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CONSIDER ADOPTING A PET IN 2016

By Dr. Sheila Fitzpatrick, DVM

Sen. Kerry Donovan was by our veterinary clinic recently with her new rescue pet, Gary, and reminded all of us that the Colorado state pet is a shelter pet.

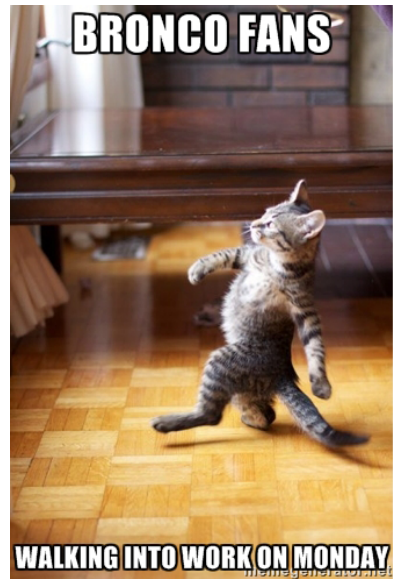
Each year, between 3 million and 4 million pets are euthanized in animal shelters. We wish we could reduce this number by informing the public of the benefits and opportunities out there for potential new pet owners to adopt, as well as educate the public on spay and neuter programs. Here in Eagle County alone, we have many opportunities to find the perfect furry friend and receive assistance in spays and neuters as needed.

First of all, we have the Eagle Valley Humane Society. This is a fabulous non-profit organization that has been here for more than 40 years and is made up of a group of volunteers who dedicate their time, and through private donations, can assist in caring for pets and finding new homes for them.

Currently, the Humane Society receives most of its pets from owners who can no longer have those pets, which often includes "non-adoptable" pets. The Humane Society operates an adoption center right next to Pazzo's in Eagle and has a group of volunteers who foster pets before going to their new homes. The organization has all pets spayed or neutered and given the required vaccinations before going to their new homes.

In addition, our local veterinarians will honor a free exam for those adopted pets for up to seven days after the adoption. If you are struggling financially but realize the benefits of spay or neutering for your pet, then the Humane Society has a financial-assistance program so your pet can get the surgery needed in a timely fashion.

If you would like to adopt a pet through the Humane Society, or would like to receive more information on the spay/neuter program, then you can call Char Consenica at 970-280-5738 or Marie Shipley at 970-331-1983. If you want to personally donate, please go to www.adoptafriend.org. All donations are so appreciated.



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Another terrific option for finding the perfect pet is the Eagle County Animal Shelter, located right in Eagle next to the fairgrounds. Headed up by shelter director, Daniel Ettinger, the Eagle County Animal Shelter operates a top-notch shelter and serves as the animal-control center for Eagle County. As with the Humane Society, all pets adopted out by the shelter are spayed and neutered and also micro-chipped. Each pet also receives 30 days of pet Insurance as part of their adoption, and again, pet owners are eligible for a free pet examination with their local veterinarian for the first seven days.

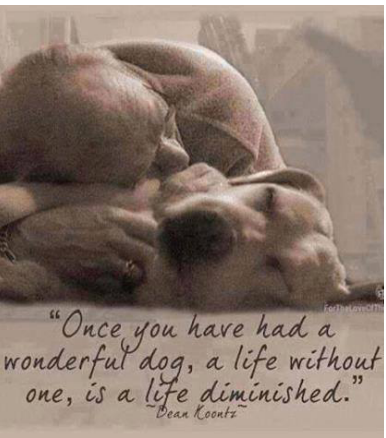
The shelter staff also includes trained and talented animal-control officers who are always ready and willing to help in any situation requiring their expertise when it comes to saving, protecting or caring for an animal. For information on adopting a pet or receiving animal-control assistance, call the Eagle County Animal Shelter at 970-328 DOGS.

We hope you will consider adopting a pet this year, and especially consider a local organization as you look for your next companion.

Sheila Fitzpatrick, DVM, owner of Mountain Mobile Vet and The Animal Hospital Center, submitted this Pet Talk column and it was published in the Vail Daily 1-9-16. You can reach her at 970-328-7085.

A new program at the Humane Society of Missouri allows kids to practice their reading skills and help shelter animals socialize.

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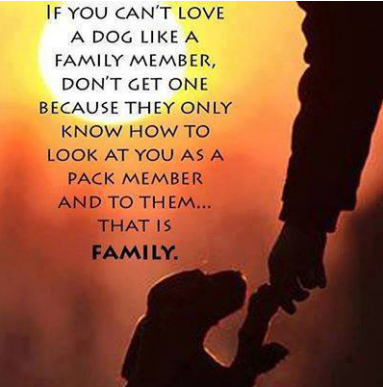
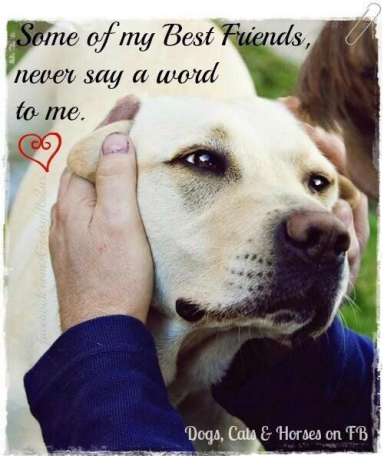
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