



Winter 2022

PetTrax

Animal Humane Association of Star Valley



LUCKY IS FINALLY LUCKY AT LAST!

Lucky was our longest-term resident at the shelter. For over three years, Lucky waited patiently for her forever family. Lucky is finally home, and it has been everything she hoped it would be. Every dog has a family. Sometimes it just takes a while to find them.

Lucky has brought so much joy to our family! When Mom comes home from work, Lucky is quick to find her squeaky toy and greet her at the door to play fetch. Lucky loves it here. She loves her family so much she has earned the nickname "Wiggle-butt". Any time she meets a new friend or greets a family member she wags her body so much her tail propels her and she can't slow down. She loves to sleep with us on our bed, cuddle with us on the couch, play fetch, get treats and go on road trips.

She amazes us by how quickly she learns things. She thinks it's funny to bark in the backyard a couple of times



Lucky with her new family

just to get the other dogs in the neighborhood riled up. She is learning to catch a frisbee in flight and has already learned how to open the door on our deck to let herself in after going potty. We are so happy to have Lucky in our family!

TOBY FINDS HIS FOREVER FAMILY

I never believed in love at first sight... until I met all of our dogs.

In August, we lost our beloved lab, Bacchus, suddenly. He lived a full life until the last two days we had him. It left an immense hole in our hearts and home.

Our other dog Zuri, a Treeing Walker Coonhound/Labrador mix we adopted from the city pound, was also heartbroken. She was lonely for her friend and so were we. We decided to start looking to find another dog for our family.

One of those nights where sleep was

far off, I saw Toby's sweet face on Petfinder. He was the exact same breed as our girl. We reached out to Lucky's Place, and he was available for adoption!

We made the trip from Rock Springs to Thayne to meet him. We saw how happy he and Zuri were to walk together and how fast he attached to my husband.

Toby came home with us and the second day he was here, he knew he was home. He fits right into our family.

We later found out Toby had been at the shelter for over a year, which breaks our hearts. These dogs have so much love to give. He makes us laugh every day. He reminds us a great day is waking up with joy each morning, a walk with the pack is the best thing ever, to have fun each day and to live in the moment.

We are thankful we found our Toby. He loves with his whole heart and spreads happiness to everyone he sees. We rescued Toby and he rescued us!

Thank you to Lucky's Place for everything they do and keeping Toby safe until we could find him!



Toby (right) with his sister, Zuri (left)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we enter 2023, I look at our new copy of Pet Trax and am reminded that we are, together, part of something much larger than ourselves. We along with your support are making this world a safer and better place for the animals.

Thank you for standing with us and being part of Lucky's family these past 12 years with your support of the animals. I could share countless examples of acts of kindness, like the many hunters who take the time to rescue abandoned dogs in the mountains, adults and children who give their birthday gifts in donations to the shelter, animals and children selling lemonade to save the animals. We thank you for your support and confidence in our ability to deliver positive change for the animals. It's only because of your dedication to the animals that we can continue to provide loving homes they so deserve.

When I find myself getting low because of the overwhelming homeless and abused animals we take in, I think of you and your determination to love our homeless animals as much as I do – and suddenly my day gets much better.

Because of YOU, we can truly say, "It's All for the Animals!"
A Very Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Mary Ann Ahrens



RESCUES HELPING RESCUES!

TRUMAN INTRODUCES HIMSELF AS THE AKBASH HOUSE DOG

Hi, everyone. My name is Truman, and I am an Akbash or so they tell me. I don't really know anything about being an Akbash. I am pretty sure that I'm a house dog.



My baby picture

I was part of a litter of puppies that came to Lucky's Place in November 2020. I was initially adopted not long after arriving. Unfortunately, I was returned a few months later because I was getting to be such a big boy. After a while, I found my person who was going to give me my forever home. He was so good to me, but he passed away. I was returned to the shelter once again.

I went to formal obedience training for 6 weeks where I learned a lot. I also

spent some time at an Akbash/Great Pyrenees sanctuary. They found out after a few weeks that I'm a house dog! I want to be with you in your home. I am



This is me now with my friend

a great companion and the most loyal best friend.

I am two years old and housebroken. I prefer to be the only pet in the household. It needs to be just me and you. Due to my size, it would be better for me not to be around children. I like a calm, quiet environment.

My heart is even bigger than I am, and that's saying a lot. I'm okay here at the shelter since it is the only long-term home I have ever known, but I would really love to find my person. I know you're out there somewhere. We will be great together, and I will love you like no other!

Adopt Me

HOLLY IS HOPING FOR A HOME

Who remembers this special little baby Bridger? Bridger was adopted this summer and renamed Holly. Holly has been

well, but she needs a little more than most. All puppies need to play, explore, and learn the world around them. Holly is a doll and the sweetest girl you'll meet.

When Holly was born her legs didn't quite look the way they should, and it made everything a little harder for her. Then in stepped Dr. Tina who helped with braces and a lot of hope to see Holly live a great life. The braces were a huge hit and have made a beautiful difference for little Miss Holly, she can run and play like nothing was ever wrong!

Holly was the runt of a litter, and often being smaller makes the beginning of life a little harder. She is truly thriving now! Holly wasn't accepted by her littermates, so socialization for her is so important for her now still. She'd do amazing with a family that has another dog that can help her learn to play and navigate life.

Holly has a couple of cute little quirks that for a patient person would be quite endearing. We believe she will outgrow them with patience and a chance to experience life. Holly will do best with a family or person that will let her attach to them and be a part of things. For her puppy development it's not the best situation for her to be left on her own to figure it all out successfully. She's a petite girl with the biggest love you'll ever know!

This little baby girl has stolen every single heart at the shelter, we know she will steal yours too. Come and meet her! We'd love to see this sweet angel find her forever family and finally begin to feel the bond that takes place when one is deeply loved.



through a lot to get her ready for a family, and while we're heartbroken she is back with us, we know it won't be for very long!

Unfortunately, the family that adopted her just doesn't have time for her the way she needs to grow and learn. They meant

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!

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It's All For The Animals!

We ♥ our Volunteers



Roux volunteers by raising money with her lemonade stand.



Pat volunteers by helping our cats.



Star Valley Ranch RV Park volunteers by donating time and space for our fund-raising events.



Ray and Ruth donate hand painted pictures several times a year for our fund raisers. Ruth paints them and Ray makes the beautiful frames.



Teton Tails supports us in many ways including hosting an adoption event this year.



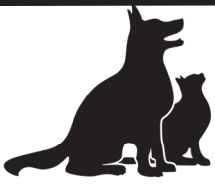
Thank you, Justin and the fire department for helping us with water to keep the shelter going!



IFA Country Store of Salt Lake City supported us by donating a trailer full of quality dog food to our shelter.

Thank you!





LUCKY'S LOVE LETTERS



SMOKEY



This little silver bullet is adorable. When we first got her she was a bit iffy with her new home and now she rules it. She finds a shoe lace or hair tie and that becomes her new favorite toy.

She is a hugger and a snuggler, often times sleeping by our feet at night. She is amazing, we love her like crazy! Lucky's Place has been nothing but amazing also. We thank you all for your help, care and support!!

PEPPER



Pepper came to the shelter as a feral kitten, injured and sick. After 10 months he found his perfect home where he is loved.

SAGE



We adopted Sage from Lucky's Place not knowing she would turn out to be the most amazing example of trust, loyalty, and love from a dog who really had every reason to be otherwise. Sage's life as a stray was one of loneliness and abuse. From the very first day her trust in us was evident. She never leaves our side. We love Sage and have an incredible bond with her already. Thank you, Lucky's Place!

WHITNEY

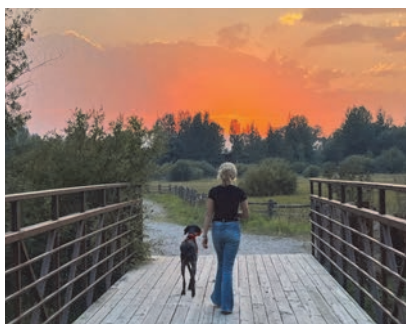


After losing her home a year ago, Whitney finds a loving home with Lindsey.

COPPER



Copper is a great dog, and he is loving his new home with us!



SPARKLES



Sparkles was crying in the carrier going home so I took him out and that didn't help. After researching feral cats, I put him in a wire parrot cage in the living room. That night he was purring and even licking my hand. I handle and touch Sparkles a lot, and I already adore him. For such a tiny creature he is already such a character. He is really enjoying life and looking all around him. It won't be long before I'll be able to let him run around wherever he wants to go.

BROOK



Brook is a feral dog that came to AHASV with 6 puppies. She now has it made as copilot in her own 4-wheeler with Richard

BONITA



Bonita goes home with her new family!

LITTLE MISS

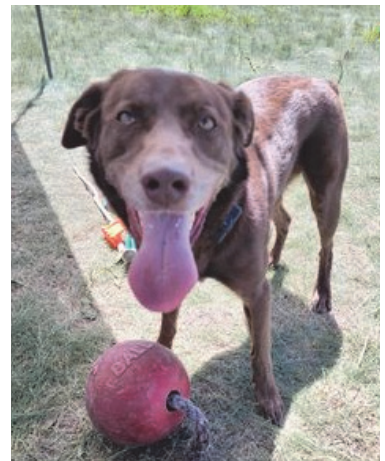
Thank you for trusting us with fostering Little Miss. We knew in our hearts this dog would be a PERFECT fit. Nothing seems to scare little Miss Spitfire. Seems like she's up for anything, including firemen in full regalia honoring fallen comrades. We love her so much!!

BOOMER



Boomer heads to California with the Jaacks family. What a lucky boy!

KODA



We adopted Koda in October of last year. We took him camping for the first time this year with 35 people and 14 dogs. He is definitely a member of the pack and so happy. He loves swimming with the kids and fetch is still his never-ending jam!

KING



King finds his forever home with his new mom, Susan.

LUNA



Luna is amazing and is definitely a spoiled lady! She's learned to play with toys, play with other pups, loves to snuggle into our faces, and does almost like a fox chatter and talks to us all the time (sometimes even sounding like Chewbacca).

BONNIE



A reservation dog trying to make it on her own lands the perfect home with Ron and Marilyn. "She is 100% great most of the time and maybe stinker 10 %."

THUMPER



Autumn and Thumper are pictured above. Autumn & her sister, Aspen, adopted two sibling bunnies from Lucky's Place, and they love them so much. "They are so lovable!"

ANNIE



Annie Oakley, the toughest outlaw in the East. She stole my heart and made the brave journey to NY with me. Annie is such a wonderful gift.

FRENCH



French was adopted by Derek at the Teton Tails adoption event.

JAXX



It's scary how tight Jaxx fits into our family. We're all so lucky to have each other. We love this boy! He's now living his best life in Oregon.

ALFREDO



Alfredo was also adopted by Gianna at the Teton Tails adoption event.

3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Months Guideline for Rescue Dogs

3 DAYS

- Overwhelmed
- May be scared and unsure of what is going on
- Not comfortable enough to show true personality
- May refuse to eat or drink
- Shut down and may want to curl up in a crate or hide



3 WEEKS

- Settling in
- More comfortable
- Realizing this could be a forever home
- Figured out the environment
- Getting a routine
- Lets guard down and showing true personality
- Behavior issues show up

3 MONTHS

- Is completely comfortable in new home
- Building trust and bonding
- Gained a sense of security with new family
- Set in a routine



Lucky's Place 1st Winter Ball



The NON-Event of the Season

You are cordially NOT invited to attend our 1st Winter Ball.

Donate your event savings to the homeless animals of Star Valley.

Savings: New Outfit: \$100 Event Ticket: \$50 Pet/Child Sitter: \$50

Since there is no expense for decorations, food, drinks or entertainment, your tax-deductible contribution will be used for food, supplies and medical expenses for the animals we rescue.

Donate online: <https://www.luckys.place/donate>
Please type "Winter Ball" in comments section

Mail check to: **Animal Humane Association of Star Valley**
P O Box 654, Thayne, WY 83127
Please write "Winter Ball" on the memo line

Thank you for your support!

Lucky's Place Animal Shelter
Animal Humane Association of Star Valley



Looking for love



Benni, 3

Male

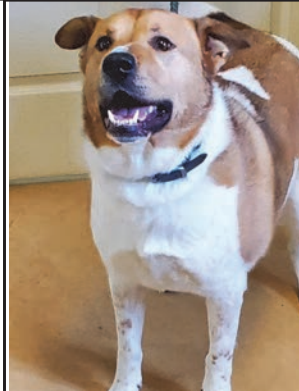
- Loves to play
- Affectionate
- Needs structure



Blu, 3

Male

- Loves walks
- Loves car rides
- Friendly



Rowdy, 3

Male

- Loves everyone
- Great personality
- Loves walks



Patch, 2

Male

- Deaf
- Friendly
- Loves family



Rascal, 3

Male

- Loves kisses
- Athletic
- Loves adventure



Zero, 2

Male

- Partially deaf
- Affectionate
- Loves kisses



Aero, 1.5

Female

- Affectionate
- Loves everyone
- Energetic



Apollo, 4

Male

- Loves his blue ball
- Friendly
- Loyal companion



Moonie, 8

Male

- Affectionate
- Gentle
- Quiet



Maggie, 16

Female

- Gentle
- Quiet
- Very sweet



Tucker, 1

Male

- Talkative
- Friendly
- Playful



Sophie, 2

Female

- Curious
- Playful
- Independent



Trapper, 2

Male

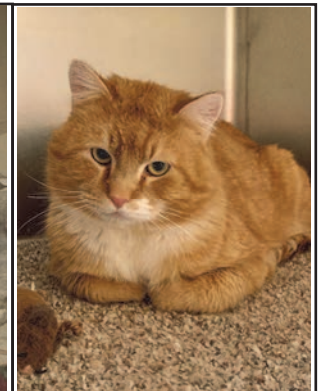
- Friendly
- Loves everyone
- Adventurous



Sylvester, 1.5

Male

- Curious
- Quiet
- Independent



Zippy, 2

Male

- Smart
- Independent
- Protective

WHEN PEOPLE LOSE THEIR HOMES, IT IS A CRISIS FOR THEIR PETS

Many families this year have come to Lucky's Place devastated that losing their homes also means giving up their pets. They are unable to find housing that will accept

animals, can't afford to keep and care for their pets, and don't know what else to do. Their pets are part of their family and when they have to surrender them to Lucky's Place they feel like they are abandoning a family member.

It's the result of hard economic times and people needing to move or not being able to afford a pet deposit on an apartment or rental home. Many that we have met and accepted their animals are living in their camper or cars. Each situation is unique and very heart-breaking.

Foster

As eviction numbers rise, people may have to give up their pets. Animal shelters are calling for help and need people with secure housing to temporarily foster pets. In most cases, supplies and expenses will be covered while you provide the temporary loving home. Many of these pets are very loving and family animals. You can also be a safety net foster, providing a safe place for a pet owned by someone who has been evicted and needs time to find another pet inclusive home or apartment. Contact your local animal shelter to find out ways you can offer fostering support to families in your own community.



A Letter From A Rescue Dog

My life hasn't always been easy. I may not show the scars, but I have them. I always felt like I had done something wrong. Sure, I made some mistakes. But no one listened. I needed to go outside. I didn't want to make a mess in the house. And that time I chewed up the shoe...I was bored and lonely. Maybe I just wanted some attention.

Then it all changed. I was forced in the car and taken away. I was stuck in a cage. I was scared. I could hear other dogs barking. Always barking. It scared me. I think they were scared too. From time to time, people would come by. They would talk to me and smile. But they never took me home. Was there something wrong with me? I could be a good dog. I wanted to listen. But no one wanted me.

Slowly, I got used to being there. I did get to play every now and then. And the food tasted good. But in the back of my mind, I always felt like there was something wrong with me. Why didn't anyone ever want me?

But one day, you came. I tried so hard to be good, but I couldn't stop wagging my tail and jumping up. I could see you as my forever home, but I didn't want to mess this up. When you knelt down and put your nose to my face, I felt love. I'd never felt that before. Thanks to you - I felt wanted.

And so you took me home. So many new things! The most important thing I want to share with you is this: I will make mistakes. I may have an accident. I may bark. I may chew something I'm not supposed to. But I'm trying. Remember, there's a lot of hurt in me. I've been through a lot.

But everyday I spend with you heals me. Your love eases my pain. I don't ever want to do anything to lose that. You have given me a new hope. A new life. And I will be forever thankful. Forever happy. With you.

LUCKY'S PLACE BY THE NUMBERS

Dogs intake: **233**
 Dogs reclaimed/adopted: **235**
 Cats intake: **201**
 Cats reclaimed/adopted: **194**
 Total intake: **434**
 Total reclaimed/adopted: **429**

HELP WANTED!

Must Love Animals!

The animals need your help. We are always looking to hire quality kennel techs.

Please give us a call at
307-883-PETS (7387)

SAVE THE DATES

Lucky's Winter Ball
 February 2023
 Memorial Day Lunch
 May 29, 2023
 Breakfast at SVR RV Park
 June 10, 2023
 Annual Bark B Que
 June 17, 2023
 Sloppy Joes & Cinnamon Rolls
 July 15, 2023
 Annual Wag & Walk
 August 26, 2023
 Lunch at SVR RV Park
 September 4, 2023

*Better than all of the gold in the world
 Better than diamonds
 Better than pearls
 Better than any material thing
 Is the love of a dog,
 and the joy that it brings.*

- Laura Jaworski -



2022 Lucky's Place Fund Raising Events

Coney Classic
 Yard Sale
 Kristen Karn Golf Classic
 Lemonade Stands
 Bark B Q
 Cinnamon Rolls/Sloppy Joes
 Wag and Walk
 SVR Craft Fair
 Faith Bracelets
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- ◇ Metal prong collars
- ◇ Puppy Food
- ◇ Bottled Drinking Water



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 2023



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

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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.