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SUMMIT COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER RECEIVES GRANT FROM WAGS AND MENACE

SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO – Ezra, a brown and white 5 month old pit bull puppy, was relinquished to the Leadville Animal Shelter because she had a broken rear leg and the owner was financially unable to care for her. Leadville transferred her to the Summit County Animal Shelter as they also did not have the funds to repair the break. Recently Summit County Animal Shelter was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Wags and Menace Foundation to help in such cases. Ezra was taken to Frisco Animal Hospital where at first it was thought that the leg needed to be amputated but after further examination it was determined her leg could be repaired. Dr. Tom Fatora performed the surgery to repair the break in the mid shaft of Ezra's right femur. With the help of a plate and 6 bone screws, Ezra is able to maintain use of her leg and live the normal life of a puppy. Ezra was fostered by one of the veterinary technicians at Frisco Animal Hospital during her recuperation period. At the end of last week she was adopted by the same vet tech.

Summit County Animal Shelter is fortunate to be the recipient of grants such as the one from Wags and Menace which allow us to care for injured animals. Personal donations and grants fund the shelter's animal transfer program. We currently have transfer partnerships with other shelters in Colorado as well as shelters in Texas and a rescue in the Navajo Nation in Arizona. These funds permit us to bring in very adoptable pets from other shelters and rescues and adopt them out to people in Summit County and surrounding areas. Last year we exceeded our adoption record of 331 animals in 1999 by adopting out 430 animals in 2014. We have found that our community and the surrounding areas are a great market for pets and we are able to meet this need by transferring in wonderful pets that would be euthanized in the areas that they originate from. The staff at Summit County Animal Control and Shelter feels very fortunate that they operate in a great community where pets are highly valued. We are very thankful for the donations and grants that we receive that help us to reach out and rescue pets from other areas in the state and country.



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