

# High Desert Humane Society

## SOCIETY NEWS

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Lobby opens at 8:30 Tuesday - Saturday. Animal Viewing begins at 11:00

### REMEMBRANCE HELD TO BENEFITS FELINES

A remembrance to honor Bruce Helmig was held August 13th . Mr Helmig held a soft spot in his heart for the cats in our care at the High Desert Humane Society. Family and friends hosted this event to allow donations in Mr Helmig’s name to be used to help install new cage wire on our outside kitty play area.

We would like to thank everyone who donated money for this cause as you raised over \$500.00.



### BE ACTIVE!!!! GET MOVING!!! By Alice Boyden

That’s the battle cry for a healthy lifestyle. Some people go to the gym. Most days I grab a collar and leash and consult my fitness specialists, the dogs up for adoption at the High Desert Humane Society. Levon, a boxer pup, makes sure I get my cross country cardio up and down the trails out on Boston Hill. Pablo, the Italian Greyhound, gives me sprints around the dog walk on the shelter grounds. Lady Flea and Colleen, two mature Chihuahuas want me to keep a steady pace with time out for a snuggle in the shade. The tail wags encourage me to do my best. You can consult these fitness specialists and many more Tuesday through Saturday between 11:00 and 5:00. Get moving! Walk a shelter dog!

Below is Alice with Thor



Check out our adoptable animals online at; Adopt a Pet, Petfinders, Facebook and The Grant County Beat

### FOOD DONATION

Recently Tanya Potts , shown right, celebrated her birthday. Instead of asking for presents at her party she asked her friends to bring donations of cat and dog food for the animals in our care.

Thank you Tanya That was very thoughtful and kind of you..

The Humane Society is always in need of cat and dog food donations. This time of year we run short of dry puppy and kitten chow. Gift cards are welcome.



### *With Appreciation*

Thank you for your monetary and in-kind donations to the High Desert Humane Society. With your support we can continue to feed, house and care for the animals in our shelter. Thank you also to the many volunteers who give of their time to help support events, socialize animals, work around the shelter and at Our Paws' Cause Thrift Shop and assist with public awareness and education. Thank you, dog walkers, for continuing to help exercise and socialize our furry friends. Thanks also to the volunteers who come to play with our feline friends, you brighten their days in so many ways! We have many folks who stop in to just say hello and drop off some blankets, toys, towels or pet food. Some stay and visit awhile with the animals and others must hurry on their way. Thank you, the little things you do mean a great deal to our facility. We appreciate that you think of us throughout the year. And a very special thanks to those folks who come to the shelter to search for and adopt a furry friend to share in their life.

*Ace Hardware, Albertsons, Nicole Aguilar, Jim Alexander, Amazon Smile, Arenas Valley Animal Clinic, Bill/Diane Armstrong, Marc/Susan Bartlett, Shirley Bentsen, John Bertoldo, Jan/John Bever, Alice Boyden, Cynthia Bridgeman, Sue Burfiend, Bob Cates, Michelle Dawn Caulfield, Margaret Cejka, Tip/Mary Cowan, Dee Cruzan, Carole Decker, Sophia Lea/Judy Decker, Anne Delfin, Michelle Diaz, Thomas/Jacqueline Dodds, Alicia Edwards, Jack Ellis, Family Dollar Store, Cara Foster, Fowler Brothers, Freeport Mac Mo Ran, William/Debra French, Katherine Garcia, Gila Animal Clinic, Dolores Goughnor, Griffins Propane, Sarah Guck, Carol Hall, Ronald Hanson, Bruce Helmig, Drs Tom/Robin Hines, Dr Hal/Florence Hopson, Jessica Lynn Johnson, Sylvia Lemmon, Marq Levesque, Mandy Lilla, Ricardo Lopez, Gwen Lyndsong, Connie Maran, Albert/Elizabeth Martinez, Alexandra Maus, Lisa Mills-Wilson, Donna Mavin, Damie Nelson, Michael Nicolai, Caitlyn Nummerdor, Dana Nupp, Susan Porter, Jeff N Puhara, Delmar Rose, Rowena Runyan, Susan Sedlack, Silver City Food Co-Op, Julian Sin, David Strapp, Silver Tabor, James/Carol Tanzola, Connie Teague, Town and County Vet Clinic, Ruben Udero, Scottye Wallace, Helen Wilson, Dean Wilson.*

## Shop at Our Paws' Cause Thrift Shop

### Support our Halt A Litter Today program.

Open Wednesday -Saturday from 10 to 2 at 108 N Bullard. Thanks go all the volunteers who make our shop a success, what a great group of caring folks you are.

Donations of gently used resale items are always needed and may be dropped off during business hours. House wares such as pots, pans, cooking utensils, glassware along with knick knacks, collectables sell very well. The shop has very little storage space so if you have a large amount of items to bring please call Mary at 538-2626.

Kitten and puppy season is upon us. Please take advantage of our H.A.L.T. spay and neuter program. We will help anyone with the cost of surgery, regardless of income, with up to four companion animals per year, per household. It's simple, make an appointment with your local vet then stop by our facility to pick up a coupon. Coupons on average cover about half the cost of surgery.

In the first half of 2016 we issued coupons totaling more than \$23,000.00 in assistance monies to companion animal owners of Grant County.



Thank you to all the area residents for supporting this important program. By donating and shopping at Our Paws' Cause Thrift Shop your money stays right here in Silver City

October .... Store wide shoe sale.

November ..... Dinner sets on sale.



## White Signal 4-H Club

Recently members of the White Signal 4-H club stopped in for a visit bringing lots of food and goodies for the animals here at our shelter. Shown below is Raelynn Moon, Connor Mc Daniel, Aidan Mc Daniel, Madi Jackson, Sarah Gardner, Lizzy Mc Donald, Sam Mc Donald, Thomas Mc Donald, Oliva Mc Donald and Hannah Miller. Thank you all so very much for caring about our animals, and thank you to club leader Lori Moon for all the time you spent with this group.



## Girl Scouts of Silver City do some Baking

Thanks go to all the girl scouts who donned a chef's hat to make homemade doggie biscuits for us . The dogs loved the cookies and all the attention.



## Listen to our local radio stations for news and updates

Gila Mimbres Community Radio KURU 89.1 invites you to your favorite table and a little "Local Flavor". On Wednesdays from 8-10 am with Paula Geisler and Thursdays, same time with PJ Rowboski. Local Flavor offers getcha going tunes, local events, interviews, weather updates and low downs on goings on about town. Once a month, generally on the 3rd Thursday, Humane Society Board President Heidi Ogas joins PJ and together they talk about and describe some of the dogs and cats currently up for adoption at the shelter. Tune in and have some fun with us! Thank you GMCR for all your support.

Below are PJ Rowboski and Paula Geisler



## Blessing of the animals for all God's creatures.

Gough Park, Saturday, October 1st 2016, 10am—2pm.  
Sponsored by the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepard  
Blessing Given By  
Father Paul Moore and other community clergy.  
BBQ lunch available from Brewer Hill Baptist Church



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## Meet the Board of Directors

By Victoria York

We thought this would be a good time to let everyone know some things about our board of directors here at the High Desert Humane Society. There are currently ten active members, who meet monthly. This meeting is very important to all of us, and is rarely missed. We all have our own projects and duties, usually determined by where we fit into things. All of us work well together, but usually it is a few of us working on each project. That way none of us gets too much piled on our plate at once, except for Heidi, our president, who seems to be involved in everything! We love her for that.

Currently we are welcoming back Ray Davis, and Jeanine Jones, who took some time off. We would also like to announce two new board members, Sherwood Nance and Alice Boyden.

In future newsletters we plan on focusing on individual members with photos and details of their activities on our board.

Heidi Ogas -President of the Board, stated—I have been on the board for 11 years. As to her favorite things she replied visiting the dogs and cats is definitely high on my list but the thing I enjoy the most is talking to the public about all the wonderful things we do to help animals and their owners.

Alice Boyden who has only been on the board for two months says” My favorite activity is helping at the shelter. I love walking the dogs and playing with the cats. They sometimes ask me to work with the very shy dogs and cats. It’s fun to see them come out of their shell.”

Jeanine Jones– Broyle said “I’m not sure but I think my time on the board is between 1 1/2 - 2 years. Adoption days and blessing of the animals are my favorite activities plus visiting the shelter and giving each animal some positive attention. Three of our furry four legged family members have been adopted from High Desert. Everywhere I have lived I’ve been involved in rescue, spay and neuter, and adoption. I believe that I am the winner in these relationships because I learn from each pet's personality.”

Victoria York says “ I have been on the board over fifteen years. One of the things I enjoy most is working as a docent at the shelter. That way I can help name the cats, and help people make appropriate decisions on adoptions.

Grant Gose –Treasurer says he has been on the since about 1999 and he says his favorite thing about being on the board is fixing things.

Other board members include; Mary Cowan—Secretary, James Ed Hughs, and Dr Clay Allred ex officio. We will share their thought in future newsletters.