say, all the news that's fit to print. As always, on behalf of the animals, thank you thank you thank you!

Linda Hauser