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a highly
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infection,
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from the korner kennel

are COVID-19 adoptees remaining in homes?



*Donna with dog Honey, adopted
from Animal Humane.*

As always, we are grateful for your concern for the pets we shelter and those we rehome. Over the last year, we've often been asked if pets adopted during the COVID -19 pandemic were being returned to our shelter as their owners faced health or financial challenges.

I am pleased to report Animal Humane New Mexico is not experiencing increases in pets

returning to our care. Our shelter partners throughout New Mexico, are also reporting the same news — no spikes in the return of pandemic adoptees.

For the past decade, Animal Humane's return rate has averaged 5%, a low rate at a national level.

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training classes strengthen bonds

Living alone for the first time in decades, Heather longed for companionship. She was also recovering from a surgery and her doctors had prescribed daily exercise, making it the perfect time to adopt a shelter pet.

"When I saw Sophie's photo and her ears, one up and one down," says Heather. "I fell in love."

Supported by your generosity, we transferred 1-year-old Sophie from Bernalillo County Animal Care as

part of our Project Fetch program. The playful Red Heeler cross was spayed at our Clinic and quickly made available for adoption. Fifteen days later she met Heather.

"Sophie looked up at me with eyes that seemed to say 'I'm the one you've been waiting for,'" explained Heather. "So I brought her home."

From the very beginning, Heather & Sophie shared a special bond.

Sophie made sure Heather took her daily walks and became her

Sophie's adorable ears draw attention everywhere she goes.

constant companion, filling her life with love and joy.

Taking training classes together at The Center at Animal Humane further strengthened their relationship.

"I had never adopted a mature dog before and I had to learn the techniques to train her," explained Heather. "Classes at The Center really helped."

Not only was Sophie caring and attentive,

throughout their training sessions Heather learned that Sophie was also brilliant.

Today, Sophie is eager to please and easily follows commands.

There's no doubt Sophie has truly changed Heather's life for the better. **All thanks to you, who first changed Sophie's life by giving her a second chance at Animal Humane.**



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cover story

Like all pets who come to Animal Humane, **Crash deserved every chance at a happy, healthy future.** But, when the 4-week-old orange Tabby was surrendered into our care, Crash had ringworm.

Less than a decade ago at Animal Humane (and still today at shelters around the country) this highly contagious and treatable fungus would have led to euthanasia.

However, since the Sandy Gold Ringworm Treatment Ward was built in 2014, **an average of 43 pets are treated and recover from ringworm each year.**

Since 2014 when Animal Humane first began treating ringworm, 276 cats & 33 canines have received treatment.

At the time of his intake, Crash received a Wood's Lamp inspection, which uses a long wave ultraviolet light to detect fungal skin infections. Because of your generous support his life-saving treatment began immediately in our isolated feline ringworm ward.



Baby Crash treated by our compassionate Team.

For the intensive treatment, twice a week Crash was bathed in a concentrated sulfurated lime solution called a Lime Sulphur Dip. He took antifungal & antibiotic medications to help his body heal.

Additionally, because Crash was so tiny, weighing only 1.07 pounds, he was also given vitamins and glutamine supplements to help him gain weight.

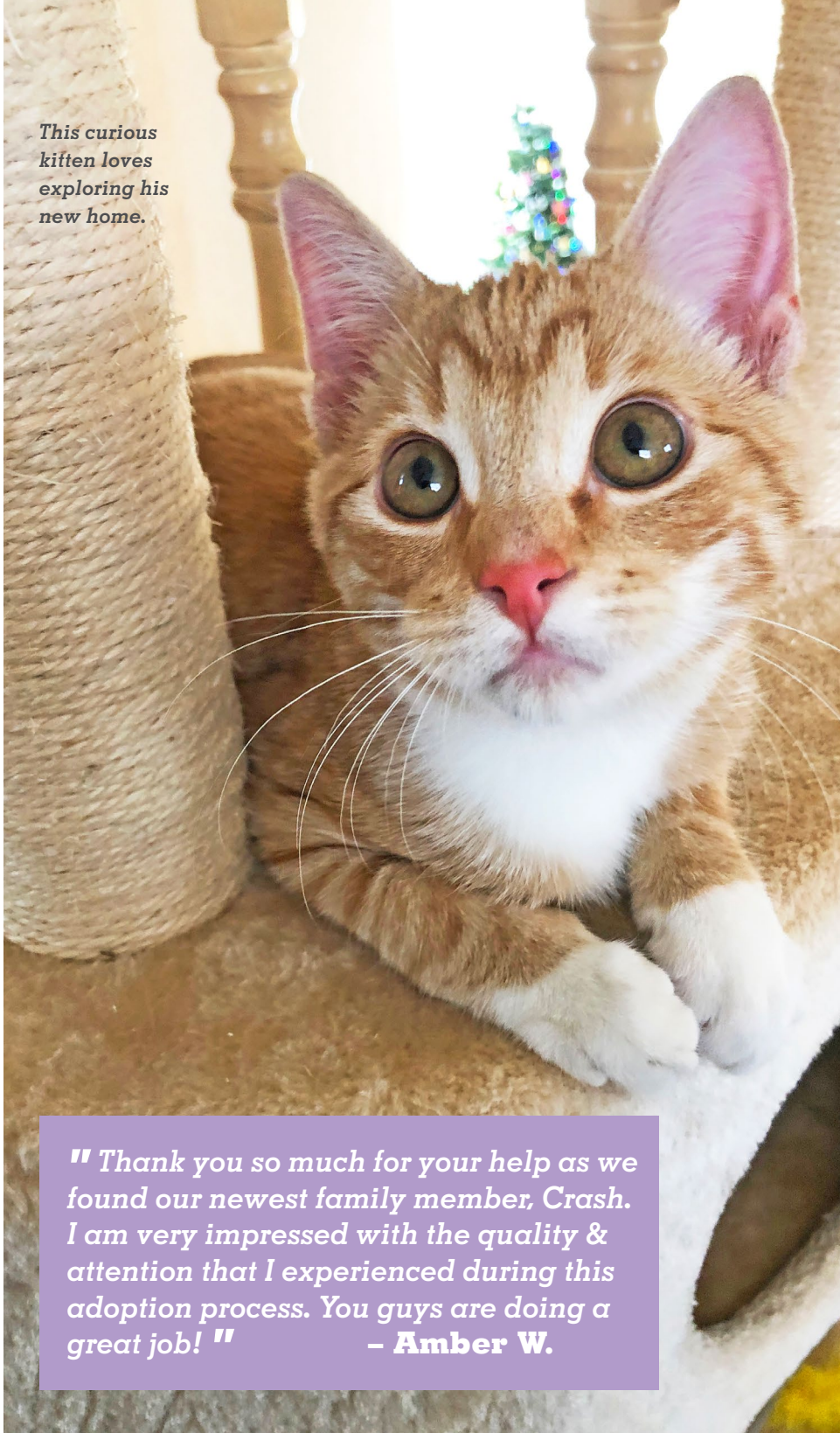
After 3 months of care from a dedicated

volunteer Foster Caregiver & our compassionate Team, along with your endless love, Crash was released from treatment.

The strong, handsome boy was neutered

PUPDATES & CATCH-UPS

This curious kitten loves exploring his new home.



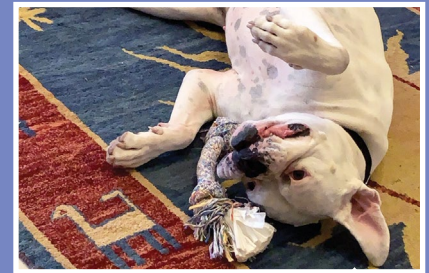
"Thank you so much for your help as we found our newest family member, Crash. I am very impressed with the quality & attention that I experienced during this adoption process. You guys are doing a great job!"
– **Amber W.**

at our Clinic and 2 days later adopted by a wonderful family. Crash quickly fit right in at his new home — becoming best friends with his two big brother cats and claiming his favorite sleeping spot on the family couch.

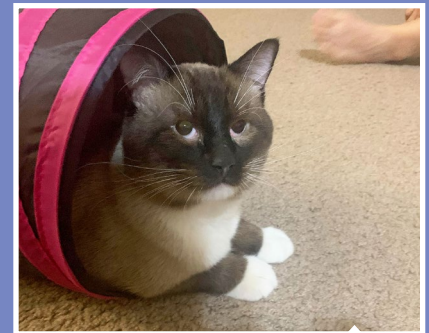
In 2020, Crash along with 34 other cats, plus 2 dogs, were treated

for ringworm and given a chance to find happy homes.

A skin infection that once meant the end is now simply a minor hurdle to overcome. And **because of your dedication, pets like Crash are receiving new, bright beginnings.**



"We named him Chuey, and he's doing just fine."



"Mocha (adopted as Daredevil & featured in our Fall 2019 newsletter) practically owns the house."



"Dean (formerly Arnold) enjoyed a fantastic play session at The Center at Animal Humane."

Have you adopted a pet from Animal Humane?

Send us an update & photo to PupDate@AnimalHumaneNM.org!

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Throughout the pandemic, and still today, this average holds.

And although we always welcome our adoptees back, as the added details about each pet's personality in a home-setting aids their ultimate placement, we are not experiencing a surge of our successful placements returning to our care.

Rather we continue to receive updates on COVID-19 adoptees & news from families navigating current times with their faithful companion by their sides. You can read some of their stories below.

And **we thank you** for making each pet's placement, as well as the success of our other

programs, possible with your faithful support!

Wishing you safety & happiness,

Donna M. Stumpf,
Executive Director

A FEW UPDATES ON COVID-19 ADOPTEES

XOCHI



Found in Albuquerque as a stray, Xochi was brought to us in October 2020. The orange Tabby entered our short-term Foster Care program, Purr-cation, created to temporarily house felines during the pandemic. While in Foster Care, Xochi met potential adopters Gail & Jeff G. during a virtual interview and he was adopted the very same day.

"Our new baby Xochi is doing great. He's a very happy, good boy & he loves to play. We didn't realize how much we missed having a cat after 3½ long years without one. We're thrilled! Many thanks to foster dad, Bruce, and Animal Humane."

— Gail & Jeff G.

Chloe was surrendered into our care in early Fall 2020. She struggled with urinary incontinence. Our Clinic Team found a wonderful medication to treat her issues and she was adopted by a long-time Animal Humane volunteer a few weeks later.

"Things are going well with 11-year-old Chloe. She enjoys her fluffy dog beds, has found her voice on walks through the neighborhood and has even been observed nodding off with paws crossed. Thanks Animal Humane! I think she has settled in."

— Tony B.

CHLOE



MIDORIYA



Abandoned kitten Midoriya came to Animal Humane in July 2020. The adorable 4-month-old had no identification, yet was in excellent health & extremely playful. Midoriya was spayed at our Clinic and went home with her new family less than 1 week after she'd arrived.

"My boyfriend & I are still amazed on how much of a perfect fit Midoriya is. She definitely has brought the kitten energy that we were wanting from our newest companion and has done more than fill our need for snuggles & love. We can't wait to see what our little kitten grows up to be."

— Debbie S.

Protect what matters most, *now & always*

With so much uncertainty at the moment, our work to help homeless dogs and cats find loving families is of vital importance. If you are uncertain of how you can support Animal Humane New Mexico, rest assured that creating a planned gift is a powerful way to make a lasting impact and leave a legacy with us that won't cost you anything today.

We hope you will join the many people who have included Animal Humane in their will, trust or beneficiary designations. Writing a will is one of the most important steps to take, but it can be overwhelming or uncomfortable to begin. But now more than ever, it's important to protect what matters most to you and have a plan in place.

You can read about these options on our website at AnimalHumaneNM.org/Legacy where you will find information on Planning for Your Pets, creating a will for free, the different types of planned gifts and much more.

Have questions? Contact Stephanie Miller, Director of Major Gifts at StephanieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org or 505.938.7919.



Tiny, adopted from Animal Humane.

FUR THE RECORD

In 2021, our Learn Humane Team is hosting a new kind of camp all summer long! Throughout June & July **people of all ages** are invited to participate in our **FREE** virtual Humane Education programs. These interactive presentations will introduce viewers to topics that encourage kindness toward animals & each other.

Visit AnimalHumaneNM.org/Outreach to learn more!



Cinnamon changed Jennie's life, because of you.

Cinnamon is the perfect dash of sweet and feisty. She provides endless cuddles each day and her playful feline personality offers loads of entertainment.

"Cinnamon is not only great therapy for me," says Jennie, **"She's great for my entire family."**

Desiring to fill the hole left in her heart by the death of her husband, Jennie met this gorgeous brown Tabby at Gamer's Anonymous on Wyoming — one of our Cats Around Town (CAT) partners.

The 4-year-old was originally found as a stray in a parking garage at the University of New Mexico. A kind neighbor brought her to Animal Humane where our Team instantly fell in love with Cinnamon's charm.

Cinnamon was declared healthy by our Clinic Team and enlisted in our CAT program. She was adopted by Jennie from the video game store only 2 weeks after she'd entered our care.

Cinnamon added the right amount of spice to Jennie's life at just the right time. Losing a loved one can be very difficult and Jennie credits Cinnamon for providing much needed comfort & support as she's struggled with grief.

This adoring cat brightens up her grandchildren's lives too. Jennie loves watching them smile as they play with Cinnamon & they love seeing the amazing impact the feline has on their grandmom.

"My youngest grandchild tells her friends that her cat Aunt Cinnamon saved her grandmom's life," says Jennie. "She's right."

Your generous support saves the lives of homeless pets, and the positive impact you make extends far beyond Animal Humane's Campus. Thank you for connecting pets with their people.

2021

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Total
Adoptions

200

Pets in
Foster Care

65

Pets
Receiving
Behavior
Support

1,241

Total
Surgeries
including
Spay/Neuter

Numbers represent 2021 statistics through April.

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