



ForeverHome

A Chat with the Friends of the Roice-Hurst Humane Society

SAVING ONE LIFE AT A TIME

SUMMER 2014

Join us Aug. 23 for our 2nd annual “Roundup” gala

The “Roice-Hurst Roundup” will be held on Sat., Aug 23 at the DoubleTree hotel. Festivities will start at 6:00 p.m. and feature cocktails, dinner, music, live and silent auction, and a celebration of the mission of Roice-Hurst!

The atmosphere will be rustic and casual, and we’re encouraging folks to wear western attire. We want to celebrate our rural Colorado roots!

Tickets are \$60 each and will be available at Alpine Banks, Chow Down, Fisher’s Liquor Barn, the shelter, or from any board member starting July 21st.

Individual and corporate sponsorships are still available. For sponsor information, contact board member Linda Eden at 970-241-5143. To donate auction items, call board member Julie Butherus at 970-234-5000.

Agility trials pure joy for this sweet rescue dog

By Mary Needham



She was curled up in a kennel at an adoption event when I first saw her. She lifted her head to look up at me as I read her description: “Flower, 2 - 3 yr. old female heeler mix, likes to ride in cars but keep secured.” Her sweetness, her size and age, attracted me. She was playful, but cautious and a little shy. She’d been rescued from a Utah shelter after being found as a stray. When at an adoption event, she apparently would just curl herself into a corner of her kennel, not attracting attention.

I renamed her **Tashi**, which means lucky, bringing quality of grace to those around her. She joined another dog in my family, Maverick, who loved chasing tennis balls. When we went out into the yard for play, Tashi started running alongside Maverick as he retrieved ball after ball. When I added a second ball to the toss, she quickly followed Maverick’s lead, retrieving her ball and returning it to me, with minimal teaching. I was amazed at her quickness at learning. Although I had no background in dog agility, I’d been intrigued, and realized that Tashi presented an opportunity to enter the agility arena.

We first enrolled in a **basic obedience class**, where Tashi was top of her class. Getting involved with agility followed, one step at a time, starting with that first beginners’ class. We both had fun with that, so we took the next level class, then another. I still wasn’t certain about competing at an actual agility trial, but joined the local agility club for further practice. The more we’ve done, the more we’ve been hooked. We started competing in March 2013, a year after starting classes.

Agility is about a dog/handler team, and the continual learning process presents challenges for both the dog and handler, along with huge rewards. When I view videos or photos of us running a course, she’s got this look of concentration on her face, with her tail constantly up and wagging, with excitement for a job well done. She is particularly sensitive to my state of mind, which is teaching me to remember that this is all about fun and play, to not take all of this too seriously.

Tashi is also my hiking buddy, and agility has complemented our hiking experience. I have found her more watchful of me and responsive to my commands, such as a recall, when we are on a trail, demonstrating the teamwork that we’ve enhanced through agility. I believe the right dog comes into our lives to help us at a particular point of time, and Tashi continues to teach me about enjoying life at the moment, and to share those special moments with a special friend.

LEARN HOW ROICE-HURST VOLUNTEERS ARE HELPING OUT AT AGILITY TRIALS (SEE INSIDE)

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We couldn’t care for all the sweet animals that come our way without you!



We hope you’ll take a moment to remember them by filling out the envelope inside this newsletter and sending it back to us today.

Your support won’t save every animal in need, but it will help us care for and find homes for the sweet spirits who pass through our doors.

www.RHHumaneSociety.com



Christopher George
Acting Operations Manager
Roice-Hurst Humane Society

Meet Chris George, new acting Operations Manager at our shelter and adoption center. Chris comes to Roice-Hurst with an extensive and varied background in management and operational leadership.

The Leadville, Colorado native spent the majority of his career as a park ranger and teacher in Colorado, California and Florida, where he served in management positions. Chris says he is thrilled to be a part of the Roice-Hurst mission and is excited by the potential and dedication of the staff and volunteers who share his compassion for the animals we care for and rehome.

ROICE-HURST COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Could it be right the right fit for you?

By Cindy White, Roice-Hurst volunteer

Community outreach is just another form of marketing, only at a more personal level. This program has given me the opportunity to meet and speak to all sorts of people as young as preschool age to folks in their golden years in assisted living facilities.

I really enjoy interacting with people and telling them all about Roice-Hurst. You can't be shy, because you may have to talk to a group as small as a half dozen people, or to a classroom of 30 middle schoolers! You also have to be able to "shift gears" with your talk and approach depending on the group you are addressing. Outreach volunteers need to be knowledgeable about many aspects of Roice-Hurst's operations and nonprofit organization and be prepared to answer a variety of questions.

In my experience, it seems like just about everyone has a soft spot in their hearts for homeless dogs and cats. Children can learn much from our four-legged friends, and usually not only have questions but love to share their own stories about the family pet.

I find that the senior citizens are a joy to visit, as their love for animals is huge. Many of them have a pet, and oftentimes their dog or cat is their only companion. They too share stories with me, and so many times I have learned that their pet was a rescue from Roice-Hurst!

When setting up appointments to speak, I often get asked if we can bring a dog or two along. It is difficult to bring one of our homeless dogs to such an encounter. Roice-Hurst's goal is to find some volunteers who have a trained therapy dog, and would like to get involved.

If you think community outreach is something you would like to learn more about, please call the shelter at 970-434-7337 and they will get a message to me. Let's spread the word about this great mission!

Roice-Hurst volunteers are a hit at local AKC canine agility trials



A great group of volunteers helped out at the AKC Dog Agility Trials held at the Mesa County Fairgrounds in May. This is a fun and low-stress way to volunteer with Roice-Hurst, and if your idea of a good time is spending the afternoon with dozens of adorable dogs and their adoring owners, this just might be your cup of tea!

If you'd like to get involved, contact Sally Bellacqua at sbellacqua@yahoo.com.

THE NEXT TRIALS ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER!

What do you want your legacy to be?

By Linda Eden, CFP®, Roice-Hurst board member

Roice-Hurst Humane Society understands the need to make a difference in the causes we are passionate about. We may pour our heart and soul into those causes while we're alive, but what about after we're gone? You can continue to impact those people and causes you care so much about long after you're gone, through a bequest.

A bequest is a gift of your assets to a loved one or a cause that is important to you. Over the years, Roice-Hurst Humane Society has been the beneficiary of many gifts from animal lovers like you. Those gifts continue to help us with our vision of providing sanctuary to every homeless dog and cat who comes through our door and our goal to find a "Forever Home" for each of them.

Many people are surprised to learn that you can name a nonprofit as one of your beneficiaries on your retirement account. It works just the same with your will or even a life insurance policy. You simply designate Roice-Hurst Humane Society to receive some percentage of what you leave behind. It is a powerful way to provide for the future of animals who have no one else to care for them.

An outright gift can be another way to help. It's simple, it's immediate and it can reduce your tax bill! Did you know you can donate shares of stock or mutual funds and avoid paying taxes on any gain you have? This applies to gifts of real estate too. You may also get a tax deduction for the gift. Please consult with your legal and financial advisors on how these types of gifts can benefit you and our animals.

Your concern for animals is deeply appreciated. Whatever gift you may be considering, we want you to know we have the highest respect for your wishes. However you choose to share your love for our dogs and cats, your donation will be used however you wish.

URGENT NEWS ABOUT YOUR CITY MARKET CARD!

City Market has changed the registration process for your value card which raises thousands of dollars every year for the shelter.

In order for your City Market Card to continue supporting Roice-Hurst, you will need to re-register with City Market. This can be done online by going to

www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com

We urge you to take a moment and re-register your card as these funds are still significant to our operations!



PLAY BINGO EVERY FRIDAY

at Roice-Hurst's 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. sessions

AT GOLD MINE BINGO

511 28-1/4 Rd. (a non-smoking, family-friendly facility)

Net proceeds from Roice-Hurst's two weekly bingo sessions have been funding 10% to 15% of our annual operating budget the past few years. You can play for as little as \$10, and total payouts are up to \$2,000 each session. Come play, have fun, and support our homeless pets!

IF YOU HAVE A PET AND NEED TO RENT, THESE TIPS CAN HELP

By Rick Thurtle
Roice-Hurst Board Member

Moving into a new home can be very stressful for many people. Finding a place to rent while being a pet owner can just add to the list of problems to solve. Nation-wide figures show that not finding a pet-friendly property is one of the leading factors in people leaving their pets at an animal shelter.

Many landlords refuse to allow pets in rental properties for obvious reasons. Pet-related property damage and excessive noise are two of the main problems. If you are in this situation, these tips can help you find a pet-friendly place to live.

DON'T WAIT. Start your search as soon as you know you have to relocate. Six weeks should give you ample time to contact realtors and rental agencies that are pet friendly. Local humane societies and veterinarians can also be a plus.

NARROW DOWN YOUR OPTIONS. Large apartment complexes with no-pet rules will rarely change their standards, while individual owners may look at renting to pet owners on a case-by-case basis.

REFERENCES ARE HUGE. If you have rented a place in the past that allows pets, see if the landlord will give you a letter of reference. You may be better off writing it yourself and having the landlord sign it. Also, neighbors are a good reference source if your cat or dog has not been a problem. A letter from your veterinarian will also go a long way.

INTRODUCE YOUR PET TO THE LANDLORD. A one-on-one meeting may be the ticket. Make sure your dog is well groomed and well behaved. Cuteness may get you somewhere, but showing your pet is clean and not a problem for others is a must.

EXPECT TO PAY A LITTLE MORE. Don't be surprised when a landlord requests a higher deposit and a nominal raise in your monthly rent. In return, request a written clause in the rental agreement allowing you to have a pet on the premises.

BE HONEST. Don't try and sneak in a pet. This is one of the biggest reasons property owners don't want to rent to pet owners.

PUT YOURSELF IN THE LANDLORD'S SHOES. He or she wants to rent out all of their units to maximize profits. Making it easier for a landlord to accept a pet is your responsibility and the best way to keep you together with your dog or cat for the long haul.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ONLINE, VISIT humanesociety.org/animals



Mesa County Animal Services is asking for the public's help!

Allowing dogs and cats to be sold, traded, bartered or given away in a public venue without reasonable restrictions can be detrimental to the animals and our citizens.

Pet owners are now required to have a Public Pet Rehoming Permit in order to rehome cats and dogs in public places. Application packets to apply for a permit are available at the Mesa County Animal Services website: animalservices.mesacounty.us. There is no fee for the permit and all applications will be processed within five working days.

Mesa County Animal Services is asking the public to call them at 970-242-4646 if they observe individuals selling or rehoming dogs or cats in public areas including parking lots, street corners, and in front of businesses.

YARD SALE TO BENEFIT ROICE-HURST! Mark & Tim's Third Annual Donation Sale ON THE LAWN AT 2102 N. 1ST STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 • 8 AM TO 5 PM
SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 • 8 AM TO 1 PM**

*Clean out your closets and help out our critters at Roice-Hurst!
Contact Mark or Tim to arrange a time to drop off your donations at
2102 N.1st Street, GJ, 81501, or to have your items picked up.*

They will store your items until the sale.

*Mark can be reached by phone or text at (970) 361-8131
or by email at mark.a2.davis@sprint.com.*

*Tim can be reached by phone or text at (970) 640-3819
or by email at jewettgrand@aol.com.*

LAST YEAR'S YARD SALE NETTED MORE THAN \$6,700 FOR OUR HOMELESS PETS, THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Sat., Aug. 23: Roice-Hurst "Roundup" gala**
- Tues., Sept. 2: Dog Days at Palisade pool**
- Sun., Sept. 7: Dog Days at Lincoln Park pool**
- Oct. 1 – 31: Annual "Dollars for Dogs/Cash for Cats" fall fundraising campaign**

New summer hours
at our shelter and adoption center at 362 28 Rd. were instituted July 6 in an effort to better accommodate visitors and facilitate adoptions. We are now open to the public Tuesdays – Saturdays 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays.

Kick up your paws to hot sounds in the cool night air with us...

TICKETS:
\$15 in advance
\$20 at the gate

Wine and Whiskers Concert

Saturday, July 19th, 7:30 pm • Featuring Stray Grass!

Grande River Vineyards Winery • 787 N. Elberta Ave., Palisade, CO

Arts and crafts needed for holiday shows

For the past several years, Roice-Hurst has been raising funds (and promoting our mission) by sponsoring booths at local holiday arts and crafts shows. This year, we've been very fortunate to be selected by The Art Center in Grand Junction as the nonprofit organization that will get a complimentary booth at their prestigious and popular Holiday Art and Craft Fair. In its 43rd year, the fair will be held Nov. 21-23 at The Art Center.

We're soliciting artists and crafters to donate pieces to sell at our booth there (and at other holiday shows). Pet-related and holiday items always generate shoppers' interest, but we would welcome any quality artworks or handicrafts in any medium. For more information or to donate, please contact Roice-Hurst board member Elaine Johnson-Craig at 970-986-5819, or mej@acsol.net.



***Danielle's dedication
and love for Calvin
saved his life and
inspired all of us at
Roice-Hurst. We're
proud to share her story
and happy to report
that Calvin is doing
great. They came
through a tough time
together and are "Best
Friends Forever"!***

I adopted Calvin from a big litter at Roice-Hurst in February 2013. He was the fattest, most roly-poly, male of the litter. His original name was Alex, but I changed it to Calvin after the cartoon Calvin and Hobbes, which my dad used to read to me every night as a child.

He was a delightful little pup with a very calm demeanor and a knack for catching on quickly. One night, I noticed that he hadn't eaten his dinner, which was unusual since at eleven weeks old, he was a big eater. The next morning, I was shocked at his appearance. He had dropped half his body weight overnight. I called my vet right away but they couldn't see him for two days. I wasn't going to take that as an answer, so I called the Orchard Mesa Vet Hospital and they were able to get him in within the hour.

I suspected it was parvovirus right away, but prayed I was wrong. As the doctor came back in after doing the test, she said it was positive and I held on to him so tightly. She gave me the options of an at-home treatment which was greatly cheaper, or a clinic stay that had a better success rate. I chose the at-home treatment. I was already attached to him and couldn't imagine how terrified he would be in a foreign place without me. The at-home treatment was beyond stressful; the OM vets were so courteous and called every day to check on us. I hated when he yelped when I put the needle in him.

I didn't want to go to work because I was afraid he wouldn't be alive when I got back home. One night I couldn't get the needle in him and it was hurting him every time I tried. I finally couldn't take the stress and took him down to the Veterinary Emergency Center. They were able to administer the fluids. I was worried he would hate me for poking him so many times even though I only was doing it to save him.

Little Calvin gradually started to improve. He could only eat small amounts at first, and it was so hard because you could tell he wanted more and more food, but the doctor's orders were that if he threw up I had to restart the process.

Once he was on his antibiotics and gaining weight I was so relieved. I remember telling him, "Calvin, if you make it through this you can have anything you want," and I kept that promise. To this day he gets whatever he wants, and is spoiled rotten. We wouldn't have it any other way!

– Danielle Spelts



A little Mayo makes everything right

by Garrett Syphers

I was a little apprehensive about adopting a shelter cat when I first walked into Roice-Hurst back in March. But when I knelt down next to a cat lounging lazily in a cat hammock on the outdoor cat porch, he immediately jumped into my lap. That cat was named Mayo, and I had found an amazing new friend. His moniker was a result of the mayonnaise jar stuck on his head when he arrived at the humane society. Thanks not only goes out to the fine person who found him by the side of the road, but all the volunteers at the shelter who made sure he was healthy and ready to be adopted.

Since bringing him home, he has been a wonderful addition to the family. He happily greets every visitor who comes to the door, flopping everywhere as if saying, "Look at me, I'm the cat, you need to play with me." Even with his playful personality, he still finds time to curl up next to you and purr contentedly as you scratch behind his ears. I am so glad that he picked me. He has been a great friend ever since that afternoon in March.



Jaow doing what Huskies love best – running with a team in the wide open spaces...

We've had Jaow for 1-1/2 years now, and he's mellowed into a healthy, well adjusted big boy. He loves the running routine and doesn't mind playing third fiddle to Ruby and Delila, our dominant females, although it was a struggle at first. He's overcome many anxieties and has been able to realize his true character. He knows he's got a pack that loves him and a place to forever call home. He's our BIG BOY!

—John G., Westminster, CO

Last year, Roice-Hurst took in 239 cats and kittens

and facilitated 236 feline adoptions. Although folks often think of Roice-Hurst when they want to adopt a dog, we also have wonderful facilities for cats and kittens: big, sunny rooms with perches and toys; and outdoor, screened-in porches where kitties can come and go and play and climb. Cats can socialize with both their feline and human friends, and potential adopters get a better idea of a cat's true personality when trying to find the right "fit" for their home and lifestyle.



If we don't have your name or address listed correctly, or if you prefer not to receive a newsletter or other future mailings from us, please contact Elaine Johnson-Craig at (970)986-5819 or mej@acsol.net.

There are so many wonderful stories of love and new beginnings that start with that simple and wondrous connection we make with an animal. People often tell us that they thought they were rescuing an animal only to find that in a very real way their animal rescued them. We'd love to include your story in a future newsletter. Email us at info@rhumanesociety.com