



PAWED PRINTS



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

Newsletter

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PUPPIES SAVED BY LOVING FOSTER FAMILIES!

Why would anyone in their right mind turn their lives upside down just days before Thanksgiving by agreeing to foster eight week old puppies who were born at the El Dorado County Animal Shelter, and had never stepped foot in a house? Add to this picture the fact you're told you will have these puppies for a *minimum* of 8 weeks, through the three major holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years), because the puppies are in protective custody in a pending court case. Well, 5 wonderful families stepped up and took in the 8 eight-week old puppies and fostered them for over nine weeks, from just before Thanksgiving until the end of January. Without these foster families, the puppies would probably have been euthanized because being raised in a shelter environment exposes them to high risk of disease, and they would probably have been anti-social and unadoptable.

Here is one of their stories...

To be perfectly honest, when I was setting my alarm clock for a 3:30 am wake up call to take this little 8 week old puppy outside to go potty in the pouring rain...I did momentarily question my sanity and wondered what the heck my husband and I had done when we had committed to fostering this puppy for the shelter. The all black German Shepherd puppy we named Ryder did, on occasion, test our endurance, patience and ability to function with limited and interrupted sleep. But to imagine this sweet little puppy in the shelter 24/7 during the most formative days of their life was simply inconceivable. It wasn't a choice we pondered; it was something we had to do, if not for ourselves, for the wellbeing of this animal who was a victim of his mothers' circumstance and a victim of an irresponsible owner and backyard breeder.

So we brought Ryder home and began our journey of fostering another puppy for the county. What was different about Ryder was that he had only known life in a kennel, in the quarantine area at the shelter where he was born along with seven other brothers and sisters. He only saw shelter staff, Animal Services Officers and possibly a few volunteers. He had never been inside a house and never played in a yard. Shelter staff did the best they could to play with these puppies and give them attention, but there are always a lot of other animals there needing attention.

Ryder arrived to meet our two aussies (adopted from the shelter) who quickly became surrogate mothers. He spent his first night in a very large crate in our front room. He cried and howled missing his mother and siblings. He finally slept when we placed a very large stuffed bear in his crate. This bear became his security blanket and kept him company while he transitioned to life on his own. Ryder was very smart and bonded to us almost immediately. He spent his days playing with our dogs, exploring the yard and it's many interesting smells, tastes and unique inhabitants. He potty trained quickly, learned not to chase the two indoor kitties and found that the box of toys was his own personal treasure chest of things to chew, bite and chase. Ryder got his first bath and enjoyed playing with new dogs and meeting new people visiting our home.

After nearly 9 weeks of foster care, we received word that the judge awarded Ryder and his siblings to the county and that he would not be returned to his owner. Hooray!! By now he was a pretty well behaved and socialized young dog. We brought Ryder to the shelter to be neutered then brought him home for a last night with us. Within three days he was adopted by a local family who loves and adores him!

PAWED thanks the five families who devoted so much time and care to raise these eight puppies. We are very happy to report that all of them have found loving permanent homes!





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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
6101 Enterprise Drive
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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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Janet Kenneweg

Janet has been an active PAWED member and volunteer since 2005, has been a PAWED Board member for three years, and every successful PAWED fundraising event has Janet’s signature. Her organizational talent, fun loving spirit, and great ideas have been a significant contribution to our success! And you will find her and her son helping at the El Dorado county shelter every Christmas day—her birthday!



Janet and Dodger

Janet has worked in Community Recreation for 22 years. She currently is the manager of the El Dorado Hills Senior Center, which she loves, and previously worked as the Recreation Supervisor of the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD) for 14 years. She and a CSD co-worker founded Bark in the Park eight years ago at the suggestion of local veterinarian, Dr. Marvin Frace, and this event evolved and has now become PAWED at the Park.

Life in the foothills is shared with her husband of 33 years, Wayne and shelter cat, Kramer. Their son, Charlie attends CSU East Bay. Sadly, they lost their 13 yr. cockapoo, Dodger, last month. Janet’s “spare” time is filled with family and friends and many interests and hobbies, including cooking, attending plays, reading, playing table games, gardening, and playing in a handbell choir in Rescue! She also has raised several puppies for Canine Companions for Independence. Janet appreciates the friendship and camaraderie of PAWED members and says

“Animals in El Dorado County are very fortunate to have such a hard working, dedicated team of volunteers. Whether at a Board of Supervisors meeting, community event, PAWED meeting, helping with adoptions or cleaning litter boxes at the shelter, PAWED members work together with a common mission and vision and always seem to have fun doing so. I love being part of this energetic group!”

We are very fortunate to have Janet as an important part of our team---thank you Janet!!!!



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.



A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PET CARE

At the February 7, 2011 PAWED Annual Membership meeting, we were fortunate to have Angie Stamm, DVM, join us to discuss holistic veterinary care. Dr. Stamm obtained her veterinary degree from UC Davis Veterinary School in 2001 and became a certified veterinary acupuncturist from the Chi Institute of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine in 2002. She practiced in the Placerville area for five years as a mixed-animal veterinarian and since 2005 has practiced exclusively with small animals in both Sacramento and El Dorado Counties in Northern California. Dr. Stamm's passion is educating pet owners about optimal wellness through the use of nutrition, supplements, herbs and acupuncture. She is experienced in combining both Western and Eastern medical treatments. Though she prefers to rely heavily on nutrition, acupuncture and herbal medications for both well and ill patients, traditional drug therapies are also used when appropriate.

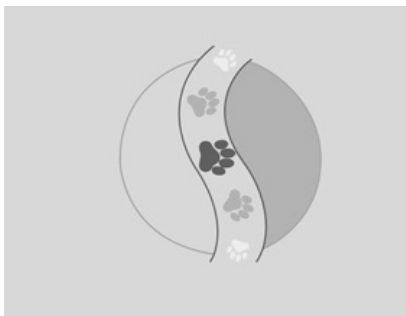
While we cannot do justice here to the comprehensive approach of holistic care, a few components include:

Acupuncture : Acupuncture is a scientifically-proven technique of rebalancing the body's energy using needle stimulation along energy pathways. Physiologic changes produced by acupuncture include improved circulation, release of neurochemicals including serotonin and endorphins, relief of muscle spasms, anti-inflammatory effects and immune system balancing. The American Veterinary Medical Association considers acupuncture a valid modality within the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery. Acupuncture is well-tolerated by most pets. In fact, many animals become very relaxed during and after their acupuncture treatment. For most conditions, it is recommended an initial treatment schedule of once weekly for 4-6 weeks. The frequency of treatments can then be reduced significantly for condition maintenance. Conditions that may benefit from acupuncture include musculoskeletal pain/arthritis pain, neurologic conditions such as Intervertebral disc disease and nerve paralysis, animals receiving chemotherapy, epilepsy, non-healing wounds, chronic renal failure, chronic vomiting, diarrhea or constipation, and allergies.

Herbal Medicine: Herbal medications aim to balance the body with respect to each individual's unique condition, rather than suppressing signs of disease. Though herbs can be slower acting than traditional drugs, they have the advantage of having fewer side effects. Herbs may be used in conjunction with or in place of traditional drugs, depending on the disease treated.

Examples of conditions that may benefit from herbal medications include allergies, arthritis, asthma/bronchitis, behavioral issues, cancer, chronic renal failure, chronic urinary tract infections, Cushing's disease, diabetes, epilepsy, inflammatory bowel disease and liver disease.

Dr. Stamm's presentation was extremely informative and interesting. For more information, contact Dr. Stamm, Meridian Veterinary Care, a mobile clinic specializing in natural holistic dog and cat care, (916) 342-1245 , info@meridianvetcare.com.





WESTERN SLOPE SHELTER - FEBRUARY 2011 UPDATE

After following the long history of the Western Slope Animal Shelter for more than six years, one thing is clear – this is a marathon; not a sprint. With property purchased in early 2006, a new permanent design completed in early 2009, the animal shelter continues to operate out of an undersized, 70 year old, worn out, rented building, four years after locating to the Placerville Drive temporary site.

We've yet to see progress on the Phase 1 construction (site improvements) approved by the Board of Supervisors in July 2010, but expect to see construction start sometime in 2011. Meanwhile, more advocacy efforts will be needed in the upcoming weeks as El Dorado County Board of Supervisors address the remaining 2011/12 fiscal year budget shortfall, after addressing part of the shortfall in November.

Shelter Project Advocacy – The Need Continues

The Board of Supervisors estimates it will begin, in April, to tackle the remaining \$6 to \$7 million of reductions needed to balance next year's budget. **The Board will once again need to hear from Shelter supporters that the project funds set aside for the permanent shelter be retained and only used for that purpose.** We know that the project funds will again be targeted by some who want to take these one-time funds to apply to the ongoing operating budget shortfall and that view will need to be countered. Quite simply: 1) ongoing County general fund revenues are projected to lag behind current expenditure levels for the foreseeable future; and 2) if ongoing cuts (i.e.: program reductions) are not made to bring general fund expenditures in line with revenues, the deficit grows dramatically in the years ahead. Spending funds saved for a capital project to shore up the operating budget doesn't solve the deficit and sets us up for a future problem – no funds left to pay for the completion of a much needed public facility.

Please communicate again with the Board of Supervisors by early April. For more information, project updates and a link to the Supervisors, visit the Animal Shelter Coalition's website at www.newshelternow.org.

THE 2011 PAWED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From left to right:

Back Row: Lisa Couper, DVM, Michael Damer, Janet Kenneweg, Bill Smith, Tracey Lindberg

Center Row: Rose Margolis, Lisa Van Dyke (and Rosie!) Kerry McBride

Front Row: Teri Mizuhara, Barbara Phillips, Charlene Welty





SPAY/NEUTER: A PAWED PRIORITY!

The spay/neuter of the thousands of unaltered pets in El Dorado County continues to be a top priority for PAWED. We are pleased to report two new activities that PAWED is undertaking in 2011:

Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic:

Our clinic continues to be used at the El Dorado County Animal shelter to spay/neuter all the adoptable pets for the Placerville and South Lake Tahoe shelters. Between January 27, 2009, when we began surgeries of the shelter animals, and December 31, 2010, 781 dogs/puppies, 1032 cats/kittens, and 64 other small animals have been altered in the clinic - a total of 1877 shelter animals! Helping to provide these services for the county shelters' animals has been our Phase I of clinic operation.

We are extremely excited to report that we are about to begin Phase II—which is providing services in several outlying communities in the county where there is a real need for affordable and accessible spay/neuter services. Thanks to the generous help of PAWED member, Kris Moore with the Divide Humane Society, Andy and Cheryl Anderson who own the local library building, and the volunteer assistance of Randy Robinson, DVM., **Georgetown** has been selected to be the first community! We hope to begin offering services there this Spring! Check our website and Facebook page for updated information!

Spay Day 2011: In honor of Spay Day, 2011, which was February 22, PAWED has issued 100 discount coupons for spay/neuter services. Coupons are available for \$25 discount for a dog, \$10 discount for a cat—limit two coupons per household. These coupons are available at Animal Outreach, the El Dorado County Animal Shelter, and the PAWED office, and are good for spay/neuter services provided at the Animal Outreach spay/neuter clinic from Febr. 22--April 22, 2011. We hope that many community residents will take advantage of this program and use the discount coupons to get their pets spayed/ neutered!



RELAX—YOUR HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE STILL WORKS!

By Lisa S. Couper, DVM

Last August two independent groups met to discuss apparent lack of efficacy (LOE) of traditional heartworm preventatives in the Southeastern US. The Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) and American Heartworm Society (AHS) panel concluded that, "Most credible reports of lack of efficacy (LOE) that are not attributable to compliance failure are geographically limited at this time. The extent of this problem is obscured by demonstrated lack of owner and veterinary compliance, possible changes in environmental/vector factors..."

What are we talking about here? The issue revolves around dogs in the Southeastern U.S. that have gotten heartworms "while on heartworm prevention." Experts were initially concerned that heartworms might be developing resistance to the current preventatives (ivermectin, selamectin and milbemycin). What they found is that in the vast majority of cases there was a demonstrable failure in the administration of the heartworm on the part of the owner either due to poor communication with the veterinarian, missed pills, increased dosing interval (longer than 1 month between doses) etc. The life cycle of the heartworm does not lend itself to the development of resistance but more information is needed.

Why are we hearing about this now? A new product was just released onto the market which is a bit different than the other heartworm preventatives. It utilizes a combination of the drugs imidacloprid and moxidectin. The comparative study they did appears to have been designed to make their product look good. The study succeeds in doing this. However the study involves a single administration of the preventatives not the repeat monthly doses used on our pets. The medication carries the warning: "For the first 30 minutes after application: Ensure that the dogs cannot lick the product from application sites on themselves or other treated dogs, and separate treated dogs from one another and from other pets to reduce the risk of accidental ingestion. " In potentially sensitive breeds like collies and corgies ingestion may result in coma and death. Also children should not contact application site for 2 hours.

What should you do? Keep giving your heartworm prevention on a regular monthly schedule year-round. Expect an annual heartworm test to make sure we are not experiencing something similar in our area. Talk to your own veterinarian. Keep apprised of the facts by reading more and following this topic at the web site for the American Heartworm Society.

<http://www.heartwormsociety.org/>



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A special thanks to the following who made a donation in lieu of gifts to the Birthday Bunch: Barb & Jeff Lee, Teri Mizuhara, Karen Nishimura and Charlene Welty. This Birthday Bunch fundraiser raised \$1,750 for the PAWED Spay/Neuter fund!

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Monday May 2, 7:00p.m.
 PAWED Membership Meeting
 County Administration Building A
 330 Fair Lane, Placerville

We are very excited that



will be our guest speaker and discuss dog problem behaviors and training techniques! WOOF!

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People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County

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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

March 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
PAWED Booth at

Cat Mulan's Mindful Musings Book Launch & Pet Awareness Event

The Market Place, 11395 Folsom Blvd
Rancho Cordova

April 30, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

National Pet Adoptathon

El Dorado County animal shelter
Placerville

May 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

PAWED membership meeting
County Administration Building
Special Guest Speaker: ***Uncle Matty!***
Dog problem behaviors and training techniques

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

SOS! There is always a huge need for foster homes! If you can help, please call:

El Dorado County Animal Services shelter
Tonya Ruffner or Sara Watkins
530-621-7631

Animal Outreach
Maggie Killackey
530-642-2287



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