



## People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County

*A nonprofit coalition of animal welfare groups and individuals committed to stop the killing of healthy, adoptable animals*

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PAWED's activities in 2001 were a great beginning toward achieving our mission to stop the killing of healthy, adoptable animals in El Dorado County! Here are some of the highlights:

- ❖ PAWED began special dog adoption events in April. Since then, **23 dog adoption events** were held for dogs from the Animal Control shelter and from the El Dorado Humane Society foster homes. These special adoption events were conducted at PETSMART in Folsom, Clifton and Warren in Placerville, the Pet Expo in Sacramento and the Animal Control shelter in Placerville. **A total of 45 dogs found new loving permanent homes** as a result of these efforts. Home visits and follow up phone assistance were provided by the PAWED President and other volunteers to insure that these dogs were placed in good homes and that any questions/problems were addressed immediately. It is hoped that we will have enough volunteers to start cat adoption events in 2002!
- ❖ Painted the cat room at the Animal Control shelter. It looks great and the cats & kittens (and sometimes rabbits!) love their lilac walls, sky with clouds ceiling and new cat print curtains!
- ❖ A new water heater and sink were installed at the El Dorado Humane Society cat shelter, and some needed electrical work was completed.
- ❖ Began a volunteer program to routinely exercise dogs at the Animal Control shelter and to make written notes about their disposition and activity level. These notes really help when people are considering the dog for adoption! Volunteers signed up for specific days each week, and as of December, dogs were getting out to exercise almost every day. This is so important for the well being of these dogs—which helps them get adopted!
- ❖ Implemented a “Collar-Up” campaign to make sure all dogs that are adopted through PAWED have identification. Members donated many new collars and PAWED purchased temporary tags—so now each dog that is adopted gets a beautiful new collar and tag!
- ❖ Distributed literature and discussed the importance of the spay/neuter of pets at all adoption events.

- 🐾 Dog and cat toys, beds, food, collars, leashes, and crates were received by PAWED from PETsMART and donated to the Animal Control shelter and El Dorado Humane Society cat shelter & dog foster homes. A dog gurney was donated to PAWED from UC Davis Veterinary Hospital and we gave it to Animal Outreach to assist them with the spaying/neutering of large dogs.
- 🐾 Participated in the first meeting of a committee to propose county ordinance changes regarding the number of dogs allowed on individual property. Currently the El Dorado County ordinance limit is 4 dogs per property. PAWED is advocating for changes—especially one that would allow more than 4 dogs for approved foster homes, since these dogs are only temporary residents on the property.
- 🐾 Advocated for the Board of Supervisors to allocate community enhancement funds for new shelters at Lake Tahoe and Placerville. A total of \$880,000 was allocated for a new Lake Tahoe shelter and \$125,000 was allocated to begin a trust fund for a new Placerville shelter!
- 🐾 Our logo, mission statement and goals were developed and a checking account and post office box were opened. We started the year with \$400 in our account and ended it with \$966.
- 🐾 Developed a PAWED color brochure. It is a great addition to our public awareness materials! We also developed a fact sheet that provides information about all the shelters on the Western Slope, including their function, location, hours of operation and directions.
- 🐾 PAWED T-shirts were designed and are now being worn by many PAWED members with pride—a great way to help identify our group!
- 🐾 Developed a Power Point presentation on PAWED to use for public meetings and speaking engagements.
- 🐾 Information on PAWED and dogs available for adoption was featured on Channel 31 in October and in the Mountain Democrat in November.
- 🐾 The PETsMART “Santa Claws” event was a big success. We provided volunteers for Santa, the photographer, and assistants and PETsMART provided everything else. Customers and their pets posed for a holiday photo with Santa Claws, and five dollars from each photo was donated to PAWED. We raised about \$500 for PAWED from this special event. (These funds are not included in our year-end bank account total, as they have not yet been received.)
- 🐾 As of December 31, 2001, PAWED had 33 members. We may be a small group, but have already made a great difference in the lives of many pets!