

# WESTERN FREMONT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

## 2021 Events

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In 2021 we sponsored and organized the following well attended events:

July 10 – Dog Wash

August 14 – Vaccination Clinic

August 21 – Dog Wash

August 28 – “Doggone Days of Summer” celebration

## 2021 Statistics

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As a part of our mission, we provide support for spay/neutering of pets and also conduct the “Trap/Neuter/Release” (TNR) program for feral cats to help prevent unwanted pregnancies. To date in 2021 we have approved 23 spay/neuter pet applications, and completed 15 trap/neuter/releases for feral cats in our area.

## How you can help

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We are always looking for volunteers at our events, as well as loving homes willing to provide foster care for animals waiting to be adopted. Please visit [www.wfchs.com](http://www.wfchs.com) for details.

## What We Do

**The Western Fremont County Humane Society is committed to the health and welfare of all animals. We seek to inform, inspire, and assist people to responsibly care for their pets and treat them with kindness.**

For over 25 years we have been serving the needs of animals and owners in the Dubois and Crowheart areas. Our volunteers provide foster homes for pets in need and keep shelves of cat and dog food available at the Community Food Bank (donations always welcome).

Working with several Fremont County veterinarians we do all we can to save lives as well as spay and neuter those waiting to be adopted. Animal medical cost sharing with Western Fremont County residents is provided through applications available on this website or at Dubois Town Hall.

Through ads in the local press, on FaceBook, and on our Petfinder page ([www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com)) we help find forever homes for the animals in our care. In the warmer months we sponsor events such as the annual vaccination clinic with East Fork Vet Clinic, dog washes, the Strutt Your Mutt Dog Match, and celebrations.

**❖ Donations are greatly appreciated and needed to support our work - please send your check payable to WFCHS, PO Box 1198, Dubois, WY 82513. We are a registered charity and your donations are tax deductible.**

## Our Facility

WFCHS owns and maintains Gizmo's Park at 26 Gilliland Avenue, behind the East Fork Vet off of East Ramshorn Drive. The facility was built with the generous bequest of Rick Schwinn in memory of his beloved dog, Gizmo.

Gizmo's includes an enclosed play area for dogs, a picnic shelter, and walking trails bordering the colorful Dubois Badlands. The walking trails are restricted to pedestrian and equestrian traffic.

At the east end of the facility are horse corrals and a shelter for

## Breakaway collars

Below is the collar that Mr. Blue Eyes was caught in (see story to right). Pet owners should make sure to use breakaway collars, which are designed to release if the animal becomes entangled.



## Trap release training

WFCHS partners with Wyoming Untrapped, which offers pet safety trap-release workshops statewide. These workshops teach the laws and regulations on trapping in Wyoming and give people hands-on experience working with traps to save their pets if caught. As traps are allowed on many public trails in Wyoming, these workshops give the necessary information that can save pets' lives. More info online at [wyominguntrapped.org](http://wyominguntrapped.org).

emergency use by law enforcement and the general public. When not needed for emergencies, horse owners may use them at no charge subject to the posted rules. Please note, overnight camping by horse owners is not allowed. Large horse trailers should use the west entrance of the loop to the dog park and exit the east end.

## Success Stories

What makes our mission worthwhile are stories like these. These are just a few examples of recent successes with animals in need.

### *Mr. Blue Eyes is freed and adopted*

Imagine being a cat with your front leg caught in a collar and trying to survive on your own. A young Siamese mix male cat was seen around town for many days before he could be trapped. He was then freed from the collar, neutered, wormed and given a rabies shot. A feral cat is normally returned to the same area in which it was trapped under the TNR program, but Mr. Blue Eyes was hoping for a REAL home. He's on a ranch now with Aena Hargrave (pictured) keeping an eye on him.



*Charlie's forever home*

WFCHS also reunited several dogs with their owners after they became lost. And our programs also resulted in adoptions. Charlie was a rescue that scored when he was adopted by Wes and Sandy Hust, who say he has been happy and laid back from the moment he arrived, and makes them smile every time they walk in the door after being gone. He now lives in the lap of luxury with his new family, which includes another dog as his buddy, east of town.



*The Year of the Cats ...*

Last Spring, WFCHS got a call from an elderly Dubois resident who had been feeding a cat all winter that was living under a trailer in her back yard. Then in the spring the lady saw four kittens playing in the grass! She realized that they could not stay and that she needed help to find new homes for them.

When we get a call like this we usually loan a live trap to the person to catch the animals and take them to the vet, where WFCHS pays for neutering and a rabies shot. Then the animal is returned to an area that has food and shelter available. This generally concludes the TNR (trap, neuter, release) program. But in this case, the kittens were too small to be released and were candidates for fostering until they could be adopted. When we visited the yard, a neighbor approached and offered to monitor the traps.



Ashton & Chloe



Flora



Ashton



Jack

A new local family was looking for kittens – and here is their story:

“Our decision to foster all the kittens started with my two girls wanting to have cats. A promise was made for this to happen after we got settled. Fostering was never the plan, but after hearing the kittens’ story it was a no-brainer that we would take that on. I have always loved all animals, so it was not a burden, but a blessing. The first kitten quickly attached itself to us. It took a couple more weeks to catch the others and bring them to the large crate home in our basement room. The girls helped them to get used to human interactions. The decision on which two kittens to adopt and which should go to another home was easy because the

kittens naturally paired up (brother with sister). We adopted the pair that the first boy - Ashton - made with his sister, Chloe, but fostered all four kittens while they recovered from their spay/neuter operations."

And finding a home for the other pair was easy as well, as a longtime local couple was looking for a new friend for their older cat. Thinking "just one" at first, they fell in love with the pair that Jack, the solid black kitten, had created with Flora, and took them both home.

Around the same time as these four kittens were being cared for, a young mother cat brought two tiny kittens to a backyard in Riverside Acres and seemingly left them for help. But it was too late, and the kittens did not survive. So a trap was set for the mother, and she was caught and spayed. A very pretty girl, she was named "Peaches" and fostered. Although we had hoped she could become a house cat with a family, it became clear that she was just too feral. So a local ranch adopted her and gave her a safe and warm home as a mouser in their large, heated shop. And who knows, with time ... maybe she will take a liking to the indoor life and be ready to become a house cat after all! It has certainly happened before.

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## Ways to Donate

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There are two ways to donate – you can write a check to WFCHS and mail it to PO Box 1198, Dubois, WY 82513 or you can set up your online Amazon account so that a portion of each purchase goes to WFCHS. Setting it up is easy. Visit the Amazon charity registration link at <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/change/> and type in the search box "Western Fremont County Humane Society" and click "Select". That's it! The animals and our organization thank you for your support!

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