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Working together, Metro and FAYMAS have been responsible for some very happy reunions and pet adoptions in the past year. On average the shelter unites over 350 pets with their Forever Families and re-unites the same number with their owners. Here are a few of the happy tales of happy tails in 2016.

Duke, a Lab mix was found tied to a lawn mower with little food and living in unsanitary conditions. Once the four-month-old put was brought to the shelter, it was love at first sight and the shelter assistant, Jennifer, adopted him. He's now one of the Metro greeters!

It's not only dogs and cats who find loving homes, Petunia Pig was found as a stray. She had parasite related skin issues, but a loving family adopted her as a pet for their rural home. She's now oinking in appreciation.

Mixon, with eyes of two different, brilliant colors is an older cat whose adoption fee was half paid by FAYMAS. (All adoption fees for pets over 8 years of age are subsidized by FAYMAS). A woman specifically

looking for an older animal to adopt because she wants to give the pet loving end of life care, adopted Mixon.

Glorianna, a Pit Bull mix was at the shelter for three months. She was very shy, but with the help of shelter staff and volunteers, learned to trust people. She found her Forever Family who have children. They all adore her. Rocco, another Pit Bull mix found his family because of the shelter. Pit Bulls with the right family are wonderful pets.

There have been a number of stories of folks who find strays and as they should, bring them to the shelter so they may find their owners. Some of these animal lovers come back and adopt the same pet. That was the case for Bells, a beautiful long-haired tabby/torbie.

Shelter staff also look at a multitude of pet websites advertising lost pets in an attempt to get strays back to their rightful owners. That diligence reunited a beautiful yellow lab with his owners, after he had been stolen and sold and then escaped.

Microchips definitely help owners find their pets. FAYMAS pays for microchips for pets found at the shelter when they don't already have them. The next time the escape artist finds his/her way to the shelter with a microchip, they are home in no time.

The funniest story of 2016 is that of Tootsie and Pappy, two rats. Speaking of escape artists, these two were found rolling down the middle of a street inside their plastic play ball. Talk about ingenuity and a desire to hit the road! They, too, were adopted by their Forever Family and haven't been seen on the streets since.

FAYMAS, Metro and our furry friends wish you a Happy New Year. Please continue to help us make a difference. Join FAYMAS or donate today. Thank you.