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Lucky's Place AHASV DET THEAT

365+ Days and counting



Apollo – an affectionate 4.5-year-old Red Nose Pit Bull desperate for a family to adopt him or one that can open their home for a while to give his soul some rest. He needs to be the only dog in a household. He loves his ball, people, and attention!



Benni – a Great Dane/Bloodhound mix, about 3.5 yrs old. Still a puppy if you ask him! He is such a sweetheart, he wants nothing more than to please. Benni is very affectionate! Benni is good with other dogs, but he's a ladies' man....he prefers a female partner or pack member if he's doing the picking.



Truman – is about 2 years old and an extremely handsome Akbash. He's been with us off and on for a very long time waiting for the right family to help him write the next chapter of his story. He's affectionate, loyal, and loves kids. Truman would love a home with experience or one that's willing to continue his training.

Bear FINALLY goes home

Bear's story is a testament to the power of love, loyalty, and the incredible faith our pets have in us. For almost three long years, Bear experienced the disappointment of being adopted and returned multiple times. It just seemed like he had a dislike for strangers, but his true longing was for one specific person - his dad. Initially entrusted to a close friend while his dad was away, Bear's world was shattered when he found himself brought to a shelter instead. However, Bear's belief that his dad would return never wavered. Day after day, he patiently waited. The months turned into years. And then, a miracle happened! Bear's dad walked through the shelter doors! It was a moment filled with overwhelming emotion and so much joy! There wasn't a dry eye in the shelter as Bear's dream of being reunited with his dad finally came true. They are together once again! Their reunion speaks volumes of the importance of no-kill shelters in the second chances they provide but also to the incredible bond between humans and their animals. Bear's story reminds us that, sometimes, love requires patience, understanding, and a belief in the power of a promise between a man and his four legged best friend. We're so happy for you Bear!





Worth every mile

Ron's heartwarming story begins with the adoption of Gunner,





traveling all the way from Wisconsin. Ron embarked on a long journey, driving straight through to bring Gunner home. From the very first night, Gunner was an inseparable companion, sleeping faithfully by Ron's side. Their bond grew stronger with each passing day, but tragically, one morning, Ron woke up to find Gunner had peacefully passed away. Ron's heartache was just immeasurable, as he had lost a beloved friend and deeply loyal companion. Despite the pain of this loss, Ron's love for dogs persisted. Three weeks later, he made the journey back to Lucky's Place to adopt Thor. Because of Ron's incredible experience with Gunner, he knew it was worth the drive back to us. Now, Thor has become Ron's constant shadow, filling the void that Gunner left behind. Thor, finding his voice, brings joy and laughter to Ron's life. He embraces his role in carrying on the legacy that Gunner started, leaving pawprints of love on Ron's heart. Thank you, Ron, for opening your heart once again, giving Thor a loving home. Ron's words, "well truth be

told...when I got my 2nd lease on life after cancer I made giving back my mission. Pet's and spending time with them is my goal, they are my therapy as well so it's a two way street.

Caring people

Morgan a little Schnauzer from Utah and his family were visiting Star Valley. The family went sight-seeing and little Morgan was left home in their motor home at the Wolf Den. He got out and ran across the highway where he was spotted by Ted and Yvonne Adams who tried to catch him. He was so scared he ran into a large field. Ciara & Stu from the Wolf Den and Mary Ann joined in the search. At some point Morgan crossed back over the highway, where he narrowly missed getting hit. The weather was rainy and cold, after several hours now the light was fading and Morgan was still unseen. His family had joined the search in tears fearing that Morgan was already gone. A short time later Charles Schupman volunteered that he may be able to help locate Morgan. He knew of someone that had a drone. In about 15 minutes the drone spotted Morgan. Charles the son began to search the field where Morgan was spotted. He found Morgan, whose leash had been caught on underbrush! Morgan's family couldn't believe how everyone so generously came to their rescue and didn't give up. Thank you to the amazing community we have here for saving this precious little life.







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A Better Life For Bambi

Bambi endured a heartbreaking journey. She was found near the palisades, just skin and bone, her once vibrant spirit diminished by malnourishment and fear. Bambi was welcomed into a loving family, who has showered her with affection and care. They provided her with nourishing meals, slowly nursing her back to health. Her thin frame began to fill out, and her spirit began to shine. Her days are truly filled with joy and contentment, a far cry from the lonely and desperate existence she once knew before.



After



Before

Who Rescued Who?

This is our loving Bonnie, a true life changer! We adopted her in March 2020 when Covid began. She was just 8 weeks old adorable puppy. Our two boys wanted to have a dog for a long time. We drove to Lucky's Place, met wonderful and loving Mary Ann and when we saw Bonnie, the last puppy there,, we knew she will have her forever home with us. We just fell in love with the cutest and such a loving puppy. She was giving us so much joy and love during weird pandemic times. Our Bonnie is so appreciated and loved by all of us in the family. Very joyful Bonnie enjoys the Tetons! Loves long walks, going to the river, being at the lake, playing, going for car rides She adores snow and has a lots of fun. Bonnie is a true hero! Almost two years ago she literally saved our life by waking us up while fire was burning our home. She is so protective, loving and caring. We are forever thankful to our Bonnie loving her with all our hearts! A true friend who loves and is being loved unconditionally, brings us joy daily. - Brian Stone



Bonnie the brave!



Adoption day

Rosie's turn to smile

Our sweet Rosie had a tough life until she came to us. Her heart is gentle and her tender spirit carries so much joy for life. After months of waiting at the shelter Rosie has found true love and purpose in the arm of her new owners! She just couldn't stop smiling knowing these were her people. Lots of happy tears as we say goodbye to her from the shelter and she heads off to live a life of love and care with local Vetran family, the Bradley's. Her smile says it all!



Buff Heads for Sunny CA



Buff, the adorable Pomeranian pup, has finally arrived in California! After a two-day transport journey, he is now all settled in! Clad in his cozy PJs, Buff is ready to explore and experience all that California living has to offer. Buff's journey from Lucky's Place to his new family was made possible through the incredible efforts of so

many people. Buff was blessed with kindhearted individuals who ensured his safe travels and loved him along the way, and his tiny heart is filled with gratitude and love for this chance!

Buff is bringing much loved comfort and healing, as just days before meeting his new family they lost their dearly beloved mother. The moment they saw him, they knew it was a special connection despite the miles between them. Through the collective efforts of so many caring individuals that Buff found his forever home and a chance at a happy and fulfilling life!

Buckshot Buck

Once known as Buckshot Buck, this sweet boy has overcome unimaginable hardships and is now living a life filled with love and happiness. His story began when he was found tied to a tree, wounded by buckshot, here in the Valley. It was such a heartbreaking sight that revealed the cruelty and callousness of some humans. But that's not the end of this sweet pup's story! Now, he goes by the name just "Buck" and lives a life that many dogs can only dream of. He is spoiled with lost of love, affection, and all the comforts that a dog could ask for. This funny fella refuses to get his feet wet, participate in anything when it's less than sunny out, and sleeping in in the mornings. Buck keeps his new family smiling with his dramatic personality, cute quirks, and playfulness. Buck's transformation is nothing short of remarkable. From surving to thriving, Buck's rescue story is truly an inspiring example of how adoption opens a beautiful second chapter in life.



Today, he embodies resilience, love, and the incredible capacity of animals to forgive and find happiness again. His story serves as a powerful reminder of the impact adoption can have on the lives of these precious animals.





Zero and Patch





Zero and Patch, two deaf collies, have finally found their loving forever homes. Every pet deserves a chance at a happy life, and it's incredible to see how adoption can make such a difference. Thank you to the kind-hearted individuals who opened their hearts and homes to these special dogs. Wishing Zero, Patch, and their new families a lifetime of love, joy, and unforgettable moments together.

Homeward Bound



Aero & Michael

Rheya, Kris, & Cal



Fidget & Maxe



Holly with Cody Dean



Zoie & Webster family



Skye & Richard



Pepper & Alex with Bruha family

Artemis & family



Bill with the Kligora family

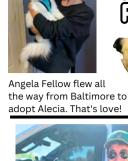


Meika with Lloyd family





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Girl, Betty, and Nakito



Tuff with Erin & son



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Then and Now

Ken and Gumbo



Bonnie and the Burton family







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Perket in Montana



Lucky's Place Letters







Murphy (now Walter) has been back with brother Harry for a year! They are a couple of characters with very different personalities, and always keep us entertained. - The Parkers Logan, Utah

Mike who we have renamed Scud has sure fit in with our crew. Loves his cuddles with the baby!















We celebrated Chevys 1st annual gotcha day!! My sweet Chevy. You've been with us a whole year now and I couldn't be more grateful for you. You are the sweetest, funniest, most lovable girl. I can't even begin to imagine what your life was like before we found you but I swear you'll never have another hard day in your life. I love you more than words!!! Happy gotcha day my Angel! -Joe Starr

Koda is doing fantastic and we are so proud of him. He keeps surprising us at every turn! We recently had to move to Laramie since we both got new jobs and were worried about how he would handle the transition. He has been a super star and loves the new house! There is a dog park nearby where he is very popular. He has also discovered his new passion of frisbee! He loves to play with his frisbee and show off his skills at the dog park with his friends. We also discovered he loves to swim! He loves playing fetch in the water, and would do it all day if he could. We are so happy to have found him and he fits into our family perfectly! He makes us smile everyday and shows us so much love. We couldn't imagine our lives without him now and can't wait to continue on the adventure of life with him! - Reilly Winters



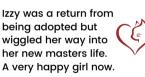
After being born at the shelter and spending 3 years there, Tucker finally hit the lottery. The Dupuis is showing unconditional love to Tucker. We're so verv happy for Tucker!



Ray in the lap of luxery with his foster family!



Creed is loving his life after adoption! His new family adores nim, including his fur brother Scout!





I adopted Poppy from you two summers ago and she's the best pup in the whole wide world. - Karina Cantaloupe



Tinsel came to us with frost bite in his ears and paws on pretty bad shape. But now is loving life.



Leo & Colter claim their master's throne for a better view. These two are quite a comilcal pair!





Jaxx is living his best life,he is now in hydrotherapy twice a week in Oregon. He is truly a blessing to my health. I love that boy! - Patrick Milton







We adopted Afton almost 2 years ago I believe. She's doing so well! Loves her humans overall a great girl!! Faith Cleverley



adopted this year! - AHASV



We **VOur Volunteers**







Lucky's Place Annual Bark B Que!







Lynne and Linda

Richard



Lucky's Place Annual Wag & Walk



Kelly and Bruce





always inviting us to bring our animals! Your support helps us find homes for our precious pets!





Dog Is My CoPilot







Through the years, Charlie and Kathy opened their hearts and home to countless dogs, offering them a second chance at happiness. Whether it was a dog with physical disabilities, behavioral challenges, or medical conditions, Charlie's love knew no bounds. His patience, understanding, and endless support were a beacon of hope for those who had been overlooked by others. Charlie's legacy of kindness will forever be remembered by the wagging tails and joyful barks of the dogs he saved.



Thank you to Star Valley Ranch RV Resort Park for hosting and supporting so many of our events! Special thanks to Tim Sterwart & Jan Boyd. This year at our Wag & Walk SVR RV Park helped us adopt out the sweetest puppy to a very loving family! Your love for the animals of the shelter is invaluable to us!

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In loving memory of Amber, a cherished member of our team who brought joy and passion to her work with animals. Always beaming with such kindness, and leaving behind a lasting smile in our hearts.























Sandra Keatly was a truly remarkable person. As a shelter board member and faithful volunteer, she poured her heart and soul into providing love, care, and support to our furry friends in need. Her love knew no bounds, as evidenced by the several cats she adopted and cherished as her own. She will be missed and her absence is immeasurable, as she touched the lives

of both humans and animals alike.

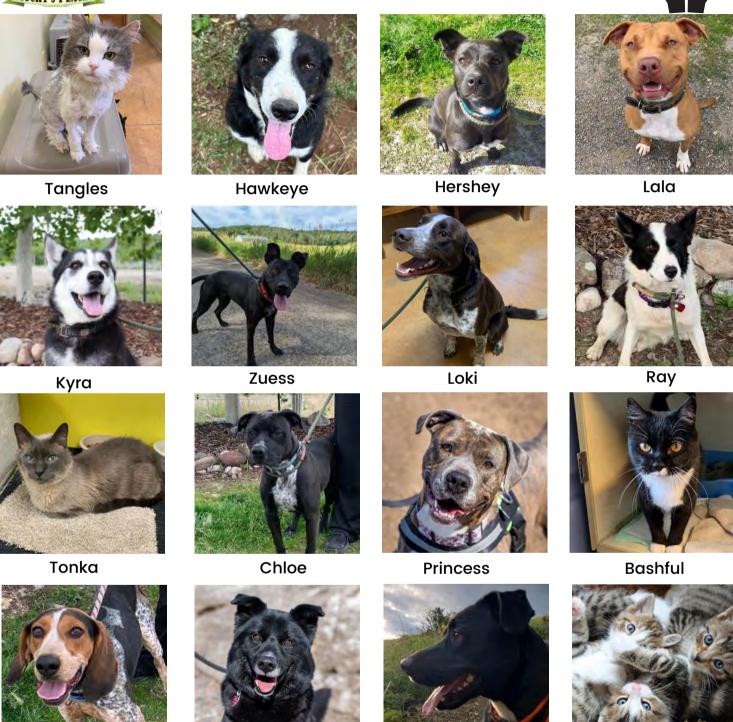


Unconditional LVVE Starts Here



Hector

You can't buy happiness, but you can rescue it.



AHASV Mission

Clyde

Louie

Kittens

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.

What's so great about cats?

Adopting a cat can bring incredible joy and fulfillment to your life! Here are some compelling reasons to consider adopting a cat:

- 1. Companionship: Cats are known for their independent nature while still providing loving companionship and affection.
- 2. Stress Relief: Cats have been shown to reduce stress and anxiety levels. Soothing purrs of a cat promote a sense of calm and well-being.
- 3. Health Benefits: Cats have been linked to a varity health benefits. Studies have found that living with cats can help lower blood pressure, reduce the risk of heart disease, and improve cardiovascular health.
- 4. Entertainment: Cats are natural entertainers. From chasing toys to exploring empty boxes, cats have a knack for keeping you entertained and making you smile. Their joy is contagious to have around!
- 5. Low Maintenance: Compared to other pets, cats are relatively low maintenance. They're independent and can entertain themselves for hours. They can thrive in homes or barns alike. Bonus, goodbye mice!
- 6. Teaching Responsibility: Adopting a cat can be a wonderful way to teach children and even adults about responsibility, empathy, and fostering a sense of compassion for others. Character building all while experiencing what it means to build love and bond with creation.
- 7. Saving a Life: By adopting a cat from an animal shelter or rescue organization, you are giving an animal a second chance at life. Adopting a cat not only enriches your life but also saves a precious life.









Lefter from our President

On behalf of the animals we serve, thank you for making our work possible. It's because of you and your constant support that we can help the animals at Lucky's Place.

This year has been a very rough year for shelters across the country. including Lucky's Place. Shelters are at a breaking point with families turning in pets due to inflation. People now surrender their pets because they no longer have a home, that's the reality we're looking at every single day.

Shelter dogs are scared which makes them even less adoptable. For a dog, the shelter is an immediate sensory overload with unfamiliar scents, sounds and strangers. A scared dog won't even behave like himself. He may not get along with other dogs, cower and resist human touch. You can help by fostering a dog a short while and can turn things around for an animal who needs some time away from the shelter to decompress. These dogs who are abandoned surrendered or found as strays benefit immensely from love and care of temporary foster families. The experience of a home environment helps these dogs socialize and regain trust in humans. Dog walker volunteers help the animals get out of the stressful, noisy shelter to feel relief.

We are working hard to get as many animals into homes as possible but can only do so much. It is up to our community to help save these lives.

Lucky's Place is the only shelter in Lincoln County and the success of the shelter and it's animals depends on our community. The most basic step of all to help alleviate our crowding in the shelters is spaying and neutering your pets.

Please consider volunteering or fostering one of these precious souls. Together we can make a difference and save one at a time. Thank you for all your support and love for the homeless animals.



Ragdoll Rescue Project







We had a unique opportunity to make a pawsitive impact on the lives of over 50 Ragdoll cats and kittens this year. Thank you to everyone who helped us find happy, healthy, and loving homes for them!





Qaill Taylor saved up his own money to adopt a kitten in July. He adopted Sprite! Amazing young man!



Caroline and her adorable lemonade stand at the SVR RV Park for the animals. Such a kind and generous spirit she has!

Upcoming Events



FEB - CONEY CLASSIC DOG SKIJOR FEB - LUCKYS WINTER BALL (NON EVENT)

JUNE 15 - BARK B Q AND BAKE SALE **JUNE 22 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

> 8:30am -10am Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, and Coffee

JULY 13 - SLOPPY JOES AND CINNAMON ROLLS AUGUST 24 - LUCKY'S 4K WAG AND

WALK FUN RUN / WALK

SEPT 4- LUCKY'S PLACE BURGERS AND BRATS

SEPT 7 - STAR VALLEY RANCH **CRAFT FAIR**















Lucky's Place Wish List:



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