

PAWED

People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County

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PAWED members, volunteers and donors continued efforts to save and improve the lives of companion animals, and here are some of the highlights:

- ✎ **PAWED mobile spay/neuter and disaster response clinic began operation to spay/neuter shelter animals!** In late January, the PAWED mobile clinic started use at the county animal shelter in Placerville to spay/neuter shelter animals from the Placerville and Lake Tahoe county shelters. The delivery of these services has been done through a partnership between PAWED, Animal Outreach and the county. Surgeries were done every Tuesday, and between February 1 and December 31, a total of **884** animals were spayed/neutered (343 dogs, 515 cats and 26 rabbits)! This has been an extremely successful partnership to-date and we estimate that it has saved the county over \$20,000 compared to their cost of surgeries in 2008!
- ✎ **Held 45 adoption events** to find homes for pets from the El Dorado County Animal Services (EDAS) shelter in Placerville. These events were generally held at the county shelter each Saturday morning or at other locations in the community. **A total of 72 dogs and 48 cats found new permanent homes as a direct result of these adoption events.** It is estimated that many other pets were adopted as a result of PAWED efforts advertising them and referring people to the shelters, and PAWED volunteers and foster parents adopting, however we have no way of quantifying this number. Follow up phone assistance was provided to adopters to insure that any questions/problems were addressed immediately. In addition, several inappropriate potential adoptions were stopped due to screening by PAWED volunteers.



A few of the hundreds of pets fostered by PAWED volunteers

- ✔ **PAWED volunteers provided thousands of hours as foster parents** caring for hundreds of county shelter pets in their homes. Foster care provided a lifeline for these animals who were too young to be adopted, or had health or behavior problems and the shelter did not have space or resources to care for them. One very dedicated PAWED volunteer fostered 33 dogs during the year. All these dogs had mild to serious behavior problems which she worked patiently to correct, and all were adopted!
- ✔ **Continued taking weekly “Adopt A Pet” ad photos** to advertise adoptable pets at the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter and at the Animal Outreach cat shelter. These photos and descriptions continue to be very effective in bringing people to the shelters to adopt.
- ✔ **Provided PAWED trained volunteers** to assist the county shelter with cage cleaning, dog exercising and socialization on holidays when the shelter was closed, and also when the shelter was filled with 68 dogs and cats that were confiscated due to serious neglect by a hoarder.
- ✔ **Assisted the El Dorado County Animal shelter in Placerville and the Animal Outreach spay/neuter clinic in Diamond Springs** by providing funds to purchase much needed equipment such as fencing for a new dog exercise area, Woods lamp to screen animals for ringworm, new cat cages, and an electronic dog scale.
- ✔ **Provided funds from the “shelter pet medical fund”** to assist in the costs of medical care needed by several county shelter pets.
- ✔ **Assisted several low income community residents** with the cost to spay/neuter their pets through programs established with Sierra Animal Hospital for Spay Day and with Animal Outreach.
- ✔ **Public Education and Outreach:**
 - Staffed PAWED booths at the following community events: El Dorado Hills Art and Wine Affair, El Dorado County Animal Services Pet Adoptathon, El Dorado Nursery Plant-a-Palooza, Bark Avenue grand re-opening, and National Night Out.
- ✔ **Sponsored and held Woofstock event** at the El Dorado Hills Community Services District park. This year for the first time, the PAWED Furry Friends Walk and the El Dorado Hills CSD Bark in Community Park events combined into one Woofstock event. It is estimated that over 1,000 people and their dogs attended this fun day, which raised \$4,000 for our mobile clinic.
- ✔ **Distributed four PAWED quarterly newsletters**, which informed our members and donors about PAWED activities and resulted in new PAWED members and increased donations.
- ✔ **Responded to 251 phone calls and 37 emails to the PAWED office** from community residents regarding a wide variety of pet related questions.
- ✔ **Made administrative improvements** of PAWED website at www.pawedpets.org, voice mail and PAWED bookkeeping system. Also began a new PAWED email system.
- ✔ **Held Open House** in April to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the opening of the PAWED office. 2010 will mark the 10th Anniversary of the formation of PAWED as a nonprofit organization in the community!
- ✔ **Began CARS program** where vehicles can be donated to benefit PAWED.
- ✔ **As of December 31, 2009, PAWED had 239 members!**