



PAWED PRINTS



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

Newsletter

Summer 2009

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FAR OUT! BE COOL! Get out your tie dyed shirts and dog kerchiefs!



El Dorado County

OCTOBER 4, 2009, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

at the El Dorado Hills Community Park—it's the **FIRST WOOFSTOCK** event in El Dorado County. Come and be part of this very special day for you and your dog, with all proceeds to benefit PAWED!

Do you love to spend time with your dog and/or see other great dogs and their people? Then this is the event for you! Many of you had fun at the PAWED Furry Friends Walk and El Dorado Hills CSD Bark in Community Park in prior years. This year, WOOFSTOCK El Dorado County is replacing them with a bigger and even better event. It is being planned by Jim Crosthwaite, First Steps Sports Marketing Group (FSSMG), who has considerable experience conducting community events.

So much to do! Start the day with the *Grateful Dog* 3K/ 5K Walk/Run, enter the dog/human look alike contest, visit the dog related vendors, watch dog demonstrations, pose for a photo of you and your dog, enter your dog in the 60s Costume contest or the WOOFSTOCK Idol Pet Tricks contest, dance with your dog in the 60s Dance Contest! WOW and WOOF—it will be fun for the whole family!

Thank you to the following businesses who have signed up so far to be Sponsors of this event!

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Our Furry Friends Training Center
Mother Lode Insurance Services
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And there is still time to be a Sponsor and Vendor—check out the website! Registration deadline for the Grateful Dog Run/Walk is September 11, 2009, so get on your track shoes and send in those registrations, which can be done online or by downloading the registration form and sending it to FSSMG!

For more information and Walk/Run and Contest registration go to:

www.woofstocknorcal.com

and click on WOOFSTOCK El Dorado County.

*For the safety and enjoyment of you and your pet,
dogs must be on leash at all times.*



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Animal Shelters in El Dorado County

El Dorado County Animal Services
General Business-415 Placerville Dr Ste N
Placerville
Dogs & Cats-511 Placerville Dr
Placerville
(530) 621-5795
M-Sat: 9:30am - noon, 1:00pm - 4:30pm,
Closed Sunday

El Dorado County Animal Services
1121 Shakori Drive
South Lake Tahoe, Ca
530-577-1766
Same as above

El Dorado Humane Society
777 Pleasant Valley Road
Diamond Springs
(530) 642-2738
Mon. - Sat.: 10am - 4pm, Sun.: noon - 4pm

Animal Outreach
6200 Enterprise Drive, Ste. D
Diamond Springs
(530) 642-CATS (2287)
Call for hours
www.animaloutreachs.info

PAWED MEMBERSHIP INFO

Dues are paid annually for the period
January 1 - December 31. Types of
memberships include:

Student	\$ 15.00
Individual	\$ 25.00
Family	\$ 35.00
Business	\$ 50.00
Support	\$100.00
Life	\$500.00

HOW TO REACH US

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Shingle Springs, CA 95682
530- 677-2476
pawed@att.net

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Tracey Lindberg

Tracey Lindberg has been an active PAWED member and volunteer since the early days of the organization. You will regularly see her assisting with PAWED special events and fundraisers, shelter pet adoptions on Saturdays and attending meetings. She also assists in training new adoption volunteers. In July 2008, Tracey was one of several PAWED volunteers who staffed the PAWED mobile clinic to assist the animal victims of the Butte County fire.



Tracey with Dakota, Dallas, Tasha and Lacey

Tracey and her husband, Larry, live in El Dorado Hills with their four dogs. She has two stepchildren and five teenage grandchildren. Tracey works full time for the California Department of Water Resources, where she has been employed since 1990. Outside of work, she loves walking and hiking with her dogs, and outings with a group of friends and their dogs at Folsom Lake. She also enjoys gardening and spending time with family and friends. In addition to the many hours she devotes as a PAWED volunteer, Tracey is also a volunteer for the Greater California German Shepherd Rescue and assists them with adoptions at the Petsmart in Rancho Cordova the third Saturday of each month.

“It is very rewarding to help homeless animals find a better life. Yes, it can be difficult at times, but the benefits of seeing them find a loving new home make it all worthwhile”, says Tracey.

PAWED thanks Tracey for her outstanding service. Her compassion and enthusiasm for helping animals in need are truly a treasured gift to PAWED and our community!

DOGS GO NUTS OVER “GOUGHNUTS”!



Does your dog chew everything in sight? Are you tired of spending money on toys that are destroyed in seconds? Then Goughnuts are for you! These are virtually INDESTRUCTABLE and safe toys for dog. And if your dog chews down to the inner red layer, the company will replace it for free! Make you and your dog happy and buy one today! They are available at BARK AVENUE in El Dorado Hills, and BARK AVENUE has generously offered to donate 100 percent of the proceeds from their sale of GoughNuts to PAWED!!

BARK AVENUE is located in Town Center, El Dorado Hills, near the CVS Pharmacy. Call them at 916-941-7400





PAWED SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC NEWS

The PAWED mobile spay/neuter clinic continues to operate at the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter. Spay/neuter clinics are held every Tuesday, and we average about 35 operations each day of animals from the county shelters in Placerville and Lake Tahoe. In the first six months, between January 27, 2009, when we began surgeries of the shelter animals, and July 30, 2009, 200 dogs/puppies, 278 cats/kittens and 15 rabbits have been altered in the clinic—a total of 493 animals!

In appreciation for the very important work they are doing, we wanted to share information about each of the three key clinic staff:



Shirley Harman, DVM

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Dr Harman is one of the most amazing people you will ever meet. Her many years of experience show every Tuesday at our clinic, where on the average she alters 35 dogs/cats/rabbits in about six hours. And it is not just her speed and precision that are impressive, but her thoughtful caring for each animal to make sure they are comfortable and pain free. She also performs other surgeries on animals that come to the shelter with injuries or medical problems. Many of these surgeries have saved their lives.

Dr. Harman has been a licensed veterinarian since 1988. She decided to dedicate her skills primarily to spay/neuter in 1990 because she feels it “is the key to reducing animal suffering and disease”. Shirley worked for many years at the Animal Spay/Neuter Clinic in Auburn and at the Sacramento SPCA, where she spayed/neutered thousands of animals. These days you will find her devoting long hours four to five days a week at Animal Outreach, where she has

worked the past 13 years. She spends Tuesdays at the PAWED mobile clinic, and several times each week checks medical problems of the animals at the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter, as the shelter’s valued contract veterinarian.

Shirley spends time at home in Pollock Pines with her husband Hank, and her “large happy pack” of dogs—all rescued or adopted from a shelter. She enjoys gardening and also loves hiking with her husband and dogs. Dr. Harman says that “the real heroes are the donors and volunteers who make this happen”. We think Dr. Harman is a real hero too, and PAWED thanks her for everything she does to improve the lives of so many animals.



Sue Vargas (left) and Tonya Ruffner, RVTs

Sue Vargas, RVT

Sue is an inspiration to all who meet her. It is incredible watching her prepare animals for surgery—tranquilizing, shaving, intubating and anesthetizing are all done with precision and a caring touch. She has worked in the Animal Outreach spay/neuter clinic for the past 7 years, and has been a Registered Veterinary Technician since 2005. Prior to working at Animal Outreach, she lived in Washington and worked at a private reserve sanctuary caring for wolves, wolverines and cougars!

Sue lives in Diamond Springs with her three dogs, a cat and turtle. She has three grown children and three grandkids, ages 3, 7 and 12, who live in Washington and who she enjoys visiting when she gets the chance. She loves to garden and kayak. Sue is a frequent “kitten foster mom”, constantly fostering newborn kittens that come into Animal Outreach. This often requires that she is up several times during the night bottle feeding them, and feeding them

periodically during the day when she is working. The kittens survive because of her TLC!

Recently, Sue drew on her prior experience with rehabbing wildlife. She found a baby squirrel in her backyard, and tried to put him back in the nest. He wasn’t interested, and came back down the tree to Sue. Since the mother was no where to be seen, Sue set up her bathroom with branches, and a box nest to make him comfortable. She bottle fed him, and once he was big enough, released “Earl” back into his natural home in her backyard, where he now stays and sleeps in his old nest in the tree!

Every day Sue lives what she believes—and that is to stop pet overpopulation and help animals have a better life. Her hope is that everyone will insure that their pets are spayed/neutered. PAWED thanks Sue for her devoted service and true caring for all creatures great and small!

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**PAWED SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC NEWS** (Continued from page 3)**Tonya Ruffner, RVT**

Tonya's dedication to helping all animals is remarkable. She has been a Registered Veterinary Technician since 1993, and has worked at the Sacramento SPCA and the Mother Lode Pet Emergency Clinic in Shingle Springs. Since 2001 she has held the very important, but difficult job of Kennel Supervisor at the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter in Placerville. Tonya likes working at the shelter because she feels "it is an exact fit for me. I like helping abandoned and homeless animals have a good life, and working with the staff, public, volunteers, other shelters and rescue groups to make this happen."

Tonya and her husband, Keith, share their home in Georgetown with four dogs, two desert tortoises, three red eared slider turtles, tropical fish, and also have a koi pond. They have five grown children, ages 22-27. She and Keith are often seen riding their motorcycles, and also enjoy gardening, camping and hiking.

Tonya's wish is that people would be kind and compassionate to all animals, be responsible to provide proper care of pets for their lifetime, and also insure that pets are spayed/neutered. She is very appreciative of PAWED's assistance to the shelter over the past eight years, "we would not be able to function as well without the involvement and dedication of PAWED volunteers!" PAWED thanks Tonya for the special care and concern she shows each day to help the animals and people in El Dorado County!

NOTE: PAWED continues to work on resolving several logistical problems that have delayed the expansion of clinic services to provide low cost spay/neuter services to community resident pets. We will keep you posted on future developments!

BE PREPARED: EVACUATION REMINDERS

Now is the time to review and update your evacuation kit and plan, and practice evacuation!

Evacuation Kit:

- 🐾 Replace human and pet food with fresh food, water, meds, batteries and other perishables such as your first aid supplies.
- 🐾 Update your pet crate cards, vaccination records, Permission to Treat forms, and Emergency Contact List, and make sure your pet's microchip information is up to date with the microchip company.
- 🐾 Make water resistant signs to leave at the end of your driveway that state you have evacuated with or without your pets, listing your contact phone number.
- 🐾 If you have livestock or other pets you don't think you will be able to evacuate yourself, have a plan for who can help you and/or prepare a waterproof sign for your door of what pets are left on the property for emergency workers to evacuate, if possible.

Evacuation Plan:

Update your plan, if needed. Consider developing a short reference list of things you need to remove from your home, in priority order. This will help you focus during an emergency and insure that the most important things are removed first if you have very limited time!

Practice:

- 🐾 Load your car(s)/ trailer(s) with supplies and pets.
- 🐾 Time yourself and see how long it takes. Can you accomplish this in 10 minutes?
- 🐾 Practice this several times. Review what went well and what didn't.
- 🐾 Can you do this in the middle of the night *without* power? Be sure to have LED battery operated lanterns and/or headlamps handy!

Things to keep in mind:

- 🐾 Keep your vehicles gas tanks at least half filled, so you do not have to stop for gas during an evacuation.
- 🐾 If there is an impending evacuation, PACK and BACK your car/trailers into place for a quick exit.
- 🐾 Have emergency cash on hand in a secure but accessible place.
- 🐾 If an evacuation is "voluntary" seriously consider leaving at that time. If an evacuation becomes "mandatory", streets can become clogged or even impassable.





GIRL SCOUT'S PROJECT HELPS HOMELESS PETS

Rebecca Rogness is a very special 13 year old who cares for animals and puts that caring into action.

Rebecca lives in El Dorado Hills, where she is home schooled and resides with her parents, 4 sisters, 4 brothers and 2 dogs. She has been a Girl Scout for 8 years, and between November, 2008 and May, 2009 worked on her Girl Scout Silver Award Project in Troop #1564. Rebecca contacted PAWED because she wanted to do a Project that would help shelter pets.

The desire to help these animals comes from her first dog, Harrison. Her family rescued

Harrison, who had been at an animal shelter where he was close to being put down since he had been there so long. Rebecca is very aware of the pet overpopulation problem and the challenges shelters face. So when she started planning her Silver Award Project, she knew she wanted to help animals like Harrison, and help a local shelter.

After discussion with PAWED, Rebecca decided that her project would be to collect fleece blankets for the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter. Fleece blankets were really needed by the shelter as they provide warmth and are easy to wash. Rebecca first decorated cardboard boxes and put flyers on them explaining what she was doing. These boxes were then placed at two local pet boutiques (Bark Avenue in El Dorado Hills and Sbarkles in Folsom) and a vet office (El Dorado Hills Pet Clinic). She also spoke at three different Girl Scout Troop meetings explaining her project and showing the PAWED DVD. Rebecca said "I got a very positive response from the Girl Scouts. They were attentive during my presentation and very interested in what I had to say about the animals, and were educated about an important issue."

The blanket donations rolled in and Rebecca ended up collecting 60 different sized fleece blankets! All are now at the county shelter being used to keep animals cozy while they wait to be adopted into loving, permanent families. Rebecca felt this was a very rewarding project and an important cause, and emphasized, "there are so many things people can do to help that would make a big difference in a shelter animal's life!"

Rebecca is truly an inspiration and PAWED honors and thanks her for her very special efforts and caring for homeless pets! Thank You Rebecca!!!



FOSTERING KITTENS—A TEENAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

By Kenyon Anderson, age 17, Shenandoah High School

Last Fall I had the privilege of fostering four kittens for the El Dorado County Animal Shelter. I chose to foster kittens because my high school required me to complete 100 hours of community service, and I thought, what better way to volunteer than to help the county animal shelter. My mom has been a volunteer for Animal Services and PAWED for the past six years and was always on my case about the helpless animals in need. It sounded like an easy way to please my mother and complete my required community service hours.

A week later I went to the shelter with some vague ideas of what I was getting myself into. I was given a crate full of kittens, a litter box and litter, and tons of cat food. When I got home, I set the crate on my couch and opened it up to see what I was in for. Unlocking the kennel was like triggering a loaded slingshot. Immediately four kittens shot out of the kennel into my arms. These four young tigers were full of energy - and not having eight hands to contain them - made it a little challenging to keep them out of trouble.

My bedroom was pretty messy and had a stench that kept my friends away for awhile, but in the end it was definitely worth it. After six weeks I got to know four of the cutest and most lively cats in the world and I would recommend the experience to anyone. I had so much fun fostering these kittens that I also plan to take on another litter of kittens this year!





THERE'S A VACCINE FOR THAT? By Barb Lee



That's the question we're asked, fairly often, when we mention that our dog, Bella, has had the rattlesnake vaccine. So, we're sharing Bella's recent rattlesnake story, to help increase awareness about the vaccine and encourage you to discuss it with your Vet, if you have not already done so.



Bella first had the vaccine about four years ago and has had annual updates since then. We thought it made a great deal of sense when we first discussed with our Vet, and after recently experiencing an actual bite, we are more convinced. With the vaccine on board, you still have an urgent situation, but probably not a crisis.

It happened in an instant. Bella was walking with Jeff to get into the car and go for her evening walk. As she walked around the corner of the garage, to enter the door, a small rattlesnake must have been laying near the foundation. All of a sudden, Bella jumped back, and Jeff saw two small holes on the top of her nose, then saw the snake. It never gave a warning rattle.

Because it was evening, after a couple of calls to our Vet and then the Emergency Clinic, we took Bella immediately to the Emergency Vet Clinic. That evening Bella was one of three dogs being seen for rattlesnake bites, but she was the only one with the vaccine on board. The difference between her status and that of the other dogs was dramatic. She needed antibiotics, monitoring and a blood test. But unlike the others, Bella never seemed to be in any distress, her nose had only a slight amount of swelling, and she did not exhibit signs of pain. About four hours following the bite, Dr. Smith at the Emergency Clinic ran a blood test for clotting levels (the venom inhibits clotting). Because her clotting levels were well within the normal range, Bella did not need any anti venom. And that's at about \$800 per vial, by the way. In fact, while they expected to keep Bella over night, she was doing so well that at about midnight, Dr. Smith told us we could take her home. She was seen the next day by our regular Vet, Dr. Ric at Crossroads, to run a second clotting test that was also normal. Had she not been vaccinated, we most likely would have had a much more difficult, traumatic and costly story. Also there is a side benefit of the vaccine that I had not thought about until this little adventure. Knowing that Bella has a level of protection, helped us just do what we needed to do without panicking... well..ok..without panicking too much.

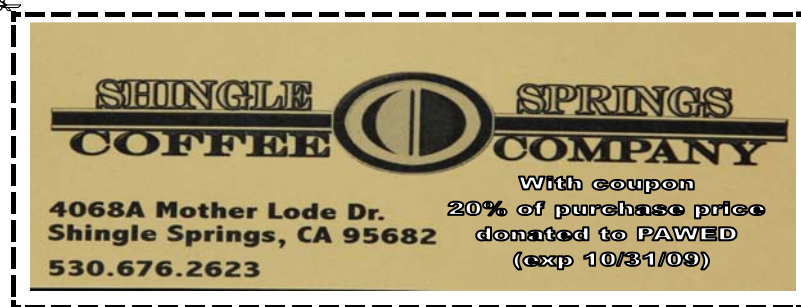
The rattlesnake vaccine was developed by Red Rock Biologics, for the Western Diamondback - the rattlesnake we have in this area. For more information, see their website at www.redrockbiologics.com. We saw the difference in reaction, with and without the vaccine, first hand. And both our Vet and the staff at the Emergency Clinic have seen the same sort of thing many times. Based on what we experienced, we encourage you to discuss this protection with your Veterinarian.

PET FRIENDLY LOCAL COFFEE HOUSE HELPS PAWED!

The Shingle Springs Coffee Company loves pets and wants to help PAWED! Located on Mother Lode Drive, near Lee's Feed, they offer delicious coffees, teas, and food. There is an outdoor eating area where pets are allowed, on leash, to dine with you. And they generously have displayed a PAWED donation jar and brochures inside.

In addition, cut out and use the coupon below by October 31, 2009, and 20% of your purchase price will be donated to PAWED!

Thank You Shingle Springs Coffee Company!!





PAWED thanks the following donors, new and renewing members for their generous support:

PAWED DONORS

American Sewing Guild, El Dorado Hills
 Tom & Helen Austin, El Dorado Hills
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WELCOME NEW PAWED MEMBERS!

Black Oak Animal Hospital, Dr. Irene Sakaishi, Georgetown,
in honor of all volunteers
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Dona Root, Georgetown
 Miriam Toren, Cool,
in memory of Bob Toren & Kala

DONATE A VEHICLE TO BENEFIT PAWED



Great news! PAWED has recently become an official partner with the Charitable Auto Resources (CARS) program, so you can now donate a vehicle (or airplane if you have one handy!) to benefit PAWED!

CARS will accept your donated vehicle in PAWED'S name, arrange for pick up and process all of the DMV and IRS paperwork. You, as the donor, will receive a receipt for the vehicle and later an IRS 1098C indicating the value of your donation. This amount is the actual price that the vehicle sells for at auction. And PAWED receives 70 percent of the net sale proceeds!

One of the best features of the program is that they can accept vehicles from almost any State, allowing your friends and family to donate to PAWED too. No haggling with car dealers for a trade in value, or having strangers come to your home! People who have already donated vehicles to CARS to benefit PAWED have nothing but positive comments on the process and paperwork.

You can access the CARS website directly at www.charitableautoresources.com or through the link on the PAWED website. If you have any questions, check out the CARS website, phone them directly at 858-300-2915, or contact Jeff Lee, PAWED Vehicle Donation Coordinator at : 530-642 -2655. email: jefflee@hughes.net. We are very excited about this new opportunity to raise funds for PAWED's work to save and improve the lives of companion animals!

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People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County

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**Please Spay/Neuter
& ID your Pets!**

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www.pawedpets.org**

**Email Us At:
pawed@att.net**



UPCOMING EVENTS

WOOFSTOCK El Dorado County
October 4th 8a.m.—1:00p.m.
El Dorado Hills CSD Park

✓ **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.

September 14
October 5

November 2
December 7

**Check out our website News and Events page
for an online and color edition of this
and our prior newsletters!**

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

Our local shelters are in need of foster homes for kittens and puppies who need to be in a home rather than a shelter because they are still too young to be adopted, or are ill and need some TLC. If you can help for several weeks to care for these babies, please call:

El Dorado County Animal Services shelter
(puppies and kittens)

Tonya Ruffner or Sara Watkins
530-621-7631

Animal Outreach (kittens)

Maggie Killackey
530-642-2287

