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*A Non-Profit Organization Dedicated To Saving And Improving  
The Lives Of Companion Animals In Our Community*

Newsletter

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## PAWED MOBILE CLINIC BEGINS SPAY/NEUTER!!

**January 27, 2009: a major milestone for PAWED!** That was the day, after three years of hard work, fundraising, and thousands of volunteer hours, the PAWED mobile clinic was put into service to spay/neuter dogs and cats!

The first day started with a few glitches, like frozen water in the hose providing water to the clinic, heat issues, and a leaky oxygen tank. But those were quickly remedied with excellent teamwork, and advice and assistance from Jeff Lee (the designer and lead construction person for the clinic). Linda Haller, Chief Animal Services Officer, Warren Candler, Supervising Animal Services Officer, Charlene Welty, PAWED President, Bill Smith, PAWED Vice-President, and Teri Mizuhara, PAWED PR Coordinator, were present to kick off the big day and assist where needed.

Cats and dogs were carried to the clinic, sedated, prepared for surgery, and snip, snip! Once a surgery was completed, the animal was returned to the clinic cage, or the clinic floor for very large dogs, and warm packs and blankets were applied to keep them warm during recovery. When they started to wake up, they were moved to cages inside the shelter. It was quite an operation! At the end of the first day and four hours of surgeries, 6 cats, 4 puppies, and 2 adult large dogs had been altered, and a re-suture of a wound on a large dog, Scarlett, was also done.

In December, 2008, a partnership was formed between PAWED, Animal Outreach and the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter to help stop the pet overpopulation problem in El Dorado County. The partnership focuses on the spay/neuter of all the adoptable cats and dogs at the two county shelters— in Placerville and Lake Tahoe. The Tahoe shelter animals are transported to Placerville for the surgeries. Each Monday, PAWED delivers the clinic to the shelter and spay/neuter surgeries are scheduled each Tuesday. Dr. Shirley Harman, an expert at spay/neuter surgeries, serves as resident veterinarian—she has done these surgeries for Animal Outreach, the Sacramento SPCA and the Auburn Spay/Neuter clinic for many years. Dr. Harman can perform a neuter of a cat in one minute, spay a medium size dog in 20 minutes, the outcome of the surgeries is always excellent, and the safety and comfort of the patient is a priority. She is assisted by Sue Vargas, RVT from Animal Outreach, and Tonya Ruffner, RVT from the county shelter. Shelter staff Danielle, Sarah and Brittany help move the animals and observe them during their recovery. They are also responsible for washing, repacking and sterilizing the surgery instruments, and cleaning the clinic at the end of the day.

We are thrilled to share this special news with our members, volunteers, donors and friends. So many of you have contributed to help make this a reality, and we **THANK YOU** for your support and commitment. Once we gain experience using the PAWED clinic for the spay/neuter of the shelter animals, the plan is to begin offering low cost spay/neuter services for the pets of county residents this Spring. Look for clinic updates on our website and in future newsletters!



Sue and Tonya, RVTs, with first patient!



Feeling drowsy awaiting surgery



Jeff Lee to the rescue to fix leaky tank



Dr. Harman doing clinic's first cat spay



Charlene & Tonya deliver more patients



Getting ready for the first big dog



Groggy Scarlett before re-suture of wound.



Jeff Lee and Bill Smith basking in the satisfaction of their hard work to renovate clinic—in preparation for this day!



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**VOLUNTEER CORNER**

**Charlene Welty**

Since April is Volunteer Appreciation month, it is fitting that we highlight some of the many accomplishments of Charlene Welty in this quarterly newsletter. Charlene founded PAWED in 2000, and has held the position of President since 2002. She is a well-respected animal advocate in the Sacramento region and is viewed by many to be the heart and soul of PAWED. Her compassion, dedication and professionalism have been essential to the success of PAWED; but it is her enthusiasm and warm personality that engages both people and animals alike.



Charlene has lived in El Dorado County for the past 23 years. Her 25 year career with the State of California was devoted to the development and implementation of various Health and Human Services programs. This experience honed her skills of planning, organizing, and supervising. Anyone who has watched her in action prior to, or during a PAWED event can see why each event runs smoothly and successfully. For 16 years, she owned and operated a pet sitting business, and has also worked for several animal welfare organizations developing programs for foster care and disaster response. In 1997, as the flood waters rose in the Sacramento Valley, she worked as the Supply Coordinator for a United Animal Nations, Emergency Animal Rescue Service temporary shelter at the Placer fairgrounds, which housed 850 displaced pets.

Countless animals have been personally rescued by Charlene over the years. She knew at an early age that she wanted to devote her life to helping animals and started caring for them as a little girl. Her parents, sister and brother have always been animal lovers too. Charlene has provided a temporary and permanent home for many ~ all rescued ~ from tortoises to horses and everything in between. In 2002, the menagerie peaked to 26 pets ~ and she has a family photograph to prove it - a copy of which hangs in the PAWED office. The Welty household currently includes 3 dogs, 4 cats and 2 goats, all of whom (except 2 of the cats) were adopted from the El Dorado County animal shelter.

Her husband, Bill, has been very supportive of her passion for helping animals. They work as a team - often making personal sacrifices so that the animals receive the care that they need. He also supports her work with PAWED and frequently helps with event set ups and computer issues as they arise.

Charlene's vision for the companion animals of El Dorado county is simply stated ... "a good home for every pet". She emphasizes that this means a loving home where the pet is part of a family who is prepared to make a lifelong commitment and properly care for it. This also means insuring that the pet is spayed/ neutered so it does not add to the pet overpopulation problem. Her vision for PAWED has not faltered ... that concerned individuals, businesses, animal welfare groups and shelters work together to save and improve the lives of companion animals in our community.

Charlene - we thank you for all you do for the people and the animals.

**PAWED WISH LIST February 2009**

- New collars for small and medium size dogs and new leashes
- Leather slip leashes
- 15 Small Plastic clipboards (for front of clinic cages)
- Pens, paper clips, scissors, sharpies
- Postage Stamps
- Epson 78 TO781 Black Ink Cartridges
- Gift cards: OfficeMax, Office Depot, Gasoline
- Voltage tester, plug in type with power cord
- Wall mount First Aid Kit





## FURRY FRIENDS WALK AND BARK IN COMMUNITY PARK SLATED FOR A MAKE-OVER



After several years of the Furry Friends Walk and Bark in Community Park events in El Dorado Hills, organizers of both events have plans for a combined and enhanced event this year. The Furry Friends Walk has been a successful fund raiser that PAWED has organized and hosted for the last five years. Bark in Community Park, enjoyed by hundreds of dogs and their people, has been presented by El Dorado Hills Community Services District for six years.

This year the events will be combined and a new look and theme will debut. By contracting with an event planning/coordinating firm, First Step Sports Marketing, the two separate events will become one, as **WOOFSTOCK El Dorado County!** WOOFSTOCK will include the dog walk, a run, dog related activities, vendors, contests and much more. And, start working on your 60's costumes for you and your dog!

First Step Sports Marketing is the same event planner that ran a very successful Woofstock Rocklin for the Placer SPCA last August. They will plan and manage **WOOFSTOCK El Dorado County**, with all proceeds benefiting the PAWED mobile spay/neuter and disaster response clinic. So mark your calendars - **Sunday October 4, 2009 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm** at the El Dorado Hills Community Services District Park.

PAWED volunteers will continue to be needed for registration, course set up and monitoring, the PAWED booth and staffing the mobile clinic to help make WOOFSTOCK a success. And there will continue to be vendor and sponsorship opportunities-- we would not be able to put on the event without generous sponsors and donors. Further information will soon be available on our website, [www.pawedpets.org](http://www.pawedpets.org). If we can answer any questions in the meantime, please contact PAWED at (530)677-2476.

**WOOF, WOOF FOR WOOFSTOCK!!!**

## THE DARKER SIDE OF SPRING by Lisa S. Couper, DVM

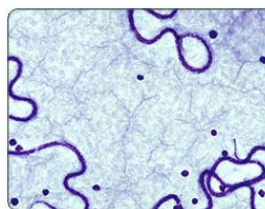
Diamonds have the 3 Cs, clarity, cut and carat weight. In the Spring, especially, pets have the 3 Fs; fleas, foxtails, filaria. Also, if you haven't done so already, it is a good time to get your pet spayed or neutered. Dogs come in season only twice a year, but cats cycle until they are pregnant this time of year.

With the warmer and usually wetter weather of Spring, **flea** populations can rapidly skyrocket to infestation levels. The sooner you control them the better. Better yet, prevent their introduction into your home and yard through regular use of topical treatments. Once entrenched, flea control can be a real headache. It is a major undertaking that requires treating all pets in the household all the time and working with an exterminator for your home and yard. Households where pets and wildlife have access to the underside of a house are especially difficult to deal with. Ticks can be a problem too. Control fleas and ticks with a topical product like Frontline or Advantix. Preventic Collars on dogs at risk of ticks (working dogs and those that frequent brushy areas) are usually effective. These products will also decrease the risk of Lyme disease.

Control of **microfilaria**, also known as heartworm prevention, is critical now as the mosquitoes are already out in force at lower elevations. This is easily achieved with monthly heartworm prevention such as Interceptor, Heartgard, Revolution and others.

There is no simple fix for the **foxtail** problem. However, there are some steps you can take to make foxtail problems less likely. As soon as the grass has a hint of brown, it is time to get your pet in for some grooming to shorten the hair on the feet and under the ears. For some, the full body clip is the best way to go. You also need to mow your weeds to reduce fire danger and decrease the risk of foxtails in the ears, nose and eyes. Do daily checks between the toes and in the fur for foxtails. There are special hoods for dogs that can protect their eyes, ears and nose, if the dog must get out into the dry grass. And don't forget to brush your dogs and cats to remove shed hair (and foxtails) or take them to a groomer. Also make sure cats get some hair ball remedy such as Petromalt, Catlax or Vaseline.

There is one additional F, Feisty stubborn dog breeds (like the Jack Russell and Beagle to name just two) need rattlesnake aversion training (special sessions fill up fast through Hangtown Kennel Club) and/or vaccination with Rattlesnake vaccine, which can buy you valuable time to get to the veterinarian for treatment if your dog is bitten.



Heartworm Microfilaria in the  
Bloodstream of a Dog





### SAFE DRIVING WITH YOUR PET

Pets are family members and their safety, comfort and compliance with local rules of the road should be considered for each trip they take. A recent survey conducted by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association indicated that approximately 80 percent of owners don't restrain their pets when traveling in vehicles. Pets are put in the car, passengers buckle up *their* seatbelts, and off they go. However, paying attention to the security of your pet while they are in transport is critically important-- for *your safety and theirs!* Pets can become flying objects that can kill passengers with their momentum, and they can sustain serious injury or death when tossed around the interior of a vehicle or thrown from a vehicle. Pets can also be lost or injured by escaping through an open car window or after an accident if they are not secured inside the vehicle.

Below are some options available to restrain dogs in cars, and you should chose a system that works best for the size and type of dog and your lifestyle. For cats and other small animals, crates or cages secured with a seatbelt offer the best safety. Keep in mind that if you have a passenger air bag, it can be deadly to a pet riding in the front seat unless you have disabled the system. It is generally thought to be safer and less distracting if your pet is secured in the back seat/back area of the car/van. For pets transported in the back of an open bed truck, fortunately California law (Vehicle Code Section 23117) now *requires* that the pet be cross tethered to the vehicle or protected by a secured container or cage, in a manner which will prevent the animal from being thrown, falling or jumping from the vehicle.



Harness that secures to car seatbelt



Booster seat with harness (small dogs only)



Crate secured to seat with seatbelt, or larger crate in back of vans/SUVs.



Zipline



Hammock and harness.



Barriers—net \*



Barriers--metal\*

**\*Note: barriers protect dogs from being thrown into the front of the vehicle, however they still can be tossed around in the back.**



Cats and other small animals are best transported in crates or cages.



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### DOG SHOWS COME TO PLACERVILLE!

Placerville's going to the dogs! Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, May 23, 24, 25, 2009), three AKC Dog Shows are being held at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds. The shows are sponsored by Hangtown Kennel Club and Kennel Club of the California Sierras, and admission is free (\$5 for parking). Judging begins at 8am each day and ends about 4pm. Judges for the shows will be coming from Virginia, Canada, Kansas, Wisconsin, Georgia, Texas, Florida and California. Approximately 1,000 dogs are expected, representing 120 different breeds and varieties. Besides the "beauty pageant" part of the Shows (dogs competing for Championships and Best in Show), performance dogs will compete in Obedience and Rally classes and Juniors will exhibit in Showmanship. Free dog show tours are offered at 9am, 10am, & 11am, or individual tours can be arranged at other times. Vendors selling all types of dog related items from food to equipment – leashes, crates, toys, clothing, jewelry and more- will be set up between the main building and the main lawn. Don't miss this once a year educational opportunity and fun seeing so many wonderful dogs!



### DOG TOYS WARNINGS DUE TO RECENT INJURIES/DEATHS

**BEWARE!** Several dog toys have recently caused dog injuries and deaths.



This type of sterilized bone caused the death of a local shelter dog recently. The dog chewed the bone and ingested it as it chewed. The bone had broken into shards causing serious damage to the dogs' digestive system. The dog had to be euthanized a few days later. The age of the sterilized bone is unknown, so it is unknown if that was a contributing factor. It may be best to discontinue use of the bone.



Flavored Rope Toys can be dangerous if your dog is the type of dog who eats non-food items. The fact that some are flavored (mint and steak) can encourage a dog to ingest the item more so than a plain cotton blend rope. The rope can come apart and when swallowed can become entangled in the intestines.



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## MEET THE PAWED BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2009

### **Charlene Welty, President**

See Volunteer Corner article in this newsletter.

### **Lisa Couper, DVM, Vice President**

Lisa has been a PAWED member for several years and began serving on the PAWED Board in 2008. Lisa has been practicing veterinary medicine in El Dorado County since graduating from UC Davis in 1986. Currently she has an entirely ambulatory, primarily large animal, solo veterinary practice. Lisa is also a Captain with Latrobe Fire Protection District. She has a special interest in field emergency treatment of animals and animal rescue. Lisa participates with CARES and is also the Vice Chairperson on the Noah's Wish Board. Lisa, her husband Chris and their daughter Samantha reside in Latrobe along with their 2 horses (outdoors) and 2 cats (indoors). The horses also have their own pet, Gordon the goat. Hobbies include photography, cycling and hiking.



*From left to right, Charlene Welty, Janet Kenneweg, Bill Smith, Barbara Phillips, Lisa Couper, Kathy Anderson, Teri Mizuhara. Not in picture: Kerry McBride.*

### **Barbara Phillips, Treasurer**

Barbara retired as an office manager in Burbank California and moved to El Dorado county in 1997. She was a shelter volunteer in Burbank, so soon became a volunteer at the El Dorado County shelter. Soon after that she became a PAWED member and currently serves as Treasurer. Barbara also regularly volunteers in the PAWED office and helps keep correspondence up to date and the office organized. Barbara and her husband Ray have fostered 20 dogs, puppies & kittens. They adopted two of the little dogs, a Shih Tzu and a Lhasa /Poodle. They also have two miniature donkeys who like lots of attention.

### **Teri Mizuhara-Smith, Secretary**

Teri is a new member of the PAWED Board. She works for a local fire agency and has been a PAWED member and volunteer for nearly three years, assisting in public relations, adoption events and public education programs. She also volunteers for the El Dorado County Animal Shelter as a foster parent, and for the American River Conservancy. Teri and her husband, Bill, live with two rescued aussies and 3 rescued cats in Placerville.

### **Kathy Anderson**

Kathy is a new member of the PAWED Board. She moved to Placerville from the Los Angeles area in 2000 and quickly realized there was room for many more pets. Kathy, her husband and two sons now share their ranch, called Dolby & Friends, with five miniature donkeys, 3 cats, a dog and a cockatiel, although many others species (the "friends") have spent the remainder of their lives there. Kathy found a perfect match for her photography skills and compassion for animals' needs by volunteering to photograph the adoptable pets at the El Dorado County animal shelter and Animal Outreach. Kathy served as the Foster Care Coordinator for El Dorado County Animal Services in 2007 during their transition from the old shelter to the temporary facilities.

### **Janet Kenneweg**

Janet is a new member of the PAWED Board. She has lived in El Dorado County for 17 years with her husband, son, and family pets. With a degree in Therapeutic Recreation, she has been fortunate enough to work in the Parks and Recreation field for over 30 years. She currently manages the El Dorado Hills Senior Center. Janet founded the Bark in the Park event in 2003 with both the event inspiration and sponsorship support from Dr. Marvin Frace of MarketPlace Veterinary Hospital. Janet met many PAWED volunteers during the Furry Friends Walk and Bark in the Park events, and became a PAWED member. She also raised two puppies for Canine Companions for Independence, but her own dog was extremely jealous, so she had to give it up. Her hobbies include cooking, reading, entertaining friends, and she is a member of a local hand bell choir. Since her son left for college this past year, she is looking for additional ways to contribute as a volunteer.

### **Kerry McBride**

Kerry has been involved in the dog world most of her life. She owns and operates El Dorado Pet Club and is a professional groomer and dog trainer, and recently expanded her business to include dog day care and a dog park. She has been an active member of Hangtown Kennel Club for over 20 years and teaches dog obedience classes for them and at her own training facility. Her passion is training, counseling and re-homing dogs. Kerry has been a member of PAWED since 2002. She lives with her husband John, two daughters and several dogs in their home in Shingle Springs.

### **Bill Smith**

Bill joined PAWED in 2005 after retiring from a 32 year fire service career with the California Department of Forestry. He needed to occupy his new free time, deciding to continue in community service work. A friend, Donna Deaton, had suggested PAWED. Bill and his wife Teri foster animals for the El Dorado County Animal Shelter. They started with two ten week old aussie shepherd puppies that were confiscated from a puppy mill, who they then adopted. Since then, 28 puppies, dogs, and kittens have been fostered by Bill and Teri. Bill was elected to the PAWED Board in 2007 and for the past two years has served as Vice President. He has been a vital member of the work crew that renovated the RV into the PAWED mobile spay/neuter clinic! Teri and Bill have lived in Placerville since 2000, sharing their home with two aussies, three feral cats and the seemingly constant array of shelter furry friends.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PAWED Adoption Events

Held every Saturday, 9:30 to noon  
El Dorado County Animal Shelter  
511 Placerville Drive, Placerville

### PAWED Meeting Schedule for 2009

We hope you will attend the PAWED membership meetings! They are generally held the first Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 pm. at Conference Room A, in the County Administration Building, 330 Fair Lane in Placerville. This is the building where the Board of Supervisors offices are located.

March 2  
April 6  
May 4  
June 1  
July 6

August 3  
September 14  
October 5  
November 2  
December 7

## PAWED OPEN HOUSE

### Join Us!

PAWED Open House  
Celebrating the 5th anniversary of our PAWED office  
Sunday April 19th 1-3pm  
4050 Durock Road, #19  
Shingle Springs, CA  
Tour our mobile clinic!



## MICROCHIPPING

If your pet doesn't have a microchip, there is no time like the present. Microchipping is the best insurance policy you can ever get for your pet. According to the American Humane Association, only about 17% of lost dogs and 2% of lost cats are recovered by their owners. With microchips, the recovery jumps to over 90% for reported animals! You can get this done through your veterinarian or any local organization holding a microchip clinic. **Microchips are small---but do a big job!**