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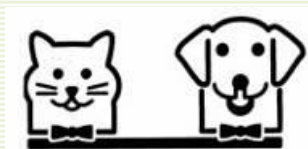
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OCT, NOV, DEC 2007
JANUARY 2008
ACTIVITY REPORT

Dogs/puppies adopted: 58
Cats/Kittens adopted: 50
Lost cats: 43
Found cats: 22
Resolved: 18
Lost dogs: no report
Found dogs: no report

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EAPL THRIFT SHOP FULFILLING A NEED

It's now been four months since we took possession of the building on Bryant Drive and we are happy to report that all is going very well.

Donations have been generous beyond our expectations. Shoppers are delighted with the variety we can offer and enjoy the atmosphere. We began seeing the profitability very early in the venture and it continues to grow.

The number of volunteers interested in being a part of the Thrift Shop has also grown. We have had a need for some strong backs who can lift furniture, etc. and the availability of a vehicle for pick-up, but that seems to be coming to fruition. We're happy to welcome some men to our volunteer list.

All in all, it's a happy place for everyone, shoppers, and workers. Dana and Lisa are so creative in offering unique specials every day that are posted on a board outside the shop. It may be 10% off all blouses, 20% off dishware, or anything in the shop with red on it for a discount. It's a popular idea and many shoppers show up every day to see what it will be. Dana also has a knack for "staging" the shop, even when it overflowing, to be appealing.

To date, the only paid advertising has been simple classified under "Garage Sales" heading in the Canyon Courier. Much of our traffic is coming from word of mouth of "satisfied customers".

Although we were aware that "thrifting" has always been a popular pastime for many, it seems that in the current economic environment it's become almost a necessity. The League's timing in

getting involved was quite prophetic.
And.....all the proceeds will be put to very
good use in helping the animals.

If you haven't stopped by, please do so. 30496
Bryant Drive. 303-679-2504

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XYLITOL DEADLY TO DOGS:

We recently received this, and after some
online research, determined that it's for
real.

Hi all. Just wanted to give you a heads-
up in case you didn't know how toxic
xylitol (a natural sweetener in gum,
mints, candy, etc) is to dogs. My golden
retriever got into my son's chewing gum
last night and ate quite a bit. I didn't
think much of it but ended up calling the
vet when he wouldn't eat his breakfast.
Turns out he was going into liver failure
due to the ingestion of the xylitol. After
many hours at the emergency clinic (and
MANY dollars), he's back home with us--
we weren't even sure if we would pull
through. He may still have liver damage,
and we'll know that only with more
testing. This was a hard-learned lesson,
which I'd like to share with everyone in
the hope that others don't make the same
mistake we did.

Cindy

Note: if you want to know more about
this, you can read it at:

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/xylitol.asp>

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You have our permission to forward this message to interested family and friends.

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On Wednesday evening, September 3, EAPL will host our third annual OktoberPets on Bear Creek fundraiser. Please mark your calendars to attend! Bear Creek Restaurant will once again be providing dinner for all who attend and there will be entertainment

and most importantly, a silent and live auction. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased online at eapl.com. Please come and be part of this wonderful community event. And remember, the best part is that all proceeds from that night go directly towards helping needy animals in our mountain community.

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RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES

We all know what a waste those ink cartridges are that have to be replaced when only one color is used up. HP is environmentally conscious, providing paid envelopes for you to send them back, and other companies may do the same. EAPL can now join the many non-profit groups who collect the ink cartridges and receive money for them. If you have ink cartridges to recycle, you can take them to our Thrift Shop on Bryant Drive.

We can also include cell phones, iPods, laser cartridges, DVD's, video games and laptops. On the items that are not inks, please indicate they are for recycling rather than resale!

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Cat Room Mews

Its officially summer in the cat room - the windows and doors are open and the cats are all enjoying basking in the sun and enjoying those summer breezes! This is the perfect time to find that perfect cat for your family. We have a group of absolutely delightful cats who are eager and ready to find a special home.

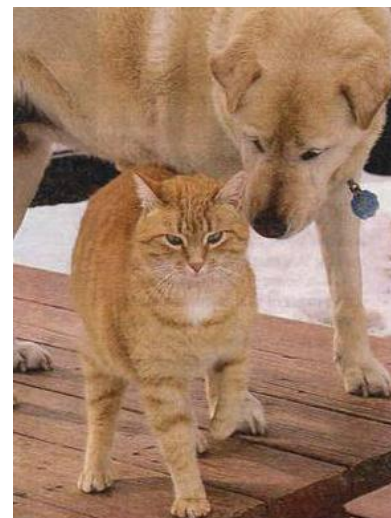
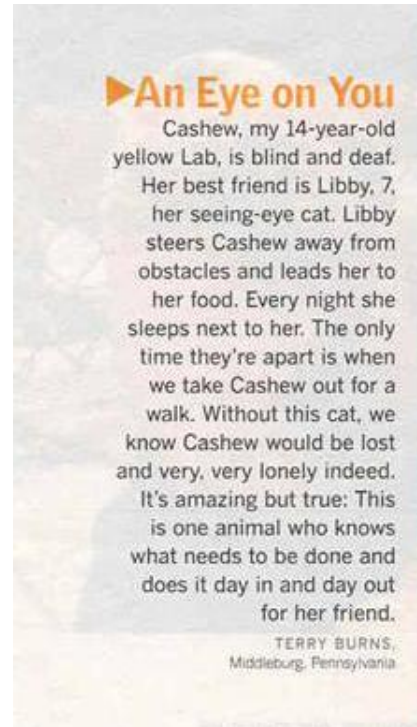
It's also kitten season! We have quite a few foster homes who are hosting litters of kittens. We plan to have periodic kitten adoption days at Chow Down and we'll let you know specific dates as the kittens become old enough to be adopted.

If you have a bit of spare time this summer please stop by the cat room and give our residents some well-deserved attention. Plan a little downtime for yourself, bring a book and prop your feet up for a while. There are many

cats who would love to be able to share your lap!

Ginny Reiss

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Libby and Cashew



ANIMAL EMERGENCY TEAM UPDATE

(Suzie deDisse)

I know we have a lot of new people on our mailing list, and I thought it might be a good time to bring everyone up to date on the Animal Emergency Team's activities as well as let our new people know about the Team.

Several mountain area groups work under the direction of Jefferson County Animal Control to help animals during an emergency. Unfortunately, that is usually fire, and all of us are aware of the high fire danger right now. We, the Evergreen Animal Protective League, have a group called the Animal Emergency Team, that is part of Jefferson County's volunteer base for needed assistance to animals of all kinds. We set up and staff a temporary shelter for the pets belonging to those residents who have been evacuated and are staying at the Red Cross shelter. The Red Cross has recognized that many families will not take advantage of their shelter because they could not bring their animals and has changed their policy. We will be "on location" inside the same facility as the Red Cross shelter.

The Animal Evacuation Volunteers (AEV) invited us to participate with their group and we had a joint exercise on June 14. The AEV group goes into evacuated areas and rescues animals, using their personal vehicles which are often equipped to carry 15 or more animals at once. They have

radio contact and training to be extremely efficient in helping a large number of animals. Though they would normally take the animals they have rescued to Table Mountain for safe keeping, on this day they brought them to us and we practiced setting up and maintaining our shelter using the "pets" they brought in. We learned a great deal and found ways to improve what we do.



One of about 20 "rescued" cats and dogs brought to the temporary shelter during the exercise.

We have a great group of volunteers for the AET, but we don't have enough to staff a temporary shelter if the evacuation is longer than a couple of days, and we would be reduced in number by the volunteers who may be affected by an evacuation and would need to take care of their own. Jefferson County Animal Control requests that our volunteers working in the shelter wear ID badges, which we provide and would need to have them to you prior to any call out. We also need to provide you the resources to work in the shelter, which are an instruction manual and any training we can provide to help you. If you can volunteer, or want more information about volunteering for this group, please call me (303) 674-4121, or email (c1suzie2@comcast.net). We need you!

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One of our intrepid volunteers, Linda Hoffman, works part time from her home. This is her office, complete with 5 of her best assistants.

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RODEO PARADE

This year we participated in the Evergreen Rodeo's parade on June 14, and our float won second place in the Non-Commercial Adult category. There were about 80 floats or groups in the parade and we were the 26th in line. The float was a large cat cage with large cats (volunteers with cat costumes) inside.



Lining up for the parade to start

Other volunteers, also dressed as cats, walked behind with leashed dogs (two of which were adopted later in the week by people who saw them in the parade!). Everyone made their own costumes, and

besides all the cats, there was one brightly colored parrot. Oktoberpets and the thrift shop were advertised on the float and the theme presented was "Adopt Me!" Besides the volunteers that had fun, we were rewarded by a welcome reception from parade observers.



The volunteers (humans and dogs alike!) who participated.

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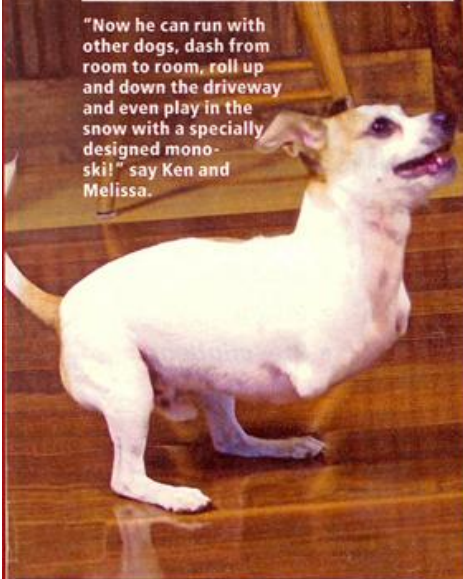
“Our” wonderful little Kandu continues his amazing journey.....

KANDU THE JACK RUSSELL TERRIER

“If Kandu can do it, they can, too!”



“Now he can run with other dogs, dash from room to room, roll up and down the driveway and even play in the snow with a specially designed mono-ski!” say Ken and Melissa.



A can-do attitude will get you far. We’ve all heard that. This Jack Russell terrier is living proof.

“He’ll never have a normal life.” That’s what his original owners thought. In fact, they were so convinced of it, they left him at a local shelter to be euthanized.

But if he noticed he was different, he didn’t let on. So what if he was born without front legs? The back ones scooted him around just fine.

And what’s a little rug burn when there’s fun to be had?

This little guy was different all right, folks from the Evergreen Animal Protective League agreed—in a good way! And they just knew that other people would see him that way, too . . .

Ken Rogers and his wife, Melissa, were watching the news one night at home in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, when they saw a segment on Kandu—and their

hearts melted. He’s the little dog that could! they thought—and immediately applied to adopt him.

So did 99 other families. But when Ken said, “I feel an obligation to give him everything I can give him,” it was clear where Kandu belonged. And Ken got right to work, giving Kandu “legs” with some molded plastic and rollerblade wheels so he could get around, even run! A sight that made every-

one who saw him smile.

Meanwhile, Melissa had been visiting patients at Yampa Valley Medical Center with their dog Bob to lift patients’ spirits. And it struck her: Kandu could do this, too!

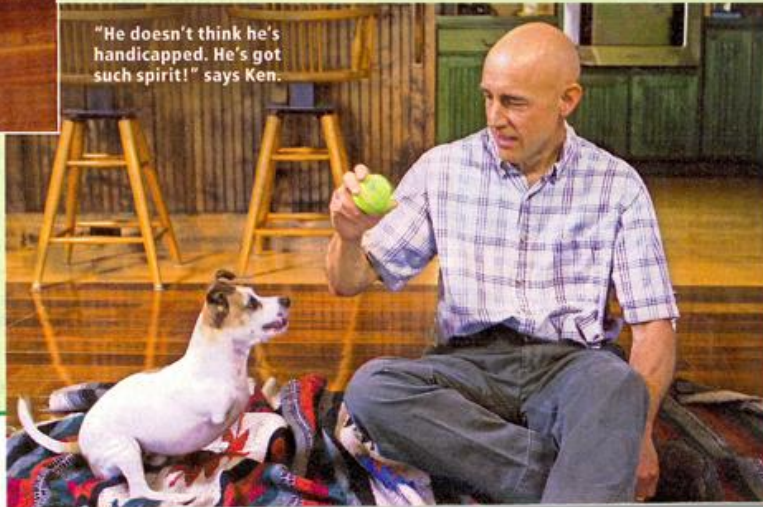
Now, Kandu runs toward the hospital doors for his “shift.” “He’s pure joy!” says Melissa.

And when patients struggling back from strokes, accidents, illnesses and operations see him, they think, if Kandu can do it, maybe I can, too.

Because he gives them something they all need, says Melissa: “Hope.”



“He doesn’t think he’s handicapped. He’s got such spirit!” says Ken.



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