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SAVING WILLOW — by Kat Arrington

Hi, my name is Kat and I'm a proud member of PAWED and a volunteer at the El Dorado County Animal Shelter. As one of the many volunteers, I get to spend time with all the wonderful animals that pass through this facility in hopes of finding a home. Sometimes we meet an animal that has been abused/neglected by the very people that should have cared for and protected them. That's how I came to meet Willow.

She was rescued from people who had left her tied in a yard to fend for herself. Neighbors finally called authorities and she was brought into the shelter. The first time I laid eyes on Willow I was horrified!! I had never seen a dog in such an advanced state of neglect. She was curled up in a ball, inside a pen, and so covered with sores and scabs it was impossible to identify the color of the dog. She was about a year old, almost hairless, and rather than playing like a puppy she fought for her life. The volunteers began to bathe her with special shampoo purchased by PAWED, in an attempt to get her skin to begin the healing process. It was obvious she would need more care than could be provided at the shelter, so the shelter staff searched for a foster home. We signed up to foster and she came home with my husband and me.

The first two months were literally touch and go. She was just so sick! We bathed her every few days to get the skin to heal and the bleeding to stop. She was on medication for various problems all related to her neglect. She was so weak that for about two weeks she was very unsteady on her feet and for two months had to be gently guided outside on a leash every few hours. We worked very hard to try to keep water down her so she didn't become dehydrated. At one point we rushed her to a vet, in fear we were losing her, and the vet recommended she be put down. Well, folks, it's been five months now and Willow has not just survived but conquered!! She is an energetic lover of life and fills every day with joy. She's smart, funny, loving and shows constant appreciation of being part of a loving home, and we have officially adopted her! Willow will probably need medication for the rest of her life and she probably won't ever have a complete fur coat. But she is the most beautiful dog I've ever met!! The happiness she has brought into my home is priceless.

Willow and so many dogs like her are alive and in good homes today because of the love and the tireless efforts of the county shelter staff and PAWED volunteers. We also are so indebted to the unbelievable efforts of Dr. Randy Robinson of Missouri Vet Clinic. He really is a crusader for the well-being of these wonderful animals and helps us provide the right care for Willow. Willow is a great example of what we can accomplish together and why it's worth the effort to save these dogs. None of them are throwaways!! Thanks so much to everyone who helped save this little pit bull's life. It was worth every minute.



Willow—BEFORE—when arriving at the shelter June 2011



Willow—TODAY—in her new permanent home!



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**PAWED WELCOMES ALLISON LOZOYA –
New West Slope Shelter Supervisor**

“Alli” as she likes to be called told PAWED, “I have finally moved back home.” In a relaxed and open discussion she conveyed that she was born in Petaluma, CA. At age 2 her family moved to Chicago, at age 5 to Pennsylvania and while a high school sophomore her family returned to Northern California – Auburn to be precise - then on to Santa Cruz for college and a Bachelor’s degree in Neuroscience and Behavior. She started as a volunteer at the Santa Cruz Animal Shelter during her third year at UCSC. Alli quickly moved into a paying job and eventually the Shelter Supervisor job at Santa Cruz, performing that role until accepting her current position. She bought her Mom’s house in Auburn – Mom is headed for Arizona – and adopted her Mom’s cat Munchie.) And yes, she did work with Henry, our EDC Animal Services Director, while she was in Santa Cruz.



Alli and her Husband Cesar have a daughter (Lexi 3yrs), a son (Austin 4 1/2 yrs), and a baby on the way. Her husband works in the catering business and still resides in Santa Cruz. Cesar and Alli met when they were both working in the UCSC catering service. New jobs and moving homes is always a project but the plan is for them to all be together in Auburn by next year. Rounding out the family are a Rat Terrier named Canela (cinnamon in Spanish), a devoted Frisbee dog named Chunks (Chihuahua /Jack Russell) and a second DSH cat named Nico.

Alli has always been a pet and animal person. She has even worked with deer through the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game. Pets through the years have ranged from guinea pigs to horses. When I asked her what she saw as her biggest challenge at the West Slope Shelter, she said implementation of better electronic record keeping as well as development of a Routine Policies and Procedures Manual including thorough routine behavior evaluations and vaccination on intake. Alli can be contacted at Allison.lozoya@edcgov.us or by calling or by stopping in at the shelter.



PAWED is now on twitter and facebook! You can check us out without joining facebook or twitter by going to the PAWED Website and clicking on the logos.



PAWED MOBILE CLINIC-- SUCCESS IN GEORGETOWN

It has been a busy five months for the PAWED mobile clinic! Every third Sunday, from July through November, the clinic was stationed in Georgetown at the library. Each clinic day involved twenty dedicated volunteers, working ten to twelve hours, to intake, spay/neuter, recover and discharge dogs that had been pre-scheduled for surgery. At the end of the five clinics—there are now **70** fewer dogs that can reproduce!

Bringing this service to the first selected outlying community was the result of five years of planning and hard work by dedicated PAWED members/volunteers who knew that affordable and accessible spay/neuter services were very much needed in the outlying areas of the county. We obtained, totally renovated, and purchased equipment and supplies for the mobile clinic, and recruited and scheduled an ALLVOLUNTEER staff. This was a monumental accomplishment: the first mobile spay/neuter clinic service in El Dorado County!



Polar—one of the first clinic clients saying “Thank You PAWED!”

What are the costs associated with this project? For the past five months PAWED spent \$3,695 for one time and recurring clinic expenses, including gasoline, clinic maintenance parts, supplies, e-collars, drugs, oxygen, and snacks/lunch for volunteers to name a few. This was offset by three sources of income for each clinic: every pet owner was charged \$10 per dog for the surgery, there were some donations at each clinic, and the Divide Humane Society donated \$250 for each day of operation, for a total of \$2,054. If the owner could not afford the \$10 fee, the fee was covered by the Divide Humane Society! Keep in mind the average cost of a spay/neuter in a vet clinic is \$200 to \$400 per dog—depending on size and gender. Rabies vaccinations and heartworm tests were also provided for those dogs who needed it.

How effective was this service? The answer will be documented by County Animal Services statistics in the reduction of abandoned, stray and surrendered dogs coming from the Divide area. However, the effectiveness for PAWED was measured in the smiling faces and gratitude of the families who now have a pet who can no longer reproduce, and the satisfaction of the many volunteers for a job well done!

A very special thank you to Randy Robinson, DVM, Ysabel Baca, Andrea Gavin, and Tonya Ruffner, RVTs, and Shannon Quinn, vet assistant for their tireless efforts, veterinary skills and valuable donated time. We also could not have done this without Jeff Lee, master clinic driver and maintenance man—who insured the clinic was in good working order and drove it back and forth to Georgetown. The partnership with Kris Moore, Divide Humane Society, and the donation by the Andersons of the use of a portion of the Georgetown library for the recovery of dogs, were essential components of our success! And also the many PAWED volunteers who generously donated their Sundays to insure that every function was properly staffed and dogs received the very best of care.

Check out the photos of each clinic on our website home page: www.pawedpets.org! We thank all of you who have helped PAWED achieve this important goal with your donations and volunteer time! PAWED plans to resume our mobile clinic services in the Spring, once the weather allows safe transport, in the Grizzly Flats/Somerset area!



PAWED TAKES ON SHELTER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



After many years of providing volunteers to assist at the El Dorado County Animal Shelter, we were asked by the County to assume full responsibility for the shelter volunteer program. As of September 1st, PAWED began this program and now recruits, trains, schedules and supervises all volunteers working at the county shelter. PAWED President, Charlene Welty, Volunteer Coordinator, Kelly Adams, and dog handling trainers, Kerry McBride and Tracey Lindberg, have been very busy the past few months scheduling and providing several 3 hour training sessions to new volunteers. Volunteers sign up for a shift at the shelter via an automated calendaring system developed by PAWED Board

member and shelter volunteer, Michael Damer, and it is working great. Our goal is to routinely have PAWED trained volunteers helping at the shelter every morning and afternoon, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and we are well on our way to achieving that! A big thanks to all of our very dedicated volunteers who exercise and play with the dogs, snuggle with the cats, clean cat and dog cages and assist with other shelter tasks as needed. Shelter staff and volunteers work very hard to help all the animals know that they are not forgotten and are still loved-- until the special day they find their permanent family!

A NEW LOOK FOR PAWED

As some of you may have noticed, the PAWED logo has been slightly changed to give it a more refreshed/updated look! This is part of many changes PAWED has embarked on recently in an effort to better communicate PAWED's mission and better communicate in this high tech world with our members and supporters. Constant Contact emails help keep you informed of time sensitive news, and we are also on Facebook (thanks to Board member Lisa Van Dyke) and Twitter (thanks to Vice President Dr. Lisa Couper, DVM)!



A new PAWED website is currently under construction and we hope to unveil it by the beginning of 2012. Also, beginning in 2012, the PAWED PRINTS newsletter will change it's look, with the help of PAWED member and graphic artist Jamie Hartshorn, and we will be changing to primarily sending it via E-NEWS (some paper copies will be mailed to those of you who have requested it, and we will have them available at our office and special events). So hold on to your hats and keep an eye out for our new look! We welcome your comments!





A CALL FOR HELP — SPENCER AND MICKEY'S STORY

On October 17, Dr. Nancy Kemp, on behalf of Snowline Hospice co-workers and patients, contacted PAWED with a very special request. Their friend and co-worker Kenneth, a devoted and much-loved hospice nurse had died, suddenly and unexpectedly, in his home in Sacramento in early October. Sheriff's Deputies had found Kenneth dead in his home, his two faithful and inseparable dogs, **Spencer**, an 8 year-old Irish Wolfhound mix, and **Mickey**, a 5 year-old Chihuahua mix, at his side. Sacramento County Animal Care and Regulation was called and eventually transported the bereft dogs to the County shelter where they were to remain confined after determining there was no next of kin who could care for them.

Snowline Hospice staff were extremely concerned about the welfare (and future) of Spencer and Mickey, whom they knew had been the love of Kenneth's life. They asked for PAWED's help to bring the dogs back to El Dorado County, where they would have a better chance of being adopted, and being adopted *together* as they are a very bonded pair.

After hearing the plea for help, we at PAWED felt, as did Snowline Hospice, that since Kenneth had spent much of his life helping terminally ill people at the end of their lives, it was very important to ensure that these beloved dogs remained together and receive the same loving care that Kenneth had provided—for the rest of *their* lives.

Upon receiving the call, PAWED member Kelly Adams, President Charlene Welty and Shelter Staff Brittany White got to work making phone calls and creating a bridge between the Sacramento County shelter staff and El Dorado County Animal Services (EDCAS) staff... allowing for an inter-shelter (cross-county) transfer. EDCAS employee Brittany suggested that since there was some room at our EDCAS shelter, PAWED could select two additional "at risk" dogs from Sacramento and transport them to EDCAS as well! With the help and cooperation of Sacramento County shelter staff, "Scruffy" a little Cairn terrier (who had also ended up at that shelter because her owner had died) and "Diamond" a sweet, but traumatized border collie mix, were chosen for transfer where PAWED and EDCAS staff could jointly oversee the dogs' adoptability or potential foster arrangements.

In Loving Memory of Kenneth



Mickey & Spencer

What happened next was almost magical. Kelly Adams and her husband Bill, the couple from PAWED who volunteered to transport the dogs from the Sacramento shelter, fell instantly in love with Spencer and Mickey on the way to the EDCAS shelter. The thought of putting Spencer and Mickey into another shelter kennel was unimaginable. Kelly and Bill instantly became their foster parents and brought them home to play and co-exist with their own 2 rescue dogs and cat.

But wait...there's more. Within a couple of days, thanks to EDCAS shelter staff and PAWED volunteers, adoptive homes were found for both Scruffy and Diamond!! Their adoptions were finalized within a week! Follow-ups with the new companions of each indicate matches made in heaven!

But wait...there's even more! After fostering Spencer and Mickey for a couple of weeks, Kelly and Bill, and their dogs (Lily and Poco) and cat (Richard Black) have all concluded that they need to share their lives with Spencer and Mickey forever—two awesome dogs that have brought them much joy. Their Adoption was finalized on 11/11/11. Spencer and Mickey now spend their days romping around the couple's 5 acre property and their nights sleeping on the living room couch and in the couple's bed.

This is a wonderful reminder and example of how caring organizations and volunteers working together can save lives. And what special lives they are!



CALENDAR SALES BENEFIT PAWED!



This 2012 calendar would make a great holiday gift for all those who know and love dogs and have been to Main Street in Placerville! Proceeds from the sales benefit PAWED! Calendars are \$15 and available at the Main Street businesses listed and at the PAWED office. A big thanks to the Bookery and Flowers on Main for developing this wonderful calendar and helping PAWED!

ARK ANGELS CD SALES BENEFIT PAWED!

PAWED is extremely honored to be one of the animal welfare organizations that ARK ANGELS founder, Karen Gray, has chosen to benefit from the sale of their new CD! In October, Karen presented the PAWED Board with a check for \$1,500 from initial sales of the CD! Karen is a long time PAWED member and dedicated to protecting the welfare of animals. Here is her story...



Throughout the past thirty years I have volunteered with various animal welfare groups, shelters and rescue sanctuaries throughout the U.S., England and in the Canary Islands. Last year I decided to do something to raise funds for various animal charities in El Dorado County. I have seen first hand just how the local charities get a tremendous amount out of each dollar donated, and if I could raise funds for these local animal welfare groups, it would make a big difference.

About that same time, I made a trip to England to visit family and friends, and while there, went to see a local band perform. I went backstage to tell them how much I enjoyed their music, and before I knew it, we were discussing various ways that I could raise money for El Dorado County local animal charities. Pete Crossland and Terry Grew, members of Antiqcool, suggested that they record a music CD!. They generously offered to give me all rights to the CD, therefore; allowing me to sell it and donate all proceeds to the animal welfare groups of my choice. I asked them how could I possibly thank them for such a generous, thoughtful, and selfless act of kindness? Their only reply was, "raise a lot of money for the animals". And that is when I formed Ark Angels.

Having worked with Charlene and PAWED, there was no doubt in my mind that I wanted to raise money for this incredible organization. PAWED has made such a tremendous impact on the companion animals of El Dorado County, and the people as well. I don't believe I have ever met a more dedicated and hardworking group of people!. And since I also wanted to raise funds to help ranch and farm animals and local wildlife, I also chose to make HartSong Ranch Sanctuary and Sierra Wildlife Rescue a part of the Ark Angels' fundraising project. Both these nonprofit organizations do an amazing job in rescuing and rehabilitating animals, as well as educating the community on animal welfare. I hope to be able to present checks on a regular basis to all three of these organizations as a result of the CD sales!

With the holidays just around the corner, the Ark Angels CD would make the perfect give for not only a music lover, but animal lovers as well! It really is a gift that continues to give! If you would like to purchase a CD (only \$20), email Karen at: karenlisa1964@yahoo.com



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Don't miss out!! PAWED is selling DOG TREAT MIXES just in time for the holidays. The mixes include easy to follow directions and require the addition of only an egg! Also included is a dog themed cookie cutter. It's all you need for a fun holiday gift for a friend/family member, or mix some up for your own furry friend. Mixes will be available at our special events and at the PAWED office--call to order. It's a howlin' good deal at only \$6 per mix or 2 for \$10.

Happy Holidays!

We hope you and your human and animal family and friends enjoy the holidays!

PAWED is very grateful for your support in 2011—a year of great progress for PAWED!

We are proud to report that as of Nov. 1, PAWED's discount spay/neuter coupon program has resulted in 142 dogs and 84 cats being altered at Animal Outreach, and the

PAWED mobile spay/neuter clinic went to Georgetown once a month for five months and spayed/neutered 70 dogs—with an all volunteer staff! We plan to increase these programs with your help next year. Please remember PAWED in your year-end giving, and donations to PAWED make great holiday gifts for your loved ones!

Here's to 2012—together we will continue to save and improve the lives of companion animals!



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