



PAWED PRINTS



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

Newsletter

Spring 2011

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LAB RESCUE....TO THE RESCUE! by Sue Kaiser

I wasn't too hopeful when I received a phone call from PAWED President, Charlene Welty, about a 9 year old diabetic lab mix named Tita who needed a foster home asap. In addition to volunteering with PAWED, I also volunteer for Central California Labrador Retriever Rescue, and knew I couldn't even ask them to consider her. I thought her chances of adoption were almost nil given her age and medical needs. But Tita's owner was in a seriously abusive home situation and needed to get out, but could not take Tita with her and would not leave her beloved dog behind, fearing she would be killed by her husband. We needed to find a safe place quickly! I called my friend Debra Kelly, who has fostered dozens of dogs, and she agreed to take her. As luck would have it, the twice daily insulin injections would be no problem because Debra had given subcutaneous fluids to an elderly cat. We drove right over to meet Tita and were taken by her sweet, gentle yet playful demeanor...she even tolerated a 2 year old climbing all over her. What a great dog!

We gave Tita a few days to settle in and then took her to El Dorado County Animal Services to see how she behaved around cats. She seemed to do fine with Bullet, the resident cat, so shelter staff took a cat named Huey out of his cage and held him for Tita to sniff. I was told not to worry...Huey's cage card read, "Loves dogs!" Huey had been at the shelter a long time, overlooked simply because he was black. Just his luck, Debra was looking for a new cat and adopted him on the spot!

As the days passed, I didn't hold out much hope of Tita finding her forever home. Her blood sugar was not well-controlled. Dr. Ric Delgadillo, Crossroads Veterinary Clinic, was Tita's previous vet and gave us generous discounts on her repeated office visits as we adjusted her insulin dosage. But it would take more tinkering before we could place Tita up for adoption. Then, a miracle happened. I was at a Lab Rescue adoption event and met a returning adopter who had lost her female lab to cancer. She was looking for a mellow, affectionate older dog who got along with cats. I said, "You wouldn't consider a diabetic dog, would you?" and she replied, "I'm an insulin-dependent diabetic myself, and I had a diabetic cat for 3 years. Please tell me more." A few days later, Debra and I took Tita to meet Ann and her two dogs, and all went well. Tita was adopted!

Several months later, Ann reports, "Tita is doing very well. Because she is so active with the two younger dogs, I've been able to decrease her insulin to 30 units daily. She has been a favorite over at the board and care home where my Mom was, and I still take her over to visit the residents even though mom passed away a month ago. Tita seems very happy-- her tail wags all the time, she initiates games of chase with the other dogs and she's always the first one to start barking when I pull into the garage. She's definitely a success story." As for Huey (now Jack!) the cat, he's living it up with "his" two labs and Debra!



Tita enjoying her new home!



Jack the cat loves his new dog pal!



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Placerville

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(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

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777 Pleasant Valley Road

Diamond Springs

(530) 642-2738

Mon. - Sat.: 10am - 4pm, Sun.: noon - 4pm

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6101 Enterprise Drive

Diamond Springs

(530) 642-CATS (2287)

Call for hours

www.animaloutreachs.info

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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

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Lisa Van Dyke

Lisa Van Dyke has been a PAWED member since 2009 and was elected as a Board Member in 2011. Lisa has a talent for Information Technology (IT) and keeps PAWED's Facebook page up and running. Her fun loving spirit and great ideas have put PAWED in the world of social networking. Lisa also writes Bullet's Blog which is a wonderful way to see how the shelter runs through the view of a cat. It will bring a laugh to your day. Check it out on PAWED's website.



Lisa and her husband, Tom, live in Cameron Park with their three dogs Merry, Pippin, and Rosie (named after characters from the Lord of the Rings). She has four grown children, one son and three daughters. Her son serves in the U.S. Army and is currently stationed in Afghanistan. Lisa works full time for the California Department of Child Support Services. Outside of work Lisa is very busy and you will see her volunteering at the shelter or helping with pet adoptions at Bark Avenue in El Dorado Hills. She has a passion for photography and creating memories for people and their pets. She operates a pet photography business, has her own blog, and co-leads a Sacramento photography Club called the "Sac SMUG Club." Lisa enjoys her new found friendships and time she spends with PAWED members and shelter volunteers.

Lisa says that, "Community is important to me and I am very much honored to be a part of this group of extremely talented volunteers! Watching and learning from the people serving in this organization is providing me the opportunity to grow and develop personally while contributing to something I am passionate about. Everyone always makes me feel appreciated for the little things I do, and it is a very fulfilling experience. I am looking forward to many more years of volunteer work for PAWED."



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 SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES COMING TO GEORGETOWN!

The next chapter of our mobile spay/neuter clinic is about to begin! PAWED is finally ready to deliver low cost spay/neuter services to outlying communities in our county—and have selected the Georgetown Divide area as the first. Services will start on July 17th and continue the third Sunday of each month through November. Our goal is to spay/neuter every pet in the community where access and cost of these services has previously been the barrier for residents to get their pets fixed.

The Georgetown Divide area was selected as the first community for several reasons. There are a high number of unaltered stray dogs and cats, and homeless kittens and puppies that are brought into the county shelter from that area. In addition, local residents were willing to help—including PAWED member and Divide Humane Society President, Kris Moore, and the owners of the Georgetown library building, Andy and Cheryl Anderson. We needed a place to park our clinic near a building where we could recover the large dogs (since large cage space inside our clinic is limited) and the Andersons generously offered us the use of a room inside the library building!

PAWED had to apply to the county for a Temporary Use Permit so that we could use the library for this purpose. We were very excited when our permit application was recently approved after expeditious processing, thanks to the help of several county staff, including Supervisor Ron Briggs and his assistant, Brenda Bailey; the County CAO, Teri Daly, the Chief of Animal Services, Henry Brzezinski, and principal planning staff, Pierre Rivas.

Randy Robinson, DVM and owner of Missouri Flat Pet Clinic is generously volunteering his time to perform the surgeries, and we are in the process of discussing plans with two RVTs to assist him. Jeff Lee will be the clinic driver—he knows more about the clinic mechanics and operation than anyone, and is the PAWED member who initially designed the clinic renovation and did much of the work himself! Several other volunteers, including Kris Moore and Dina Savoroski will provide administrative support.

The PAWED mobile, low cost spay/neuter clinic is the **FIRST** such service in El Dorado County! We are very grateful for such dedicated volunteers, county staff assistance and the Georgetown residents' support—all working together to reduce the number of homeless pets in our community.



On the road to Georgetown!

**HARTSONG RANCH** by Charlene Welty**Kathy, Lady, and Jim**

There are a few special moments in life where you experience the pure goodness of kind and compassionate people. That is what I experienced during my recent visit to HartSong Ranch in Greenwood, CA.

Owners Jim and Kathy Hart are the heart and soul of this extraordinary 30 acre sanctuary where 44 disabled, older, abused and special needs animals can live out their lives in peace. You would never know, until they come close to greet you, that several of the horses are blind and yet navigate these green foothills without missing a step! The sanctuary also includes a racehorse that outlived his usefulness and was on his way to slaughter, an older horse that a family wanted put down because they did not want to care for it's ailments, Lady, pictured above, age 28, who had neurological problems and could barely walk and now walks purposefully to get a belly rub, a dog who lived in bushes for a year, a chicken that lost it's beak from a dog attack—all these and more have found love and kindness here. Every animal has a story, and one that especially touched me was Raindance.

Raindance lived with the same family until she was 29 years old. She was the family horse. One day, for reasons unknown, her long time owners locked her in a stall with a bit of food and water, drove away and abandoned her. When authorities found her five months later, she was 400 pounds under weight and unable to stand. A flymask was embedded in her face. Animal Control officers decided the best course of action was euthanasia. Fortunately, a kind-hearted neighbor, familiar with horses and aware of Raindance's history, stepped up and asked if she could try to save her life instead of putting her down. They agreed to let her try. She learned of HartSong Ranch and called.

When Kathy and Jim met Raindance for the first time, they knew right then that Raindance had to come to HartSong. Raindance displayed no emotion what-so-ever...didn't raise her head...didn't move her eyes...didn't move away...didn't do or acknowledge anything. She was defeated. And nursing a starved horse back to a healthy weight can be a very tricky endeavor. Knowing her digestive system needed time to reacquaint itself with the action of processing food and not wanting to overwhelm her already challenged state, 4 times a day and in very small amounts, they gave her a specially mixed diet. She savored every meal and sure enough, slowly but surely, her light began to shine.

Raindance is now a very healthy 34 year old, free to roam on 15 acres with her best buddy, Dandy, a 37 year old Quarter Horse.

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Raindance

Raindance also absolutely loves to be around people. When I first met her, she came right up and then followed me down the hill, like a devoted companion. Raindance is a sweet gentle girl and it is a miracle she survived those five months alone and confined without food and water. She is a shining example of how good nutrition, exercise in open space, and people who really care can bring out the brilliant beauty and vibrant spirit of a once discarded and forgotten old horse. Now she has nothing to fear, her troubles are over and she is at home!

HartSong Ranch is a 501(c)(3) organization that is totally dependent on donations to support these animals. Please visit their website at www.hartsongranch.org. PAWED applauds Kathy and Jim Hart—very special people caring for very special animals!

NEW SHELTER PROJECT MOVES FORWARD!

The Western Slope Animal Shelter project received much needed attention from the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors recently, thanks to the emails, letters, phone calls and meeting attendance of many PAWED members, Shelter Coalition supporters and community businesses and residents. THANK YOU!! At the April 11th Board meeting, the audience was filled with advocates for the new shelter. Many people spoke passionately about the need for the new shelter, pets they had adopted from the shelter, and the importance of Animal Services to the business community. At the April 26th Board meeting, Department of Transportation staff (DOT) presented their proposed schedule for the project and recommended the “faster track” schedule, which would get the shelter built by November 2012. The Board listened and after nine months without progress, the Board: 1) re-emphasized the need to move the project forward; 2) expressed a new sense of urgency that they must vacate the current Placerville Drive site no later than the end of 2013; 3) on a 5-4 vote, approved DOT project staff’s “faster track” for project completion; and 4) is requiring DOT monthly progress reports on the project.

Project Schedule : Among key time frames of the recently approved project schedule are:

Amendment of the purchase/sale agreement: April – August 2011;

Amendment of architectural agreement and additional environmental work: April – June 2011;

Phase 1 (Site improvements) utility agreements and application/approval processes: July 2011 – March 2012;

Phase 1 bidding and contracting process: March – June 2012;

Phase 1 construction: June – October 2012;

Phase 2 (Shelter building) bidding process/contracting: November 2011 – February 2012;

Phase 2 construction, March – November 2012

County 2011/12 Budget Meetings : We may very likely hear, once again, that the Board of Supervisors should raid the shelter project funds to address operating budget deficits. The Board has scheduled budget meetings to review the proposed 2011/12 County budget on **June 6, 7, and 8.**

Please call or email your Supervisors on June 1st or 2nd and remind him/her that the project funds, set aside years ago for this capital project must be retained for the shelter project.

For updates please check the Shelter Coalition for El Dorado County’s website, www.newshelter.org.



We are very sorry to report that **PAWED at the Park** will not be held this year. The PAWED Board reluctantly made this decision recently due to several considerations. The beginning of our planning for the event was delayed by two months, pending information on the CSD park requirements. We did not feel we could “catch up” with planning and preparations due to the many other important current activities requiring PAWED volunteer time.

These activities include:

- 1) preparations to begin low cost spay/neuter services with our mobile clinic in Georgetown in July,
- 2) continued advocacy for the new animal shelter, and
- 3) providing considerable volunteer assistance to the county shelter for cleaning and dog exercising every day for the next three months while they operate with only half their usual staff.

Therefore, there just was not the time and resources to plan and prepare for PAWED at the Park too.

We will certainly miss seeing everyone and their dogs at this fun event, but look forward to having it again next year. WOOF!!

PAWED PARTICIPATES IN 2011 COUNTY DISASTER DRILL

On May 18, El Dorado County emergency response agencies participated with many other California inland counties in a Disaster Drill, which is scheduled periodically to test the county readiness in the event of a real disaster. PAWED was asked by Henry Brzezinski, Chief of El Dorado County Animal Services to join them, Noah’s Wish and South County Large Animal Rescue (SCLAR) in the drill, focused on the task of rescuing, transporting, housing and caring for large and small animals affected by the disaster. Since Hurricane Katrina, States have been required to have a disaster response plan specifically for rescuing and caring for animals affected by disaster, in addition to assisting people! This is because many people will not evacuate if they have to leave their animals behind, or risk their lives trying to go back and rescue them.



This year the scenario was a mock winter flood. Animal evacuation centers such as the County Fairgrounds were initially identified by County Animal Services and set up to house many types of animals. PAWED brought in our Mobile Spay/Neuter and Disaster Response Clinic to support this effort.

PAWED President, Charlene Welty, was assigned to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) working directly with Animal Services agency representatives in order to identify and mobilize needed support services for animals. PAWED members Jeff Lee and Bill Smith staffed our mobile clinic, used to treat small animals injured during the disaster—as they did for the real disaster of the Butte County Fire in 2008! As the morning of the drill progressed, the scenario became more complicated --- the area of the mock flood increased in size, the corresponding numbers of animals affected grew and the locations to set up temporary housing became more numerous. During one part of the scenario a resident tried to evacuate with a pet chimpanzee, became disabled in the flood waters and had to be rescued. The Animal Services team had to develop a plan to rescue the chimp and transport it to a location where it could be temporarily cared for.

Overall the drill was very successful, and the animal welfare agencies tested how they work together to provide the best emergency response for large and small animals during any kind of disaster situation.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

PAWED adoptions:

* Every Sat., 9:30 a.m.- noon
El Dorado County
Animal shelter
*Every Third Sunday,
Noon – 3p.m.
Bark Avenue, El Dorado
Hills

May 28-30

Hangtown Kennel Club
Dog Show
El Dorado County Fair-
grounds
Placerville

June 4 7:30 am – 1:00 pm

Sacramento SPCA
Doggy Dash
William Land Park
Info: 916-383-7387

June 11 5:00-8:00 pm.

PAWED's Furry Friends
Fiesta for PAWED
members
El Dorado Pet Club
Training Center

June 11 5:00-10:00 pm.

MOOO's & Rockin'
BAAA'Lues
HartSong Ranch,
Greenwood
Music-Beer-Wine-Food \$10
Info: 530-887-1263

June 18 10:00 am.- 4:00 pm.

CBS Radio Pet-A-Palooza
Rusch Park
Citrus Heights

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

SOS! These are DESPERATELY needed now as kittens are coming into the shelter every day and existing foster homes are filling up! If you can help, please call:

El Dorado County Animal Services shelter
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