

SOCIETY NEWS

High Desert Humane Society

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Lobby open Tues- Fri. 8:30 to 5:30 Sat. 8:30 to 5 pm. Animal viewing begins at 11:00

Closed Sunday and Monday

Dedicated Dog Walkers



Shown left are Alice Boyden, Victoria Gallop and Barbara Ashby, with Gino. These three ladies come almost every day to give all of our adoptable dogs some exercise and socialization. Thanks gang for all your hard work.



Check it Out !

Our New Sign is up on the corner of Cooper and Cougar Way



Don't forget our monthly reduced rate Vaccination Clinics

The second Saturday of each month we host a no appointment needed vaccination clinic from 9 to noon.. Rabies for a cat or dog is just \$10.00. Dog Distemper Combo \$20.00, Feline Combo \$18.00. Microchips \$25.00. It's a fast and easy way to protect your pet. Above right Dr Mary Cowan fills out paperwork for a proud new puppy owner.

La Plata Class

Students of Mr Shay's eighth grade class from La Plata Middle School were dropped off by Corre Caminos for a visit.

Steve Dunlap and Ms Stephanie chaperoned while students toured the facility and walked some pets.

Thanks for the visit, come back again.



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. Thanks 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 as well as assist with public awareness and education. Dog walkers, we are grateful for your 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 a while 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.

Francisco Acevedo, Vicki Allen, Robert/Kyle Anne Allgood, Amazon Smile, Neal Apple, Arenas Valley Animal Clinic, Michael Barnes, Diane Barrett, Donald/Lawana Beem, Stephanie Bennett, Jed Bootzin, Cathie Bower, Cynthia Bridgeman, Susan Coe Brown, Wayne Brown, Sue Burfiend, Mike Burns, Alejandro Candelaria, Travis Cano, Martha Carpenter, Theresa Carr, EP Carson, Roger Lynn Chumbly, Raphael Clancy, Ellen Cline, Heather Claussen, Darlene Coleman, Merrill Cook, Tip and Mary Cowan, Ira Craig, Henry Cwieka, Dandelion Wish, LD Daugherty Trust, Brian Davis, Frances R Dayley, Cathy Decker, Anne /Anthony Delfin, Pauline Dempster, Sandy Ficin, Freeport McMoRan, Josie Frost, Theresa Galton, Katherine Garcia, Samantha Garcia, Carolyn Garnsey, David/Lola Garratt, Gila Animal Clinic, Jean Graham, Sandra Griffin, Cody Guiller, Sally Brown Hagel, Carole Hall, Paula Harrison-Giesler, Mike Head, Phillip Hickson, Drs Robin/Tom Hines, Ruth Holzwarth, Jack/Kathryn Howell, Melissa Jaramillo, Dennis Jensch, Mark Johnson, Linda Jones, JR Keeling, Vickie Kelman, Terry/Gail Kinter, Calista Knight, Jerry/Lisa Laws, Bo/Tanya Laws, MA Leck, LICT Corporation, Lora Lisbon, Kristen Lungren, Sherri Lyle, Victoria MacDonald, Janet/Eric Madsen, Maddies Fund, Kathleen Maley, Manzanita Ridge, Linda Marchan, Alexandra Maus, Kevin Maynez, Erin Miller, Alfred/Patricia Milligan, Lisa Mills-Wilson, Mis Amigos, Barbara Mora, Carol Morrison, P Morrison, Mountain Ridge Ace Hardware, Rita Mundine, Mary Alice Murphy, Michele Murry, Damia Nelson, New Mexico Mutual, Dana Nupp, Michele Ormand, Pinos Altos Plumbing, Mary Peterson, PNM Matching Funds, Jason/Roxann Randal, Floyd Robertson, Kerrie, Robertson, Victoria Rodriguez, Richard Ruston, Ric/Rosemarie Samulski, Kathryn Schmid, Donald Seattle, Boyd Shattuck, Silver City Food Co-Op, Silver City Red Hat Roadrunners, Helen Shoup, Hector Sosa, Rachel Spain, Cheryl Speir-Phillips, Silver Tabor, Barbara Jean Tegge, Town and Country Vet Clinic, Rena Turner, United Country Mimbres Realtors, Melissa Vasquez, Eugene Vogel, Scottye Wallace, Todd Whitfield, Harry Williamson, Helen Wilson, Foster/Virginia Witthauer, Charles Wolf, Dr Eric/Victoria York, Dave Young, Rebecca Young.

Thank you for an outstanding job to the crew that takes care of our monthly vaccination clinics, Donna Samuels, Heidi Ogas, Mary Cowan, Ellen Cline, Lyla Howell, Alice Boyden & June Decker

Adoptable Pet Ads

We now have several ways for adopters to see and hear what is currently available in our facility. Thanks to many sponsors and photographer Dana Carlsen, The Desert Exposure will be running a half page ad each month beginning in April. Animals are also available for viewing on The Grant County Beat. Smith Realtors is sponsoring an ad in the Independent, listen to KURU every 3rd Thursday for pets, visit our Facebook page to see photos and videos, and you can tune in to CATS TV cable channels 17,18 & 19 to watch our pet videos and to see our monthly Animal Care and Control 101 shows. Also go online to Petfinders or Adopt a Pet to see not only our animals but also other adoptable animals from this area.

Shop at Our Paws' Cause Thrift Shop Support our HALT (Halt A Litter Today) program.

Open Wednesday -Saturday from 10 to 2 at 108 N Bullard.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers and board members who run this wonderful shop. In 2016 the dedicated crew that runs this shop generated enough sales to provide spay and neuter assistance for over 900 area pets.

Our Thrift shop is always in need of volunteers. Hours are flexible and you can volunteer for as many days as you would like. Some helpers come just once a month while others work weekly.

Thank you to all the folks who shop locally and support this great program.



Give Grandly

**May 6th 8:30 am to 2:30 pm on
7th St by the Farmers Market**

Join the fun or volunteer to help, we will have a booth with some of our adoptable animals available for viewing.



Earth Day

April 22nd at Gough Park

More fun, we will have a booth set up during this year's celebration. Come join the fun or volunteer to pet sit some of the fine adoptable animals we will have on display.



Talk Given to Benefit

Area Residents about No Kill

All area residents were invited to attend a talk given by Board President Heidi Ogas. The talk explained what "No Kill" really is and how close we are. It was held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall on March 14, 2017

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) says that "No Kill" is a shelter in which animals are only euthanized when they are deemed unadoptable either because they suffer from an untreatable medical condition or have behavior problems that cannot be resolved. The HSUS also offers 5 primary steps that can be taken to reach No Kill. President Ogas talked about these 5 steps sighting difficulties with each one and what the High Desert Humane Society is doing to try to accomplish some of them. For instance, restricting intake. Because the Society is contracted by the City and the County to take in impounded and stray dogs and cats, they cannot limit their intake to adoptable animals only.

Another step is to trap, neuter and release or TNR. This is a very controversial issue and there are just as many for it as against it but regardless of which side you take, it is a violation of the current ordinances for Silver City and Grant County.

Increasing adoptions is one step that HDHS has really done well at. Over the last 16 years their adoption rate has doubled. Their current placement is twice the national average. President Ogas would love to see a foster program but it takes a lot of volunteers and not just ones that are willing to foster.

Animals returned to their owners has remained steady over the years but HDHS is hoping to see that increase with micro-chipping. All adopted animals are micro-chipped as part of the adoption fee and a reduced fee micro-chipping is offered at the shelter vaccination clinics.

The overall numbers of incoming animals have dropped greatly as well most likely because of the H.A.L.T. program. Halt a Litter Today offers financial assistance for spaying and neutering. In 2016, HALT helped spay and neuter over 900 animals in our community and that does not include adopted animals leaving the shelter.

Even with great accomplishments, there are still huge obstacles to overcome. In 2016 over 500 animals that came into the shelter were deemed unadoptable. A small number of animals were put down strictly due to overcrowding. Ogas hopes that the plan to build a new adoption center within the next ten years becomes a reality and will effectively address this issue.

To watch the entire talk go to our website highdeserthumane.org and look under videos. Or go to our FACEBOOK page.

Blues Festival

May 26th—28th, 2017 in Gough Park

Please remember that dogs are not allowed in the park during the Festival.

With the help of Silver City ACO Vickie Kelman there will be pet sitting available during the Saturday and Sunday daylight performances for those in attendance who are from out of town concert goers who arrive with animals.

The pet care center will be set up next to the City Annex.

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Cat Lady Column by Victoria York

This darling photo was made possible by Itsy, who serves as Sargent of Arms at our monthly board meetings.

She attends every board meeting with her owner Sherwood and makes sure we are all getting our work done in a timely manner! To her right is long time member of the board, Mary Cowan and on her left is Jeanine Jones-Broyles.

Mary Cowan has been on our Board of Directors for over seventeen years. I think she has done everything we could have hoped for and more. Here are part of her achievements.

Mary has served as President, Vice-president and Secretary many times through out the years. She is part of the nomination and new member committees. She actively is a part of the Emergency Response team that is on call should a situation such as a fire or flood threaten area residents and their pets. Each month she helps out at the reduced rate vaccination clinic held here at the Humane Society where she enjoys seeing the many different animals especially the Ger-



man Shepard puppies, her favorite breed. Every Wednesday she comes to the Humane Society to spend a few hours helping with the filing that needs to be done. She has also helped with our long range planning and foundation committees. Mary helped to establish the Our Paws' Cause Thrift Shop located at 106 N Bullard, which she feels is her most rewarding venture. This project funds the Humane Society's spay and neuter program and has returned over \$175,000 to our community in Halt A Litter Today coupons thanks to strong area support. Over the years Mary and husband Tip have adopted numerous cats and dogs from the Humane Society.

More on Jeanine at a later date.

