



PetTrax

Animal Humane Association of Star Valley



MOM & PUPS RESCUED!

We are so grateful to the hunters who saved this sweet girl and her puppies. They spent hours to locate her den and make sure she had all of her little ones.

Luna and her puppies had been living in a foxhole for two months. She was trying to protect them. At only 10 months old, Luna is an amazing mom!

She had been running for a couple of months trying to find food. People saw her, but no one could catch her. We even tried to trap her with no success.

Finally, hunters spotted her by a fox hole. It took a hunter and his wife several days to finally catch her and the puppies.

Luna and her puppies have all since

found their forever homes.



Durick Kleeman and Luna's puppies



Luna has become the light of our lives. She has not left our side since the moment we met her. We are so incredibly lucky to have her. Thank you Lucky's Place for connecting us with this amazing, and one of a kind girl. We are "fur"ever grateful. Jay, Kate & Luna

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I am dedicating this year's newsletter in memory of the many special needs rescues we cared for at my home over the last 20 years. The last two that just passed this year were Bubba and Babe. Of the over 250 animals I have fostered, there are special ones that truly touch your heart. Bubba and Babe are two dogs that have been with me since the building of our Lucky's Place Animal Shelter.

Babe came as a 9 months old Australian Shepherd, runt of the litter. She was always scared of people and would only bond to me



Babe

and the dogs I was fostering. After many failed tries at adopting her out she lived out her 17 years at the Dog On Ranch with us.

Bubba was found in a field in Cokeville, Wyoming almost dead. He was about a year old. We got him to the vet and he was covered with ticks and fox tail weed. The vet found that some of the fox tail had gotten

internally in him. He also had chipped bones in his chest from being kicked. He had numerous surgeries with several different vets trying to help him.



Bubba

Finally I was told he would not make it long, but he made it for 12 years. He had open wounds that never would heal from the surgeries and required treatment daily for the next 10 years. Bubba was awesome with all the many puppies I would foster and would let them curl up next to him. He would watch over them and love them. He loved to ski and go hiking with us and never gave up wanting to be with you. He had so much love to give and just wanted you to love him. Bubba and Babe truly touched my life and taught me to forge through each day and never give up. Our shelter motto "It's ALL for the animals" is so true. They truly are man's best friend!

And we still foster the pups and special needs dogs at our home. The door is always open to them.

As we march toward the holidays, we are

looking ahead to all the possibilities of 2022 in helping our shelter thrive and continue saving many more animals with your help.

One shining example of hope in this last difficult year, has been... YOU!

As Director of Lucky's Place Animal Shelter, I've read your letters and emails of support. Each time we've reached out with a need, you've helped us reach our goal. I am amazed at how you've stepped up to help our animals in need. With your help we have been able to:

- replace our boiler for heating the shelter
- put up panels to stop the snow and rain from blowing into our outdoor kennels
- replace our air circulation system in the attic for cleaner and fresher air
- repair roof sections to keep the snow and rain off the animals when they are outside
- vet numerous dogs and cats with emergency surgeries
- help pay for our water that is delivered each month so we can operate the shelter

Every day we continue to love and care for each animal that comes through the doors of Lucky's Place Animal Shelter. I'm so honored to be part of a caring community that supports the animals and am so blessed to be their caregiver. They certainly touch your heart. Merry Christmas! - Mary Ann

OUR GHOST STORY

Hi my name is Tenne and I would like to share my story with you. Last August, I just happened to be looking on Petfinder's and found what I had been looking for. Ghost was as close to the real thing



as they come! He was just what I wanted and I knew I had to meet him. I called ahead and made an appointment to meet Ghost the next day. Ghost was handsome, full of energy, bright eyed and bushy tailed, as they say, and it was LOVE at first sight for me and I think it was for Ghost too. As you can tell by the picture, we dressed the part!

I renamed Ghost to Shiloh because I have a horse named GhostDancer. Shiloh loves going on trail rides with me and drinking from the fresh streams. He is always looking behind to make sure I am on the same trail as he is. He jumps up to lick Tazo on the muzzle. Shiloh has set the pace for my Rocky Mountain Gaited horse Tazo. Before Shiloh came into our lives Tazo seemed somewhat complacent in his gait, but now he travels at a much faster gait to keep pace with Shiloh!

RUGGED



Rugged is a very sweet dog he loves to be with us and play fetch. Over the short amount of time he has been with us after adoption, his personality is really starting to come through.

He loves to watch and observe what we are making in the kitchen, he loves to give kisses, and he loves to be close with us. If we are in separate rooms he will go back and forth from each room until one of us joins the other and he will lay close to both of us.

He will comfort you when you're sad and lick your tears away. He loves to play fetch and play with other dogs and is such a good listener! He loves to make us proud and he is our special boy. We love him so much and we are so happy to have him in our lives!



TOP SUPPORTERS

As a private, non-profit organization AHASV relies on the financial support of generous individuals, businesses and foundations.

Thank you for the generosity of all those individuals and foundations who have given the animals of Star Valley a second chance. We would not be able to rescue them without your support.

Sophie Craighead
Lynn & Foster Friess
Joseph & Sandra Ratterman
Mark Edson
Cecil & Merriam Turner
Ed and Deanne Maronick
McManus Family Foundation
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Dan Karn
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Jill Willbanks
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Shannon & Caylyn Tobin
Kennis Lutz
Samantha Marquis
Adam & April Jones
Chris & Lauren Dickey
Blackbaud Giving Fund
Rustik Wyoming
In Memory of Jane Cress
In Memory of Jillaine Maes
In Memory of Sandy Fairchild

Lucky's Helpers



One of our many young volunteers making dog and cat pull toys



Caroline's Lemonaid Stand raising money for Lucky's Place



Faith making bracelets to raise money for the shelter. She has raised \$600!



Kyra and her family have fostered over 30 kittens in the last year. Kittens are among the most at-risk pets in shelters so you truly can save lives by fostering.

What would you tell someone who is considering fostering?

Kyra: Just do it! The best part of fostering is all the kitten cuddles and watching them play .

Tip for first timers?

Kyra: It will be fine! Give the cats time and be gentle. Lucky's is happy to answer any questions, make the vet appointments, and help with transportation and provide food. It's ok to be a foster failure! You can still foster!



Draney family volunteers



Cole and Nicole foster volunteers



Schatz family volunteers



Happy Tails!

PENNY

Penny is doing wonderful! We are so grateful to have found such an amazing dog. She loves spending time with our sons and running around playing fetch or exploring the land with the kids. The adoption process and working with Mary Ann was a wonderful experience. Penny is loving life on the farm and we love our new addition to the family.



Pratt

BEAR

Bear was well worth the drive from CA to WY. She is a delight and absolutely loves jeep rides at the beach. We are so blessed to have her. Thank you for the most wonderful dog ever.
Smith Family



CAROLINA

Carolina is an adorable fun loving companion. She has brought joy and liveliness to our small quiet family. She is tolerant and incredibly patient with her new older brother, who is still adjusting to sharing his human. We are thankful for Lucky's Place and the staff and volunteers for their love and care that allowed Carolina to join our family.



TATER TOT

Tater Tot is the kitten we didn't know we needed. She's the best snuggler ever! She likes to tease our dog, but they are best friends. She can be mischievous, but is the greatest addition to the Kwako Family.



COCO

Coco is LOVING LIFE! "She is getting big. Just wanted you to know she is a turkey but doing great. We sure love her so much."



SCOUT

We absolutely love him. He and our dogs are doing great. He'll stay safe and loved with us. He is so sweet!



SHEBA

Thank you for Sheba. Best cat ever! Collin



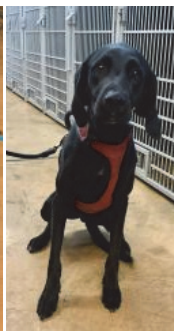
TAKE US HOME -



Bear
American Bulldog Mix
Adult Male



Koda
Chocolate Labrador Retriever
Adult Male



Toby
Hound Adult Male



Lexi
Alaskan Malamute Adult Female



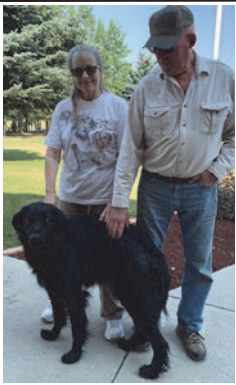
Bo
Pointer Mix Young Male



Boy
Terrier Mix Adult Male



Minnie
Australian Shepherd Mix Adult Female



BUDDY

The Nunn family has adopted four dogs from us and are awesome pet owners. It seems they always adopt our special needs dogs that no one else is interested in, all except for Buddy who went home with them as a pup.



KODA

Koda is the BEST guy going! He had so much fun in Alaska this summer hiking and being a "free spirit" that he is. Has a beautiful heart towards all and has blossomed to be such a great dog! We enjoy every single day with him, he is truly our pal forever! Lynn & Steve

MOOSE & RANGER

In November of last year I stopped by Lucky's Place to donate some items and saw two kittens, Moose and Ranger, in the lobby and ended up bringing them home.



They are now a year old and the sweetest boys with mischievous personalities. I wouldn't trade them for anything!

Mertz Family



BEE BEE

We are so in love with Bee Bee. She has brought so much joy to our lives. Thank you for letting us adopt her and make our family complete. Ken



LULA MAE

Lost my precious dog of many years and had to have another one in my life. I went to Lucky's

Place and fell in love with Lula Mae. She has lifted my spirits and I can't imagine being without her. Janis



OSCAR

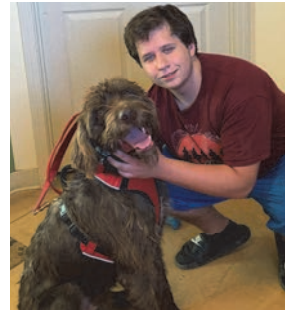
He has settled into his Colorado mountain house. He is doing wonderfully! We just love him so much! Sandy

DRAMBUIE



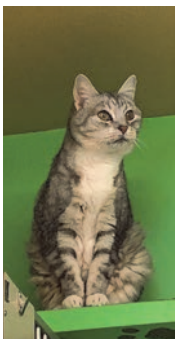
We have been so blessed to have Drambuie aka "Buie" join our family. His sweet and playful personality lifts our spirits and makes our days so bright. Buie now spends his days going on walks, hikes, catching tennis balls, playing in the snow and he is a professional greeter at the art studio. Loves to cuddle and give kisses. Thanks to Mary Ann and the the staff at Lucky's Place for providing him love and shelter before we were able to bring him home.

HANK



Hank is doing great and already sent his Christmas list to Santa!! He is getting used to Kansas and seems to love it. He's a great dog and we don't know why he was looked over so many times at the shelter. He's the BEST! Highland Family

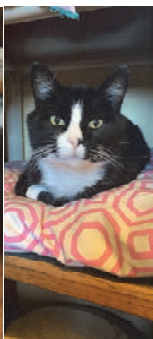
WE'RE WAITING!



Maggie
Domestic
Medium Hair
Senior
Female



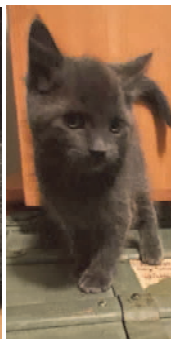
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Kitten
Male



Carl
Tuxedo
Adult
Male



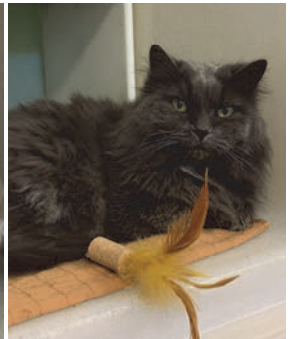
Pixie
Tabby
Kitten
Male



Helen
Domestic
Short Hair
Kitten
Female



Bonnie
Siamese
Kitten
Female



Whitney
Domestic
Long Hair
Senior
Female

More Happy Tails

ROSIE



Everything's coming up roses for Rosie, pictured with her new dad, Stewart.

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LUNA'S PUPPY GETS ADOPTED



One of Luna's pups, Little Bear, was adopted by the Gibbons family. "He is the joy of our hearts. Couldn't have gotten a better puppy! We love him dearly."

NUMBERS FOR THIS YEAR

Dogs intake: 160

Dogs reclaimed or adopted: 152

Cats intake: 87

Cats reclaimed or adopted: 93

Kittens intake: 148

Kittens reclaimed or adopted: 87

Total intake: 395

Total reclaimed or adopted: 332



JAMIE & FOSTERS

Jamie takes our expecting mama cats and helps care for all the babies. She is so awesome!



SOME OF OUR STAFF AT LUCKY'S PLACE

We could not make it work without them! Their love and dedication to the animals is what it's all about.



Kerri (left) just started working with us a few weeks ago. Jeannette (right) has been with us almost since the beginning.



Talinda, one of our kennel technicians, with her handsome dog, Rockie.

THE FACE BEHIND OUR FACEBOOK



Meet Kelly Meyer, the face behind our Facebook page. Kelly is passionate about our social media and enjoys responding to all Facebook queries. Kelly also runs our email campaigns. As you can see from the picture above, she loves animals and the great outdoors

Thank you, Kelly, for all that you do for us!

It's All For The Animals!

SAVE THE DATES

Annual Bark-B-Que Dinner
June 18, 2022

Sloppy Joes & Cinnamon Roll
July 16, 2022

8th Annual Wag & Walk
August 27, 2022

Coney Classic Skijor & Dog Party
TBD 2022

Annual Kristen Karn Golf Classic
TBD 2022

Year in Review



BARK B QUE 2021



Thank you to everyone who supported our Bark B Que fundraiser on June 19, 2021. It was a great success and the animals all thank you from the bottom of their hearts and paws. Without your support, we would not have a shelter for these loving animals to be safe from hunger, neglect and abuse.

SNAKE RIVER SKYDIVING



Snake River Skydiving Wyoming raised nearly \$1700 for our shelter this summer. For each tandem skydive made, Snake River Skydiving donated \$10 to our shelter. Pictured are Carol Jones with Snake River Skydiving and Mary Ann Ahrens, AHASV president.



KRISTEN KARN GOLF CLASSIC



DOG IS MY COPILOT



Dog Is My CoPilot transported 48 cats for us to Salt Lake City. They transport at-risk animals from overcrowded shelters to adoption centers in other regions where loving families are waiting. Peter E. Rork, M.D., orthopedic surgeon and lifelong pilot, co-founded the organization with the goal of saving as many animal lives as possible. Thank you, Dr. Rork and Kara, for your dedication to the animals!



RAISE THE WOOF!

7TH ANNUAL WAG & WALK



The Woof-Raising Fundraiser held in Alpine this summer was a huge success in raising much needed funds for Lucky's Place. Caylyn Tobin generously donated a lot of her time and money to host this event for our organization.



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(www.ahasv.org)

WISH LIST



- ◇ Dog leashes & collars
- ◇ Printer ink: TN 660 Black
- ◇ Large Nylabones
- ◇ Purina Cat/Kitten Chow
- ◇ Heating pad
- ◇ Dog/cat treats
- ◇ Small handheld hair dryer
- ◇ Hard-sided cat kennel
- ◇ 33 gal black trash bags
- ◇ White kitchen trash bags
- ◇ KMR Kitten Milk Replacer
- ◇ Bleach/PineSol
- ◇ Purina/Pedigree Dry Dog Food
- ◇ Canned dog/puppy Food
- ◇ Pill Pockets



Your purchases on AmazonSmile.com will benefit Lucky's Place. Just register for Animal Humane Association of Star Valley, Inc., Thayne, WY. A portion of every purchase will go to support the animals.

AHASV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2022



People who donate to the Animal Humane Association of Star Valley (AHASV) are not just donors, but also angels. We couldn't care for the pets at the shelter without these pet angels. We invite you to become one of our pet angels.

Angel donations are:

- _____ Student \$10
- _____ Single Adult \$25
- _____ Family \$35
- _____ Business \$50

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Please enclose this form with your check made out to AHASV.

Mail to AHASV, P O Box 654, Thayne, WY 83127

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It's all for the animals. Thank you for supporting all the unwanted and abused animals. You are an angel.

AHASV Mission

The Animal Humane Association of Star Valley is a nonprofit animal rescue organization that provides a safe environment for lost, abandoned and homeless animals in Star Valley, Wyoming and places them in good approved homes. We strive to build a successful partnership for people and animals through compassion, respect and education. "It's all for the animals."

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LEAVE A LEGACY: Invest in the future of Lucky's Place

The highest compliment you can give to Lucky's Place is to remember us in your Will or Estate Plan. Making such a gift deserves time and careful thought.

Our Director will be happy to consult with you on any questions you may have about creative giving opportunities.