

# The Shelter Scoop!



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## ***JUNE IS ADOPT-A-SHELTER-CAT MONTH***

June being Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month, the Summit County Animal Shelter will be hosting an adopt-a-thon on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2pm. All animals will be part of this event with the main focus on cats. Same day adoptions and senior cat discounts will be offered that day. Adoption fees are: cats-\$90, kittens-\$105, dogs-\$110, and puppies-\$125. These fees include spay/neuter, vaccinations and microchip.

“Spring and summer are the times of the year when animal shelters are often overflowing with cats of all ages, sizes and colors,” says Nancy Ring, director of the Summit County Animal Shelter. “We want to raise awareness of this month in a fun way in order to bring home the reality that these cats need safe and loving homes. By adopting a feline friend not only are you giving a shelter cat a second chance, but you will also have a lifelong companion who will bring many years of love and devotion to your family.”

Summit County Animal Shelter wants you to give a wonderful shelter cat the best gift of all...a permanent home to kick off the summer break and the rest of its life! There’s no better time to welcome a new family member than summer when the kids are out of school and the whole family can bond with their new feline friend. If you don’t have kids, a cat is also a great addition to your home for companionship and love, there is nothing more heartwarming than to come home to your cat waiting for you by the window. Come and see all of our beautiful and handsome feline friends.

## **Troublesome Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation – THRR**

The “Troublesome” is named after a creek drainage in a geographic area of Grand County as opposed to a name reflecting a degree of difficulty in reference to horses. It’s a name that still sort of sticks out. Horses are far from being troublesome in their general existence but are assuredly more labor intensive ( and more expensive) than our pet animals like cats and dogs. That is, if they have to be “kept” which is the number one problem facing their human

caretakers in this day and age. Where horses were formerly able to be kept for pennies a day in whatever pasture one could locate for a small board fee has now turned out to require a greater sense of responsibility. More horses are being bred without good forethought to the shrinking number of places for them to be kept or fewer quality buyers that want a horse for its life. Fewer places allow backyard horse keeping and fewer people have disposable income for

“hayburners”. So the aging or injured horses that were once left to live out their days or sent to slaughter houses are now requiring more expensive vet care and management.

Troublesome Horse Rescue is the only local rescue for horses, mules, burros and the like. They operate out of the Kremmling area to accept unwanted, injured and senior equines for the benefit of Grand and Summit as well as other central mountain counties. We have a couple local board members that volunteer to help operate that organization as well as ones here. Volunteer opportunities abound there as they have a therapeutic riding program for less able bodied children, many horses to provide daily care and training for, as well as an adoption program for unwanted horses. They manage a large indoor riding arena and offer it for free usage to non-profits (such as 4H groups) that do horse riding and training. Also, a regular riding lesson program is run for

adults and children. It is an entity that was very much needed in this area of the Rockies. The president of the organization, Sue Pratt, can be reached at 970-724-3231 for information regarding the new equine adoption program where unwanted horses will be offered for adoption to new long term homes. Visit their website at [www.troublesomehorserescue.com](http://www.troublesomehorserescue.com) for a look at the special programs and some touching photographs. You can also read the volunteer application and get plenty of contact information. Some interesting information reflecting the hardships and challenges of horse ownership these days is also on the web at [www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org).

*NOTE\** Nancy Ring, manager of the shelter is a board member for THRR and she'd be happy to answer questions people may have about the organization and how they might help out.

### *Farewells....*

After 4 wonderful years of service as an Animal Shelter Technician, we bid farewell to Amy Lynch. Amy has left the shelter to pursue another career closer to home. She has braved the long drive from Buena Vista to Frisco and back through rain, sleet and snow! Amy has always given us 110%. She has been a great an employee and friend to us all. We will miss her deeply!!!!

Our favorite Volunteer Coordinator, Jackee O is also leaving. In her own words “This is not going to be a long or fluffy article because I am not that type of person. I just wanted to let everyone know that I am stepping down as Volunteer Coordinator effective May 31<sup>st</sup>. I am not leaving the area just am now at a point in my life where I want to be a volunteer again and play with the cats.

The volunteer program expanded throughout the years to include adopt-a-thons, fund raisers and the IB student program as well as animal socialization. None of these programs would have been accomplished without the dedication of all the volunteers.

I enjoyed the times I could get together with you whether it was for appreciation dinners, having chats in the cat rooms or talking with the dog walkers when you were coming or going on a walk.

THANKS to all of the volunteers and staff for making my four years as volunteer coordinator enjoyable and memorable. PS: My final reminder to all the volunteers: Don't forget to write your time down on the time cards so they can get reported on the quarterly report. Remember, volunteers with 50 or more hours earn a silver name tag and 100 or more hours earn a gold name tag.”