



# Lucky's Place AHASV PET TRAX

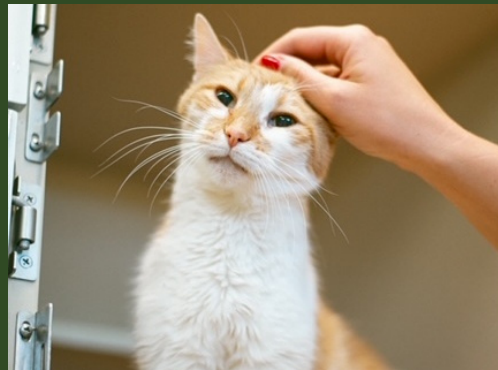
## 365+ Days and counting



**Olive** – is one of the most people loving dogs we have ever met! Every time we take her out for a walk she stops to lean in for a hug with anyone she passes. She loves to play with toys and be with you. This is one of the sweetest and gentlest souls we've ever known. To meet her is to love her!



**Nakito** – an incredibly gentle, smart, funny, loves to snuggle, loves kids, and loves other dogs. He's the perfect companion for almost any family! This good boy enjoys car rides and is always up for a hike or outdoor adventure! Nakito has such friendly and lovable character it's hard to believe he's still waiting.



**Stripy** – is about 10 years old. She's a little hard of hearing and her vision isn't what it used to be, but oh is she full of love to give! Stripy is perfect for a quiet home where she just can relax and enjoy the day with her people. She's a very sweet senior cat and we all have come to love and adore her here.

## Where is Walter?

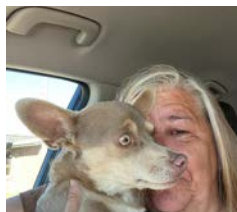
Hi, I'm Walter, and you're in for a treat because I've got an absolutely unbelievable story to share with all of you. My family took me on a camping trip from Arkansas to Wyoming, and on July 28, 2023, I went missing after crawling out of the sunroof during a storm in the Palisades, a site ominously named Calamity Point. They searched desperately and fiercely for me, but as 2 weeks passed and they had to go home, I was left behind. I used my survival skills from before I was rescued by catching crickets and small animals just trying to survive. Those skills helped me survive by hunting and hiding from predators. By December, I was worn out and found refuge on a kind woman named Christine's porch, where she fed me and took me in. My purple flea collar hinted that I belonged to someone, so Christine brought me to Lucky's Place. As fate would have it, Mary Ann at Lucky's Place remembered a cat just like me had gone missing months earlier. She found my family and called them right away. It was against all odds that I had made it through the winter and that my story had been remembered after so long. I am grateful for the kindness of Christine, the team at Lucky's Place, and everyone who helped me find my way back to my family. They never lost hope and never gave up looking for me. This was truly an incredible journey, and I am one very lucky cat!

With love and gratitude, your fellow traveler, Walter.



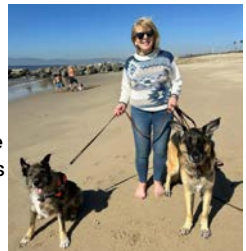
## Traveling Tom

My name is Tom. I am from Big Piney Wyoming. I was camping up middle of Piney with my family when I became lost. My family looked for me every day. They would put food out and blankets in hopes I would find it. They put fliers up that said missing. They really cared enough to even have drones and I still could not be found. There were so many good people looking for me and sending pictures of other chihuahuas to them trying to help however they were not me. Then someone saw me in a town and took pictures of me and sent them to my family and they came to look for me. After 35 days missing I was found in Afton Wyoming that's 2 and a half hours away from my home and was reunited with my family. I have now been home for a week with my family and I'm putting my weight back on and seeing my vet. Thank you to everyone involved to help bring me back to my family. His paws were worn off and in terrible shape showing he had been traveling. It is a mystery how he got that far and made it back home. - Coreen Rowlett



## Fritz Finds Hope and Healing

Fritz's journey to healing and true happiness began before his adoption at the Alpine Animal Hospital in Pocatello, Idaho. This precious boy was found with a severely broken leg and needed urgent and critical veterinary care. Thanks to the generosity of the Animal Adoption Center in Jackson Hole, a crucial grant helped us to cover the costs of his expensive surgery. However, Fritz needed more than medical care; he needed a loving home for his recovery. That's when Rick and Diane Cianflone stepped up, offering both their hearts and home to foster this brave pup who had been through so much. Fritz officially joined their family in the warmth of midsummer, the timing was destiny, as his calm loving soul immediately began filling a void left by the unexpected loss of another furry family member. Fritz's gentle spirit has always been upbeat despite, always allowing him to keep shining and keep hoping for what he truly deserved. Fritz knew right away that he was going to be loved and safe with the Cianflone's. Today, Fritz is a beloved member of the pack on beach walks and cuddles and all the love of a family that was meant to be, forever!



# Lucky's Place AHASV

## Apollo's Tail, Lonely to Loved

Who remembers this sweet face from last year's newsletter's 365+ front page column? Apollo patiently waited with us at the shelter for a loving home for over a year, and now he's a cherished source of comfort and peace for his new family during challenging times. Apollo has truly blossomed outside the shelter. His playful spirit shines through as he romps around or spends the day as a spoiled lap dog. This gentle loving giant has become a great big baby boy, bringing joy and solace with his loving presence. Apollo's life has become full of the love and attention he truly deserves, plus cozy jammies!



## Jake's Journey

I have had lots of dogs, but never a Boxer or a deaf dog. Jake is doing very well in his new home. And my adjustment to having a deaf dog is really not that much different than having any new dog. Jake is loyal and sweet. He is learning to live with cats and is going off-leash for walks/runs on my property. Thank you Lucky's Place for rescuing Jake and helping him on his way to recovering from a bad situation.

Mary Lynn Worl



## Love Heals Dolly

Dolly was found wandering the road by the sheriff and brought to our shelter. At first, it seemed like she had taken a tumble from a truck, with her nose scratched and a limp in her hind legs. But after a trip to the vet, we learned it was actually Lupus affecting her nose, and there were also tumors found in her belly. Despite all of this, Kimberly saw something very special in Dolly and in her heart knew she had to step in. She nursed Dolly back to health, and with advice from another vet, decided to delay surgery. Dolly's recovery is nothing short of "a miracle of love". Kimberly understood the risks involved in surgery and chose to shower Dolly with love and care instead. Now, Dolly is unrecognizable to the battered pup we first met. Kimberly has loved her back to life and is completely smitten with Dolly, turns out, she's exactly what she needed in her life too!



## Betty's New Family

We adopted Betty a few weeks ago. I just wanted to let you know she is doing great! It took a bit for her and our dog to get along, but we took it slow and patiently and I'm happy to say they get along very well now. They even play together! Thank you for giving us a full history and lots of advice. She is a great addition to our family! We re-named her Athena and she is such a happy, loving pup. She is fabulous with kids and cat and is very happy here. - Ashley Blayne



## Hawaiian Homecoming

First known to us as Spirit, this adorable Great Pyrenees, arrived at our shelter alongside her siblings, all in search of loving homes. Her gentle demeanor captured the hearts of a family all the way in Hawaii, who felt an immediate bond with her and were determined to make her a part of their lives, despite all the miles that separated them. Renamed



Tahina, after the rare and majestic Tahina spectabilis palm newly discovered in Madagascar, just like she symbolizes a "blessed gift" in her new home. Now weighing a healthy 70 lbs, Tahina's presence brings so much love and happiness to her family, just like her name suggests.

## Incredible Little Ivy

Ivy was just about five months old when she was discovered in Osmond, injured. When she came to the shelter she could barely move or walk. A visit to the vet revealed she had a shattered hip and pelvis, and no sensation in her tail. Determined to help her heal, Jeanette brought Ivy home. For two long months, she stayed in a crate, unable to jump or walk. In her boredom and frustration, Ivy began to injure her tail. After six weeks of confinement, the only option was to amputate her damaged tail. Despite the surgeries, medications, and wearing a cone, Ivy's resilience shone through. She blossomed into a healthy, good-looking teenager. Ivy is incredibly smart, recognizes her name, and even climbs a ladder to get to her bed. She's a true lovebug!



## Copper's New Life

We were lucky enough to adopt Copper from Lucky's Place this July. Our family had fostered him starting in late January to help out with the crowded kennels at the shelter. He came to the shelter with an injury to his front paw, while that was healing we found out that he also had some problems with his back legs that would require corrective surgery. Lucky's Place started fundraising to help him get the surgery that he needed which was quite expensive. We offered to continue fostering him through his recovery so that he had a comfortable and stress-free recovery. During his recovery, our daughter cried at the thought of him living with another family since he was already a part of ours. This sweet energetic pup has become our 11 yr old's constant companion. She carried him up and down many stairs and took him on lots of mellow walks during his recovery. He is now hiking mountains, paddle boarding, exploring forests and deserts, road trips, and being an all-around goofball. He is such a good example for people that dogs from the pound don't just end up there because of behavior issues. He is a well-mannered



dog who gets along with everyone! We are happy that Lucky's gave him a safe spot to land while he was looking for a new home and even happier that he ended up with us! - Kathy Cathy

## Loving Lala

I don't understand why anyone wouldn't want a pit. They are the best. So loving and loyal. She is the only dog we have that can go out in the front yard and not run away. She chews up a few things, like her own blanket, but we really don't care. She is so great with the kids. We love her and she loves us so much! Loyal loving Lala. - Andrea Layman



# Homeward Bound



Foxy



Louie



Chaco & Angel



Cashew



Klaus



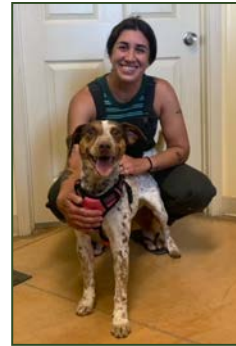
Maze



Drayton



Arven & Kieran



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## Paws and Pennies: The Annual Cost of Running an Animal Shelter

- Vet expenses: \$60,000.00
- Employees/Staff: \$145,000.00
- Maintenance/Repairs: \$5,000.00
- All other operating expenses: \$66,000.00
- Yearly Average Total Expenses: \$276,000.00

Your generous donations are the heartbeat of our no-kill shelter, enabling us to offer a second chance to countless animals who might otherwise face a bleak future. Every single contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in covering the extensive costs of providing lifesaving care and finding loving homes for these deserving souls. Together, we create a haven of hope, safety, and healing for those who need it most, making miracles happen with your compassionate support for the animals we serve here in Star Valley Wyoming, and beyond.

## Meet Our New Staff!

We are thrilled to welcome our new staff members Travis and Cesar to the shelter family! Their passion and dedication are invaluable as they join forces with our team, ensuring each animal receives the love and care they deserve. Their addition to the team has made it possible to continue our mission of providing safe, loving homes for every animal.



Garrett Miller and the beautiful Makenna Quesenberry stopped by our Subaru Loves Pets adoption event and fell in love with one of our pups. Stuffie will have a life full of love, adventure, and celebrity now!





# Lucky's Place *Love* Letters



Pawsha is now a beloved emotional support dog in Nevada. She is perfectly spoiled, lounging wherever she wants and keeping her humans company. She has a different relationship with each family member and is so deeply loved by all! This sweet girl is surrounded by so much love and affection now!  
- Christina Regan



While driving along a busy highway, Kelli and Dagmar spotted a scared little dog, narrowly avoiding traffic. Without a second thought, they swooped in and rescued him! As he gazed at them with grateful eyes, the bond was immediate. Unable to forget him, they returned a few weeks later back to Star Valley, determined to make Harry part of their family. Their reunion with their rescue was filled with love and joy, marking the next chapter of a beautiful journey together as they headed to Indiana to be a family!



Junior, now Jack, has settled in quite beautifully! We're working on tricks, fetch and confidence with strangers. He has made fast friends with our 14.5 year old dog and she loves chasing him around the yard, never in a million years did we think that was going to happen! He's really added something to her golden years. He excels as a trail dog - always nearby and coming when called. - Johanna Wildnauer



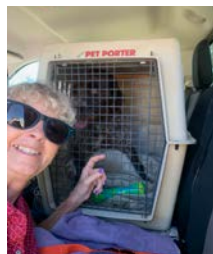
Moose found a new Brother Simon and new Dad. Living now in Jackson Hole and dad is a vet tech in Spring Creek.



Douglas Fir was found in the woods all by himself. Now he has a new doggie sister who came from us too a year ago and new humans who are his family. It was a long ride home to Seattle WA, but he now has a loving and active home to call his own. It was worth the miles!

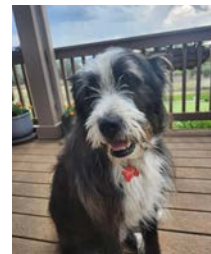
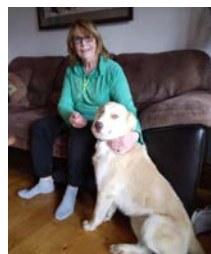


During the harshness of Wyo winter, Walnut, an incredibly resilient little kitty was abandoned in the freezing cold all alone, losing his tail to frostbite. Despite numerous vet visits and the challenge of healing from infection, Walnut's sweet spirit remained unbroken. He waited so long for someone to see more than his scars. Then it happened! The connection was instant! filled with love and acceptance. In their warm embrace, Walnut finally found the home and happiness he deserved, becoming a living testament to the power of love and the beauty of the second chances Lucky's Place can give! -Beth

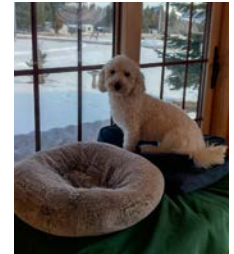


## ADOPT A PET

Gumdrop came to us to be rehomed. Shortly after his arrival, we discovered he suffers from seizures. A special home was needed for this precious pup, and thankfully we found one in his new family. - Camille



Brodie is one happy dog! - Celeste Colgan



Cozy, warm, and home sweet home for Mancha.

What a blessing Pickles and Shadows made it to us! Their previous owner had given a bleak ultimatum otherwise. Now they both are with new families where they are loved.



# We ♥ Our Volunteers



We're passively thrilled to have Teton Tails of JH as our steadfast partner! ur furry friends find their forever homes. Thank you for being a true tail-wagging hero for our animals!

A huge thank you to Star Valley Ranch RV Resort Park for generously hosting and supporting so many events for our shelter animals. Your compassion and dedication mean everything to us, and your support is truly priceless!



Calia & Luke's amazing lemonade stand for Lucky's Place! What generous hearts they have for our animals!



Ann Gruenwald is such a valuable and dedicated foster mom to our animals



Carolyn the cat whisperer! The cats love her and we do too!



Zak and Shawn load us up! Bomgaars helps out the shelter with donations of cat and dog food for the homeless animals



These incredible kids did an AMAZING job painting our water hose house!



Michelle, our amazing foster mom in Jackson, has nurtured over 100 kittens and their mothers, dedicating months of care and making such a remarkable impact on so many lives.



Mike Wilcox has been a foster dad to many of our special needs dogs for several years. He has a heart of gold and his support has been and continues to be priceless to us. Pictured here with Daisy and Meesha.



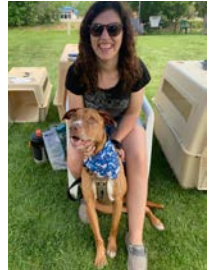
There were a lot of amazing helpers who worked with us to get Walter the cat home. Huge thank you to Maurine & Christa! We're so sorry about the scratches!



Deziree Bramwell and 4H Clover Dogs under Kailey Matthews.



Dr Patricia Owens sends a box of these she makes every month from Illinois for our cat adoptions. Each person gets one of these with their new cat/kitten and loves them just as much as the cats do. She has done this for many years for us, sending hundreds to keep our animals warm and cozy.



Brooke Walton of Spaw Day Grooming Salon has been an amazing supporter to so many of our animals and events! Her love and kindness for animals shines so bright!



Garret Walker has brought countless outdoor hours and leash training for our animals.



Richard is a very devoted walker and Loves giving Truman long walks.



# Unconditional **LOVE** Starts Here



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



Turbo



Spice



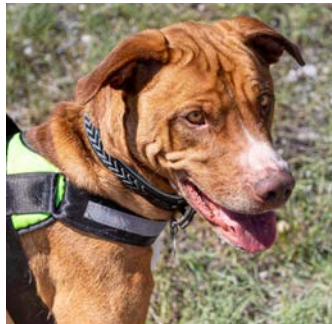
Porky



River



Truman



Benni



Kitty



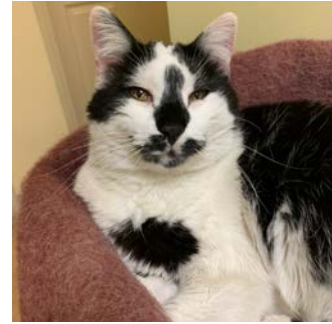
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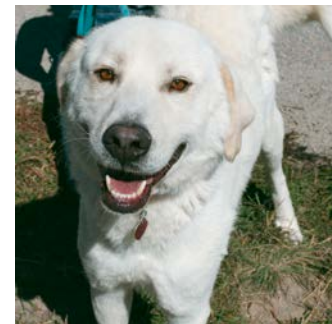
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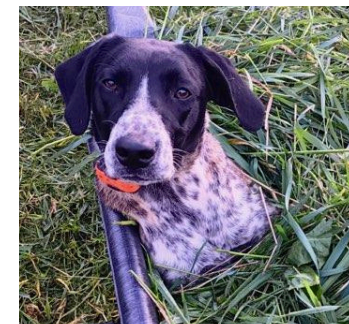
Thor



Garfield



Monte



Raven

## 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 about the animals."**

# Top Supporters

As a private non-profit organization AHASV relies on the generous financial support of individuals, businesses, and foundations. Thank you to all that have given to the animals of the shelter so that they can have the second chance at life they deserve.

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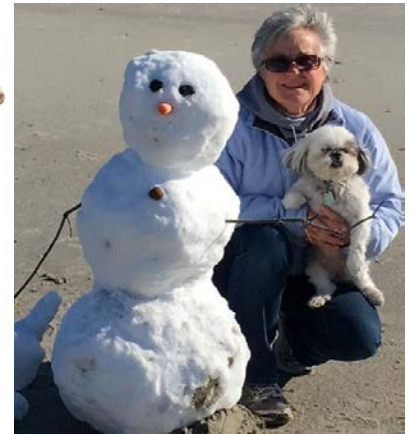
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Merry Christmas and Blessings from Lucky's Place!  
 Mary Ann Ahrens.



Thank you for all your support and love for the homeless animals.

*in loving memory*



Tucker  
 Tucker found her forever family with adoption through Lucky's Place AHASV at the age of eleven years old. This precious soul lived her days loved by her owner Britt Call. Because of her gift of loving home and welcoming heart, Tucker lived the best of her years.



Avery  
 Adopted as a pup from Lucky's Place, Avery had twelve amazing years of a family that loved and cherished her.



WTLE

WTLE was a quiet dog, but we were always talking to her! She definitely kept us entertained by her shenanigans. We keep saying, "Remember when WTLE would...". She would bring us anything (from mail to shoes to boxes) for a treat. At times she wouldn't stop...I always clapped and said, "yea WTLE yea!" I knew there would come a time when I would give anything to see that cute face holding something for a treat. The owner of our favorite hangout in Centennial wants a picture of her to hang in her establishment. WTLE was a celebrity, everyone loved her. She was a very special dog! Seventeen years was not enough! - Mark and Sharon Daly



# Upcoming Events



## 2025 Lucky's Place AHASV

- Coney Classic - Feb TBD
- Virtual Winter Ball - Feb
- Lucky's Place Rescue Run: A Doggy Walkathon - April to May
- Bark B Q - June 21
- Cinn Rolls & Sloppy Joes - July 12





*It's all for the animals. Thank you for supporting all the unwanted and abused animals. You are an angel.*

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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.



## AHASV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

# Lucky's Place AHASV



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- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Clorox whips
- Pinesol
- 33 gal trash bags black
- White kitchen trash bags
- Kitchen sponges
- Printer cartridges Brother -TN660BK
- Lysol spray
- Liquid hand soap
- Dog milk bones (Med size)
- Pill pockets for cats and dog
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- Cat laser pointers
- Computer paper
- Dustpan w/soft brush



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