

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:

- ✎ **The PAWED Mobile Spay/Neuter and Disaster Response Clinic continued operation to spay/neuter shelter animals.** The PAWED mobile clinic continued to be used 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 for 2010 a total of **993** animals were spayed/neutered (438 dogs, 517 cats and 38 other small animals)! This brings the total to **1877** shelter animals altered since clinic operations began in Febr. 2009, and we estimate that it has saved the county over \$20,000 each year, compared to their cost of surgeries in 2008 when private veterinarians were contracted for these surgeries.
- ✎ Began planning for the provision of low cost and accessible spay/neuter services in **outlying communities with our mobile clinic.** It is expected that the first such service will be provided in Georgetown beginning in the Spring of 2011!
- ✎ The **California Veterinary Medical Board** conducted it's first inspection of our mobile clinic, and PAWED received approval for meeting their requirements.
- ✎ **Celebrated PAWED's 10th Anniversary at PAWED at the Park** at the El Dorado Hills Community Services District park. For the first time, PAWED sponsored and conducted the entire event. It is estimated that over 1,000 people and their dogs attended this fun day, which raised \$7,800 for our mobile clinic!
- ✎ **Held 50 adoption events** to find homes for pets from the El Dorado County Animal Services (EDCAS) shelter in Placerville. These events were held at the county shelter each Saturday morning or at other locations in the community. **A total of 101 shelter pets (68 dogs, 26 cats and 7 other small animals) found new permanent homes as a direct result of these adoption events.** Additionally, many other shelter and community pets were adopted as a result of PAWED's advertising through flyers, social media, referrals to local shelters, and foster parent adoptions, and these are not accounted for in the totals above. Trained PAWED adoption volunteers also counseled many families--to insure appropriate adoptions and to avoid inappropriate adoptions.



A few of the many shelter animals fostered by PAWED members and then adopted to good homes!

- ✔ **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 those 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 30 dogs during the year. All these dogs had mild to serious behavior problems which she worked patiently to correct, and all were adopted!
- ✔ Continued advocating for the **new county animal shelter project**, including attending and speaking at several Board of Supervisors meetings and joining and supporting the efforts of the Animal Shelter Coalition for El Dorado County.
- ✔ Established a PAWED “Western Slope Shelter **Capital Campaign Committee**” to explore ways to raise funds in the community to assist with the building of the new county animal shelter.
- ✔ **Continued taking weekly “Adopt A Pet” ad photos** to advertise adoptable pets in the Mountain Democrat at the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter and at the Animal Outreach cat shelter. *PAWED also pays to advertise to support this ad.* 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 dog and cat socialization on holidays when the shelter was closed, and also when the shelter was short staffed or needed additional assistance.
- ✔ **Provided funds from the “shelter pet medical fund”** to assist in the costs of medical care needed by several shelter pets.
- ✔ **Assisted several low income community residents** with the cost to spay/neuter their pets through Animal Outreach. PAWED pays Animal Outreach directly for all, or a portion of the costs for these surgeries, depending on the resident’s ability to pay. This year we spent \$1,370 to assist in the cost to spay/neuter 29 pets (17 dogs, 12 cats).
- ✔ Improved and increased PR for our **CARS program**, and received proceeds from the donation and sale of five vehicles (including a boat!) as a result.
- ✔ **Public Education and Outreach:**
 - Staffed PAWED booths at the following community events: Dog Expo (Sacramento), El Dorado County Animal Services Pet Adoptathon (Placerville), El Dorado Nursery Plant-a-Palooza (Shingle Springs), Bark Avenue Splash Dogs (El Dorado Hills), El Dorado County Library Dog Adoption Day (Placerville), Girl’s Night Out (Placerville), Cool Pets & Supply Grand Opening (Cool), and Sweetie Pie’s Restaurant “Dine with Your Canine” (Placerville). Also staffed booths at various community locations to gather signatures on petitions for the new animal shelter.
- ✔ **Began Constant Contact email, Facebook and Twitter** social media to increase communication with our members and others interested in PAWED.
- ✔ **Distributed four PAWED quarterly newsletters**, which informed our members and donors about PAWED activities.
- ✔ **Responded to 175 phone calls and 428 emails** to PAWED from community residents regarding a wide variety of pet related questions.
- ✔ **Continued to improve PAWED website** at www.pawedpets.org, including the addition of the PAWED clothing items on the PAWED Store page.
- ✔ **As of December 31, 2010, PAWED had 270 members!**