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**MARCH - NOVEMBER 2006**  
**ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- Dogs/puppies adopted: 142
- Cats/Kittens adopted: 169
- Bunnies adopted: 13
- Lost cats: 48
- Found cats: 25
- Resolved: 19

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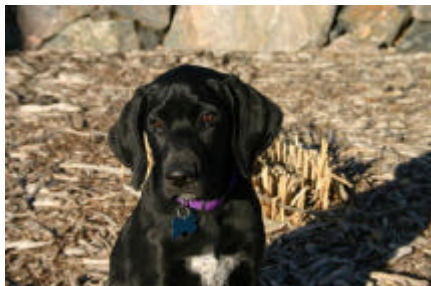
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As you can see, our volunteers have been very busy finding great new homes for a lot of animals! The numbers are pretty impressive, and we are so grateful for all their hard work and many hours spent making all that happen. From the many animals now resting comfortably in their warm and safe new forever homes,

**THANK YOU!**

A few letters from some recent and very happy adopters:



Hi, I just wanted to send an update to eapl and to Mary and John. This is Maize, one of the six labs they fostered. We are halfway through kindergarten and although we're not the most attentive in class, we are learning a lot. She just had more shots yesterday and weighs 29 lbs! She's really growing fast and is the sweetest puppy. Thanks again for all you do for the animals. Tori

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Hello,

I meant to send you guys photos of 'Marley' aka 'Budrow' much sooner than this. But as you will see, he's keeping us busy.

We adopted him from you back in March. He was very shy and nervous when he first came to our house, but he overcame all that and now he is a great dog with lots of energy and love!! We took him canoeing and camping this summer and he loved it.

We also have a yellow lab and they couldn't be without each other.

Happy Holidays, Sandra

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Good morning! In Feb. of 1988 I found your poster in a local hardware store. Betty ( I renamed her Betsy) was about 1 1/2 at that time and I fell head over heels for her. She lived her 20 years in the CO Rockies, The Black Hills in SD and for the past 11 years in Story in the Bighorn Mtns. of WY. She has traveled from Alaska to Mexico with us in our 5th wheel. Each day with her has been a gift to me. She died peacefully in her sleep last night and I will miss her terribly. I just wanted to let you know that she had a good, even great, life and to thank you all for making it possible. God bless you for the work you do.  
Brenda  
Story, WY

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**EVENTS:**

**Pawfest**, put on last June to thank all of the many people who have adopted from us, was a rousing success! A wonderful time was had by all; the flyball, agility and K-9 dogs were awesome, and lots of folks entered the doggie look-alike contest, and everyone enjoyed the maze. The Disaster Services' Code 3 Mobile Command truck was there and caught the interest of a lot of people. There was food, t-shirts, and lots of pictures and it was just a great day for all involved. There was a lot of planning and hard work done by our dedicated volunteers, and as always, we are very grateful for each and every one of you who helped make it the great success that it was. As one of our volunteers said, "It was wonderful to be surrounded by so many dogs and kindred spirit animal lovers."

**Oktoberpets**, our annual fundraiser held in October, exceeded all expectations! We raised an impressive amount of money, and

we are so appreciative of all of the volunteers who donated many, many hours of their time. We were fortunate to have received many generous donations from local area businesses for the silent auction; it was so important to our success and they really came through for us.

**Mountain Heritage Festival:** For the second year in a row, EAPL had a booth at this yearly Evergreen event. We had information available about who we are and what we do, volunteer opportunities, our pet registration tags, pet emergency preparedness information, photo boards of all EAPL animals needing homes, and a coloring contest for kids. It's so important for us to have a consistent presence in Evergreen events, so that people don't forget about us! Many thanks to the volunteers who manned this booth, providing information to those who stopped by.

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**FELIWAY**

For those of you who are familiar with and use the facial pheromone spray product called Feliway, I have great news! If you use it, you already know how great it is, and also how expensive! In the past it's been cost-prohibitive to use often, but no more! One of our volunteers, **Mary Monnet**, tells me that there it is now a great substitute for the Feliway brand. She says it works every bit

as good as Feliway, it's called At Ease, by NaturVet. It's about half the cost of Feliway and she says she can't tell any difference between the two. Chow Down and Buster's both carry it.

Mary also had another good recommendation that some of you might appreciate: there is a product called MATBreaker by Comfy Pet that does a terrific job of breaking up mats in long haired cats. She says it works and best of all, the cats don't fight you tooth and nail while you're using it. She ordered hers from the Drs Foster and Smith catalog, but she said it is probably available on the Internet too.

Thanks Mary, for the great tips!

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**WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!**

I know that we've had some new volunteers since the last newsletter many months ago. Unfortunately, it's been so long that I don't remember all your names! So rather than inadvertently leaving someone out, I'll just say to all a huge THANK for joining us. We all appreciate it; especially the animals!

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**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA:**

Have someone hard to buy for on your Christmas list? If they like animals, you could help an animal in their name by sending a check to EAPL with a note to include the person's name and address. We will send them a Christmas gift card stating that a lost or abandoned animal has been helped in their name.

For more information, call Suzie deDisse at 303-674-4121

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**EARS SPOTLIGHTS: Linda Gallup**

By Ernest Hemmingwoof

A “pet fixation” is what our featured volunteer calls the beginning of her great love & compassion for animals. Linda Gallup grew up as a “horse crazy” child in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Kalamazoo was a big pinto mare she had through her teenage years. The family pet was a little black poodle. She liked him a lot, but “was disappointed that he seemed to like my mom best.” Linda admits that back then she didn’t realize the person who feeds & cares for a dog most, is usually his favorite!

Linda also didn’t realize that she’d be volunteering for the E.A.P.L. As an adult, she rescued a little shepherd cross she named Shadow, & then Travis, her beloved pit bull mix. When he died, Linda was so upset she vowed not to get another dog. We all know what happened next! “I spent one weekend home without a puppy & couldn’t stand it!” she confessed. Linda thought a “nice kitty” would cheer her up. She phoned the E.A.P.L. & offered to foster a cat..., “a rental animal” with no permanent commitment. Our Jackie Bell suggested she foster a puppy who was scheduled to be euthanized, a little shepherd cross! Linda knew she was meant to foster this dog & took in the fluffy red puppy, just before the spring blizzard of 2003. The two of them were snowed in together for six days, & we all know what happened next!

Killian became Linda’s new beloved “forever dog.” Then, as she put it, “Jackie decided not to let a sucker get away & talked me into taking two more foster dogs at once...& away we went!”

It’s not as though Linda doesn’t lead a very busy life outside of the League. After earning a master’s degree in finance at the University of Wyoming, she moved to Colorado in 1980. She has worked as a consultant for most of her career, & is currently employed at Accenture, also know as Andersen Consulting. Not long ago, she moved to Indian Hills where she has “a great home with a big fenced yard, perfect for fostering puppies for the E.A.P,L,!” Linda emphasizes how much she enjoys the volunteer work. “I am so happy I have been able to save so many lovely, deserving dogs.” Many were ill, recovering from surgery or had behavior problems, but Linda has never ever refused to take a dog she has gone to pick up. And...Killian has never ever failed to get along with any dog she has brought home.

Killian loves all his “play buddies,” Linda loves helping to find them new homes & the E.A.P.L. loves her dedication, generosity & commitment. On behalf of dogs & dog lovers everywhere, we all howl, “Thanks Linda Gallup!”

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A warning from the Animal Planet channel: when you buy new tennis balls for your dogs, they should be first soaked to remove dye. Those dozen balls for \$5 at Target definitely have a dark dye on them. I’m not sure what to soak them in to remove it, if anyone does know, please tell me, I’ll share it next time.

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Gee, do you suppose these folks have cats??

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**BOOK CORNER:**

I just finished a very informative book on cats, the name of it is "How to Be a Cat Detective: Solving the Mystery of Your Cat's Behavior" by Vicky Halls. There is a lot of value in this book, relative to topics such as spraying, inappropriate litter box issues, aggressiveness and others. I happen to disagree with her on a couple of things, but also understand probably why she feels that way: 1) cats should be allowed to go outside whenever they want to, 2) multi-cat households shouldn't exist. She is an animal behaviorist, and she sees a large number of problems in multi-cat households. She is a British writer, and it may still be very safe in the U.K. for cats to be outdoors. They have quarantine laws, so maybe they don't have the illnesses we have here. The stories were fascinating, as were her solutions to problems. We will never know exactly what goes through the feline mind, but her theories made sense to me.



Last spring the Animal Emergency Team was called out over Memorial Day weekend to set up a temporary shelter at Conifer High School. Many of our members changed their plans and dropped everything to go. Even though the shelter was not needed for a very long period, we were able to test our plan and see where we could improve. Thank you so much to everyone for their help!

The Animal Emergency Team still needs members who can give time and energy when there is an emergency. If you are interested in helping, please call Suzie deDisse, 303 674 4121.

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My thanks to Lin Theders and Cathy Campbell both for this gem:

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation.

He wrote: I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote:

"I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will

vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

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### **CAT ROOM MEWS**

By Ginny Reiss

It's been a very busy time in the cat room. We've had lots of adult cat adoptions who will be living in homes of their own for the holidays this year! Believe it or not, we still have a few kittens in our system awaiting adoption as well. This has been a long kitten season since it started last April. Hopefully we're about at the end of it.

It's at this time of year that it's very heartwarming to think of all of the hardworking volunteers who are dedicated to making the cat room and our adoption system so terrific. EAPL wants to thank EVERYONE who has a part in this - and there are many of you indeed!

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. Be safe - and don't forget to stop by the cat room to give the kitties a holiday hug!

Ginny and Cathie

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This is from Dee Myslik, one of our telephone volunteers:

"Hi, Linda.....I do such a small part for EAPL, but on my telephone day Tuesday, 9/12 there were so many heart tugging situations that for the first time since I started 3 yrs. ago I had to fight back tears. But....I just have to tell you that that day and so many others I get so many positive comments on the work EAPL does....I am so proud to do my very little part to help. Dee Myslik"

Thanks for writing Dee, and I say this to you in response: you do not have a "very little part" in helping EAPL! If you were not there to answer the phone when someone calls about a dog they're going to take to Table Mountain, we wouldn't be able to rescue it and get it into one of our loving foster homes. Or when someone calls in that they have a

stray cat living under their deck, if you weren't there to take the call, we couldn't rescue it and put it in the nice warm cat room where it will find a new person to love. Every single thing a volunteer does for EAPL is a link in the chain, and without each link, we would fail. There is no "very little part" to our volunteer work, it's all very BIG parts!

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### **HEARTWARMING STORY**

I was told this story about a family who had contacted us saying they had lost their beloved dog, Mary Jo. They did not know to contact Clear Creek County about her, and she had been missing for 100 days when the most amazing thing happened. One day they pulled up next to a car in the McDonalds parking lot, looked over at the next car, and there sat Mary Jo! Who, of course, went crazy when she saw them. They waited until the woman came out to her car, and went over and explained the situation. The woman was very understanding about it, and told them that she had adopted Mary Jo through Clear Creek County. So, rather than ending up in hard feelings or a lawsuit, these reasonable people decided to share custody! I don't know the details of how it works, but they've worked out a solution to the problem and what a happy ending for them all - plus, Mary Jo gets to have 2 families of people that love her!

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I always like to support any company that brings animal awareness into their advertising campaigns:

## **Batteries meet bunny birth control**

May 30, 2006 1:18 PM PDT

In one of the oddest public-relations efforts to emerge in recent memory, Panasonic is rallying behind the cause of bunny neutering--yes, bunny neutering--to promote its [Oxyride Extreme Power batteries](#).

"When you think bunnies and batteries, you picture a bunny with a drum," reads the Panasonic e-mail pitch for the company's new "Neuter your Bunny" campaign. "Those days are over. Panasonic's Oxyride Extreme Power batteries significantly outperform Energizer Max and its alkaline companions in digital cameras."



Credit: Panasonic

In celebration of this performance milestone (stick with us for a moment here), Panasonic is kicking off a campaign to build awareness for the health benefits of neutering pet bunnies while simultaneously touting the performance benefits of [using Oxyride batteries](#). The batteries, which came out last year, are [designed for "high-drain" devices](#) such as digital cameras and MP3 players; Panasonic says they last twice as long as traditional alkaline batteries.

Still don't get the battery/bunny birth control connection? "Many people are unaware of the benefits of Panasonic Oxyride batteries, just like many bunny owners are unaware of the benefits of neutering or spaying," reads the newly launched [Neuter Your Bunny](#) Web site, which features a "Why Neuter" tab next to a "Why Oxyride" tab. The former page elucidates the benefits, beyond population control, of neutering rabbits (neutered males are calmer and less prone to destruction, it says, while spaying female rabbits eliminates the risk of reproductive cancers). The latter page goes on to explain how Oxyride batteries outperformed alkaline competitors in digital cameras.

But back to bunny neutering. Panasonic says it will honor its battery successes with a donation to the [House Rabbit Society](#), a nonprofit that educates the public on rabbit care and behavior.

Ah, how we would have loved to have been in the room when this product crusade was born.

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My thanks to Cate Dolbinsky for sending me this great picture, she called it the "Elk Nursery". They were behind her house one day when she snapped this photo:



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### **EAPL MEMORIES**

**By Erica Combs** (daughter of volunteer Ann Brown)

It was a warm fall morning. My family & I were sitting outdoors on the patio of a local restaurant enjoying our pancakes & eggs. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a dog, a big dog. It was several yards away from me. My small 10 year old body tensed up; I was extremely scared of dogs. Every time I saw one I became full of fear & anxiety, sometimes so much I would scream & cry. That morning was different. I was so tired of being frightened, & I knew there was no good reason for it. With the encouragement of my family, I slowly & cautiously walked over & touched that dog's soft, shiny fur. Since then, it is almost impossible for me to walk past a dog without asking to pet it.

Not long after that, my parents decided to get a dog. We would always admire the dogs in the EAPL ads in the Canyon Courier, & sometimes go to the

Saturday adoptions. Finally, after many phone calls & discussions, the EAPL gave us a big furry red dog to foster. We named him Jed, & he remained with us the rest of his life. To this day I don't think I will ever love another dog like I loved Jed. My family & I became more & more involved with the EAPL. We fell in love with the animals, the people, EAPL's mission, & had many dogs & cats go in & out our door.

In high school I began working for Dr. Winters at a nearby vet hospital., a clinic that became very familiar because of the EAPL. I worked in their kennel area for three years, & when I went to college got a job as a veterinary technician at another hospital. I worked there for four years & loved every second of it. Then I graduated & now work for a veterinary pharmaceutical company selling to veterinarians. I married a man who I knew was "the one" when I saw how he treated his dog, & we now have two dogs (one from the EAPL) & a cat that we love more every day.

I went from being a girl who ran away from dogs to a woman whose life is full of dogs & cats, & would never want it any other way. The people of the EAPL have helped shape my life more that they will ever realize. They helped mold me into the person I am today, & for that I am truly grateful.

My life is full of animals, thus full of happiness & that is exactly the way I want it to be.

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**EAPL BENEFIT GARAGE SALE**

Last summer, one of our volunteers, **Nancy Woodrow**, gave a garage sale and donated the proceeds to EAPL. She reports that despite a terribly hot day and a lot of competing big church sales, they managed to raise and donate about \$2,000!!! Thank you so much to everyone who donated items to be sold, and a huge thank you to Nancy, for having the idea and working so hard to make it happen!

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This cat must be drugged – it's sitting there patiently waiting to get its Santa Claws hat put on - with no claws out!



This is what I would see if I tried to put a Santa costume on one of our cats!

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**REMINDER:** It's that time of year again, there are packages with ribbon and chocolate everywhere! Please keep these and other innocent but harmful holiday items out of the reach of our cats and dogs. A trip to the Emergency Vet is not the best place to spend the holidays.

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**FUNNY KATRINA KITTY STORY**

One of our volunteers had an interesting experience receiving two feline Hurricane Katrina victims. When we contacted them, the American Humane Society, Southern Mississippi Branch wanted us to take kittens, but we had a long kitten waiting list, so asked for cats instead. When they arrived, one was a tiny gray tabby and the other a beautiful dilute calico. While holding the calico, our volunteer realized that the Humane Society had the last laugh: the kitty was very, very pregnant!! She says she prayed for a small litter!

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**PET RULES**

To be posted VERY LOW on the refrigerator door - nose height.

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack.

Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to

sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years - canine or feline attendance is not required.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

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**Happy Holidays to all!**

**Linda Hauser**