



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 in El Dorado county*
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PAWED's activities in 2003 were significant steps toward achieving our mission to stop the killing of healthy, adoptable animals in El Dorado County! Here are some of the highlights:

- ❖ PAWED held and/or participated in **30 adoption events** for pets from the El Dorado County Animal Control (EDAC) shelter in Placerville. These special adoption events were conducted at PETsMART in Folsom, at several community events, and at the Animal Control shelter in Placerville. **A total of 60 dogs and 3 rabbits found new loving permanent homes** as a result of these efforts! Home visits and follow up phone assistance were provided for the adoptions to insure that they were placed in good homes and that any questions/problems were addressed immediately.
- ❖ PAWED members, Ken and Judi Hill, generously donated \$10,000 to the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department to purchase six bullet-proof vests for the canine unit. Their donation was made through PAWED. Until this donation was made, the canine unit had no protection. The vests were custom made to fit each dog, and they are now proudly wearing them.
- ❖ Launched campaign to raise \$1,000,000 by December 2004 to help build/equip a new animal shelter in El Dorado County.
- ❖ Distributed three PAWED newsletters, which resulted in a significant increase in new PAWED members and donations.
- ❖ Began a new activity to publicize shelter pets. PAWED members took photos, wrote pet descriptions and sponsored the Adopt A Pet ad and Pet of the Week ad each week in the Mountain Democrat newspaper. These ads have proven very successful for increasing shelter pet adoptions.
- ❖ Conducted free dog training classes each month at the Cameron Park Library for people who adopted a dog from PAWED or the EDAC animal

shelter. These classes were well attended and PAWED received many comments that the classes significantly helped with a better understanding of dog training techniques using positive reinforcement.

- ✔ PAWED had a booth at several community events where shelter dogs were available for adoption and pet care and PAWED literature were distributed . These events included the El Dorado County Home and Garden show in Placerville, the Cameron Park Lake Summer Spectacular, the Pet Adoptathon in Placerville and the Bark in the Park event in El Dorado Hills.
- ✔ Established a separate Medical Fund to help pay for necessary medical care of shelter animals.
- ✔ Purchased and donated needed pet supplies and food to all four animal shelters in the county.
- ✔ Purchased and donated, with the Hangtown Kennel Club, a \$1,500 new treatment table for the EDAC shelter.
- ✔ Initiated a fund raising campaign to purchase needed dog beds for the EDAC shelter. Purchased and donated twenty-two new beds, costing \$1,300. This effort will continue in 2004.
- ✔ Assisted the EDAC shelter in continued development of a volunteer program, and conducted 4 volunteer orientation sessions. This resulted in 25 new trained volunteers for the shelter!
- ✔ Made an educational presentation to GATE students at Schnell School in Placerville. This presentation included information on how to choose the right kind of pet, the care of pets and dog training techniques.
- ✔ PAWED was instrumental in reuniting a shelter dog with its owner, after the dog had been missing for one year! This story was featured on the front page of the Mountain Democrat newspaper and several television reports.
- ✔ The PETsMART “Santa Claws” event was a big success again this year. 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, and five dollars from each photo was donated to PAWED. We raised about \$180 for PAWED from this special event.
- ✔ PAWED’s net bank account funds increased 30 % in 2003!
- ✔ As of December 31, 2003, PAWED has 76 members. This is over a 100% increase from the 37 members that we had at the end of 2002!