



Colorado Gives Day *Our Thanks for Your Support*

By Tami Tanoue

December 4, 2012 was Colorado Gives Day, a day when Colorado charities come together for support through the Community First Foundation and www.givingfirst.org. This year, citizens made over 68,000 donations to 1,258 participating charities around the state, and those donations totaled over \$15 million! This is a 20 percent increase over last year's donations.

MaxFund was one of the organizations participating in Colorado Gives Day, and we are so pleased and grateful to announce that we received over \$40,000 in donations. This money will be applied to our extensive and expensive daily MaxFund services which, as you know, are totally supplied by your generous donations. We consider that a resounding vote of confidence in MaxFund's no-kill mission, and an expression of your love and support for the homeless and injured stray pets we rescue.

Thank you to all who donated on Colorado Gives Day, and for the support you provide all year around. We could not fulfill our mission without you, our generous donors and supporters.



Daisy Mae Update

By Tami Tanoue



In last month's Paw Prints, we introduced you to Daisy Mae, a 3-year old Dachshund who came to MaxFund with back paralysis and incontinence caused by damage to her back. Disk surgery was needed if she was to have a chance to walk again. Well, you came through with help for Daisy Mae, the wonderful Dr. Stephen Lane of VRCC came through with his

surgical skills, and Daisy Mae came through the ordeal of surgery and extended bed rest like a true champ!

Thanks to you, funds were raised that offset the cost of Daisy Mae's surgery, which was quite expensive even with VRCC's generous discount. This adorable girl with the big eyes, big ears, big spirit, and short little legs, clearly struck a chord in the hearts of so many, especially those of you who have loved Dachshunds with back problems.

And Daisy Mae is indeed walking again! She's a bit wobbly, but is gaining strength each day. We're hopeful that she will soon walk right into the hearts and home of her loving forever family. She's been through more than her share of tough times in her short life. She now has a bright future, thanks to you.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support of Daisy Mae and all the other injured and sick strays who come to MaxFund. We could not fulfill our mission without you.



FROM THE WORLD OF GUS

Happy New Year! To tell you the truth, I'm not sure what that means. I like for everybody to be happy, so we will leave it at that. I've already told you about the different concept that we dogs have about time, so I won't bother to go over that again. From a two-legged point of view this "year" is all screwed up. Summer never really ended here in upstate South Carolina; it gradually got a little less hot but never got close to cold. It is more like the body of one season bled into another. One day you wake up and say "I don't know, but I guess that summer is dead and gone." But is it? Or is it all some trick to confuse a dog who just wants to keep things simple?

In other autumns we would have a period of a few days, as much as a week, of cold weather (the grass would be covered by that funny white stuff in the morning that is kind of like snow but isn't) and a lot of plants would die. The tree leaves would turn all kinds of beautiful colors before they fell off and became great places to play. This autumn (if autumn has indeed happened) there has been none of that. No display of color, no great cascade of falling leaves, blah!

I believe in morning-time, going outside-time, going for a walk-time, dinner-time, and bed-time. I recognize seasons. I will even recognize that this season has happened before, but since I don't believe in looking back, I can't see any continuity. I can see yesterday because I just woke up from it. I can see tomorrow because I expect to wake up to another wonderful day after bedtime. The rest of the days are a pleasant blend of sounds, smells, and colors. I guess my idea of time is just not right. *Ya think?*

Volunteer of the Month...

JUSTIN BROWN

Justin is a wonderful volunteer who works with the cats at MaxFund. He has been volunteering at MaxFund for over two years. During that time, he has mostly stayed under the radar, but he can be counted on to show up almost every week to stay all day with the cats—loving them, playing with them, letting them exercise out of their cages and advocating for them. Justin has also worked with the staff to be able to work with cats that are difficult. MaxFund tends to have more volunteers that are women, and some of the cats really prefer men over women. Justin, thankfully, is a young male who is there for these cats and shows up regularly.

Justin not only interacts with the cats, he also advocates for the volunteer program. He routinely recruits volunteers at places like his gym. Further, when he knows someone socially who is a volunteer who has not been coming in regularly, he gently "nags them--reminding them over and over again to return to MaxFund. He even has been known to show new volunteers around the shelter and meet with new volunteers looking for assistance and guidance.

With his amazing love, passion and commitment, MaxFund is lucky to have Justin. Thank you, Justin, for all you do!





A CAT'S UNIVERSE

by Snoopy & Gizmo

Hello Everyone!

It is finally my turn. Boy, talk about showing favoritism. Mom loves Snoopy best, I mean look at how many reports he has done this year, actually LAST year. Mom says look at the positive side – I get to write the first report of 2013!

Well, let's see, we have another dog who comes to visit Loki every other week. I am told it is Welsh Corgi/Black Lab mix, so it has short legs and turned out toes and looks kind of cute as dogs go. Her name is Lexi and now that she is used to us she is not too bad (Mom says it is not nice to keep calling her *it*.) She comes up to us carefully, not at a run like Loki and sniffs gently. Since she is much smaller we do not feel as though we are going to be trampled, which is nice. However, sometimes she gets pushy and we have to remind her who rules the house – *Cats, of course*. Loki sure does miss her when she has to leave. By the way, Mom and Big D just don't play with either dog like they play with us. They have rules, no jumping, and no putting paws on them, things like that.

The Holidays are over so our favorite tree skirt has been put back in the box. That is a shame as we did not get any velvet napping blankets to take its place. In all fairness though, we did not have it on our Christmas Wish List. I wonder if it is too soon to start one for next Christmas.

Well, nothing else exciting is happening around here. Maybe I can work on Mom to let me write again next month to get a jump on this year because I already heard them talking about taking some trips in the summer. Hope this New Year is a great one for you.

Your Cat Reporter, Gizmo

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- Develop and implement educational programs pertaining to animal care, with emphasis on the importance of spay/neutering.
- Disseminate information on spay/neuter facilities and conduct

spay/neuter clinics for low-income families.

-Be a spokesperson for the animals on issues of animal welfare.

-Cooperate with other animal facilities/shelters in the accomplishment of the above goals.

Contributions for this newsletter are welcome. Please check the back page of newsletter for each month's deadline. We especially enjoy letters and photos from animals adopted from our shelter.

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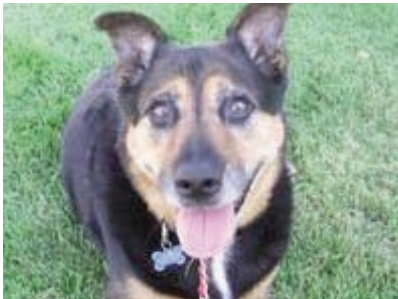
SHOTSKY

Shotsky likes car rides and enjoys walking on a leash. Very well-behaved, affectionate and playful.



MEATBALL

Meatball is a fun-loving Bulldog eager for playing. Easy going, friendly, playful and obedient.



SHEBA

Sheba is very friendly, housebroken and well-behaved. She's a little nervous with strangers.



BRETT

Brett is a dignified older guy, and very loving and affectionate. FIV positive.



MORTICIA

Morticia is sleek with silky black fur. She's a sweet girl with a sunny personality.



DANCER

Dancer would get along fine with a dog and/or children. He is a gentle soul.



DAPPLE

Dapple is a mellow girl. She is a little shy. Dapple wants to enjoy your company.



MUFFIN

Muffin is a sweet, gentle lady. 11 years old. Well-mannered.

FOSTER OF THE MONTH

MELODY RESETARITS AND ANDY MACK

Melody and Andy are wonderful fosters who have given cats a place to call home—a place where they can live with dignity, love and compassion. They have not even been fostering for a year, but they have already fostered three cats—Aspen, Sonya, and Baby. For these cats, they have made a world of difference. Melody and Andy did not initially intend to foster. But their first foster—Aspen—chose them. As volunteers, they would spend time with Aspen, an older cat whose person had passed away. When they let her out of her cage, Aspen would make herself comfortable on Melody's legs—like a turtle on a log. They fell in love and wanted to take her home after returning from vacation in a few weeks. In the meantime, Aspen stopped eating and had to get a feeding tube. Another foster took Aspen while Melody and Andy were on vacation to help stabilize her. Then she headed for Melody and Andy's, where they fostered her for the summer. Unfortunately, Aspen spent the entire summer fighting to live and battling an endless array of ailments. Melody and Andy nursed her through the whole thing—taking her to vet appointments, administering medications and most importantly, loving her and cherishing her. Sadly, Aspen passed away.



They were heartbroken and did not intend to foster again. But one of MaxFund's long-term cats, Sonya, was dying, and the staff asked Melody and Andy to give her a home where she could live out her final days—where she could have dignity and mercy. After living in the feral room for seven years, Sonya was finally able to relax, live in peace, have a bed to call her own and know what it is like to have humans love her and keep her safe in a home environment. Sonya passed away a short time later. A volunteer who had known Sonya at the shelter visited the

home and said they'd never seen Sonya look so relaxed. A home environment finally gave her that ability until it was time for her to let go.

Their current foster is Baby, a cat who stopped eating at the shelter. Baby was living with another foster and was stable, but the foster had a medical emergency and had to be hospitalized. There was no one to care for Baby, and she would deteriorate if she went back to MaxFund. So Andy and Melody stepped up and volunteered to take Baby home.



Why do They foster?

According to Melody, they did not know they had the capacity to be foster parents. But Aspen chose them to care for her in her last months of life. There have been some naysayers who have criticized them for bringing home senior cats and ailing cats. They would say, "Why put yourself through the heartbreak?" Despite the agony of loss and the challenges that come with fostering, these furry creatures have given Melody and Andy more than they gave them. Aspen taught them patience. Sonya, humility. Baby has reminded them the value of the MaxFund community and unconditional love (including her relationship with her wire brush). To sum it up, they quote Mother Teresa:

"They, too, are created by the same loving hand of God which Created us...It is our duty to Protect Them and to promote their well-being."—Mother Teresa

Thank you, Melody and Andy, for your loving support to MaxFund cats in need.

You, too, can experience the joys of fostering. MaxFund is always in desperate need of foster homes, especially cat foster homes. Please contact the shelter today to find out how you can foster.



MAXFUND'S MAILBAG

Dear MaxFund,

In February, 2012, I adopted a Spaniel mix named Haley (formerly Baylor). While she is frequently a challenge, I love her dearly. She has adjusted well to her forever home.

Please accept this gift to care for other pets in need of a forever home.

Janet Saft



Emily

Dear MaxFund,

I found Emily at MaxFund on March 17, 2001. She had been hit by a car and was brought to your facility by a Good Samaritan. She lost her back leg in the accident. She has been with my husband and I ever since. She overcame her "handicap" easily, and her health has been excellent over the years. The joy she has brought to us is immeasurable. Everyone who meets Emily falls in love. MaxFund, thank you for your excellent work! Thank you for Emily.

Bo DeMarco & Jeff Wakelee

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OUTDOOR HAZARDS for your dogs

By www.petco.com

Before you let your pooch out to play, be aware of the dangers that exist in her own backyard. Your dog may love to loll in the grass and dig in the dirt, but unsupervised outdoor romps carry risks. You may need to address the following hazards.

Exposure Extreme heat or cold can be fatal, so keep your dog inside when the temperature soars or drops. If she spends a lot of time outdoors, provide an insulated doghouse as a shelter.

So your dog won't be soaked during rain showers, pick a doghouse with a sloped roof and a floor that's slightly raised off the ground. Straw, aspen shavings, or a padded bed inside lets your dog nap in comfort and helps her keep warm on chilly days.

For hot weather, make sure there's a shady spot outdoors where your pet can escape the sun's rays. Equally important, provide plenty of fresh water. Consider using heavy crocks for your dog's fresh food and water so she can't tip them over during playtime. If you have any doubt about your dog's ability to withstand the weather, keep her inside!

Garbage Make sure your dog can't get into garbage cans or compost bins. Fatty or decomposing foods could make her sick. Bones from chicken or other animals can splinter and puncture your dog's mouth, throat or intestines.

Inadequate Fencing Your dog may find the world beyond your yard enticing and may not understand that other critters and cars could hurt her. Make sure your fence is high enough so she can't jump over it and deep enough that she won't dig under it. Also check your fence for holes, and make sure you always latch gates securely.

Be sure your dog always wears a collar and ID tags in case she ever does get out. Be particularly careful if you move since many pets get lost during times of transition.

Do you have a pool? Fence it off to keep your pet out of harm's way. Dogs don't instinctively know how to swim, and even if they can swim, they may isn't the best beverage for your canine companion.

A note about water sources: You may give your dog plenty of fresh water daily, but she'll still be tempted

to lap from other sources in the backyard. Make any ponds, fountains, kiddie pools or birdbaths off-limits. Chemicals or bacteria in the water could make her ill. And, that goes double for any other surfaces in your backyard that collect water.

Lawn Chemicals Keep fertilizers, insecticides and other lawn and garden chemicals in a shed or garage and well out of your dog's reach. These potent products can be poisonous.

When you spray, keep your dog away! Don't let her walk on a chemically treated lawn until it has dried, and try to keep her from nibbling chemically treated grass, flowers or plants until after it's rained or you've watered the area.

Plants Many outdoor plants and some fruits and vegetables can hurt your dog. A few culprits: English ivy, Japanese yew, azaleas, the underground parts of spring bulbs, rhubarb leaves, eggplant and tomato vines, potato plants and berries, and some mushrooms. Keep potted plants out of reach, and set up a fence around your garden to keep your pet out of the homegrown goodies.

Sticks and Branches Like chicken bones, sticks can puncture your dog's mouth, throat or intestines. If you offer her ropes and toy chew bones to play with instead, she'll have all the fun of chewing without the danger.

Cars Always keep your dog on a leash any time you venture beyond the yard. Even an obedient dog, who always stays close, needs a leash near busy intersections or in crowded areas. A collision with a moving vehicle could take her life, so it's better to be safe than sorry.

Even with its hazards, your yard is likely to be one of the safest places for your dog to play. When you know what to check for, it becomes even safer.

We recommend your dog is never left unattended in your yard for more than a few minutes at a time. If you must leave your dog while you go to work, your home is the best place for your dog to spend the hours alone.

MAJESTIC CANINE RESCUE

From Jan Eckhardt, MaxFund Board Member: In Yoder, Colorado the wind blows, the rain blows, the hail blows, the snow blows, but nothing stops Wes Hogan from caring for his gathering of dogs that just need stability and love in their lives! He has come to the rescue of three MaxFund dogs for which we needed assistance. He can use all the help we can give him. Here is his story...

The windswept eastern plains can be a desolate place, but a small ranch near Yoder, Colorado is proving to be an oasis of hope for many abandoned, neglected and abused dogs.

Majestic Canine Rescue was founded in 2010 by Wes Hogan with the goal of rehabilitating neglected dogs and finding them loving homes for the rest of their lives. Wes evaluates all the dogs for temperament and personality to make sure they are placed in appropriate new homes. Potential adopters fill out an extensive questionnaire followed by background, vet and reference checks and home visits. If everything is great, the pre-approved adopter is asked to come out to the ranch to meet and interact with potentially adoptable dogs that match the temperament and personality of the adopter.

Wes and his wife, Jolene, adopted their first rescue dog in 1999. In their “spare time” and at their own expense, he and Jolene rehabilitated and found homes for many homeless dogs that, due to behavioral issues, were otherwise out-of-time at other local shelters. As they focused upon rescuing, they found that there are many good shelters and rescues that do a great job of finding homes for relatively well-behaved dogs, but there appeared to be far fewer places willing or equipped to take the dogs with bad behavior issues, especially dogs that show aggressive behavior or have a history of biting. After a decade of dog rescue, they decided it was time to move to a place where they could help more dogs in a peaceful and secure environment. At this time they made a big decision: they bought the ranch and acquired a Dept. of Agriculture license for Majestic Canine Rescue. They achieved 501(C)3 non-profit status on May 12, 2011. Majestic Canine Rescue (MCR) has a wide range of dogs that come to them in diverse ways. A recent example of a little family in need was a Bassett Hound momma and her pups. A person in Yoder noticed a Bassett that was making a home under

an old trailer home. She had likely been abandoned in the area since she didn’t match any of the known local dogs. The person was concerned since the Bassett Hound did not appear to be able to fend for herself, and she possibly was pregnant. Fortunately MCR was told of the dog’s predicament and Wes and a friend spent 6 hours extracting the momma and (surprise!) seven puppies! Momma Bassett was very scared, but after some loving care, soon became highly adoptable. Of course her puppies are totally adorable and are now able to start their lives with human contact rather than being feral beneath an unused trailer.

The other end of the spectrum is a dog that has significant behavioral issues and needs an extra-special home. Such dogs need special attention and are the ones that need intensive training. This is Wes’s specialty! Phoebe is one good example of what MCR stands for. Phoebe is a young Shar Pei mix that was dropped at a high volume shelter. She wasn’t treated very well in her past, and being confined in a small space with little exercise, compounded her already aggressive temperament. She attacked other dogs in the shelter and tried to bite staff members. She was deemed “unadoptable” by the shelter and scheduled to be euthanized. A rescue volunteer found out about Phoebe and decided to help her. She pulled Phoebe out of the shelter just a few hours before her time was up. The volunteer had rescued dogs in similar situations several times in the past; she had been able to take them out and find great homes for them. Unfortunately Phoebe ended up being more traumatized than the volunteer had anticipated, and Phoebe’s aggressive behaviors were too much for her to handle. The rescuer tried everything she could think of to help Phoebe, but received little assistance. Several places she contacted told her there was nothing she could do and to “just put Phoebe down.” Fortunately for Phoebe, the rescuer didn’t listen to them and kept on trying. Eventually she contacted MCR, and they took Phoebe in. Wes worked with Phoebe on her issues, and after a few months, Phoebe is now living out the rest of her life in a very loving forever home. If no adopter is found, then the dogs will live a peaceful and happy life in a low stress environment at the ranch.

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This is where MCR has become a resource for MaxFund. Like MaxFund, MCR has a no-kill policy. They believe every dog needs more than one chance for a home and no dog should be killed for reasons it cannot control. Jake, a Shar Pei mix with unpredictable behavior, was MaxFund's first transfer to MCR in early 2012. It worked out well and now Granby, a black lab mix, and his buddy Petchouli, a Rottweiler mix, will join Jake. Granby definitely needed a sanctuary since he had gotten into trouble with the law. However, Granby and Petchouli very much enjoy each other's company, and since they both have a checkered past, transferring both together appeared to be the nicest thing to do. At MCR they will have separate sleeping kennels but be able to play and goof around during the day as they did at MaxFund (videos of these two can be seen at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaTlzIJAnpQ...> and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lhqIwnSkKA&list=UUyb-A_3CsjA9KDNhEAu9Uow&index=19&feature=plep).

As one can imagine, rescuing dogs with behavior issues is extremely expensive since it can take several months for the dogs to trust one person and many, many more to get them ready for a new forever home. Majestic Canine Rescue has only been operating for two years and the MCR facility continues to be a work in progress. They continue to make great improvements, but there is so much to do. They are currently in the process of building a large secure exercise pen where dogs can play together, and they are upgrading the runs for each dog. One hundred percent (100%) of all donations go to the care of the dogs and for improving their lives and living areas. Donations are always welcome and can be made on MCR's Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/Majestic-Canine-Rescue/200057436674192?fref=ts> or on their website: <http://www.majesticcaninerescue.org/> or directly by check to Majestic Canine Rescue, P.O. Box 92, Yoder, CO 80864.



CAT POETRY

*I once was a cuddly kitten,
But now I am a stray,
'Cause when I was no longer fluffy,
They sent me on my way.*

*They've kept their big watchdog,
As he can bark and growl,
But I could fly at strangers,
If I caught them on the prowl.*

*I slink around their garbage can;
I mew outside their door;
But it's clear from their behaviour,
They don't want me anymore.*

*Now I'm cold and hungry,
And getting very thin,
What have I done to hurt them,
Why won't they let me in?*

*I crouch in sheds and boxes,
In my bedraggle fur,
So shivery and dejected,
I cannot even purr.*

*They have another kitten,
Their children's whole delight;
But probably next Christmas,
It will share my wretched plight.*

~Author Unknown

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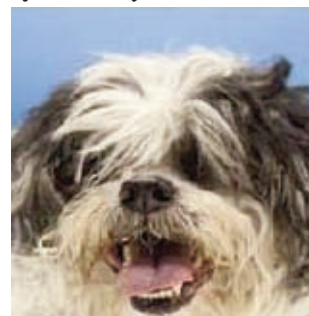
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