

# 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

### Rotary Club Donates Money



Recently the Rotary club held a dinner and silent auction. Money earned was donated to the High Desert Humane Society and will go into our building fund.

The Humane Society is actively seeking funding to build an additional building to house our adoptable animals

Shown left is Heidi Ogas, President of the Board, accepting a check for over \$3100.00 with Suzanne Kavanaugh and Mark Richards

Thank you to the Rotary club members and to the fine folks that attended the benefit. We appreciate your support.

### Kiwanis- Kid Bake Sale

Once again Mr. Duran's class held a bake sale during our shot clinic to help benefit the animals in our care. This year they earned over \$260.00. Thank you Mr. Duran and all your K-Kids that helped make this possible.



### Harrison Schmitt Field Trip

Every spring students from Harrison Schmitt School hike over to visit our animals and learn about the jobs that the local Animal Control Officers perform. Top left SC ACO Vicki Kelman, Grant Co. ACO Buddy Howard, Santa Clara ACO Shirley Wiegel with Holly prepare for kids. Top right, students examine and ask questions about equipment on animal control vehicles. And to the right, if I give just one good push I'll bet we can get one more kid in this cat room.

Thank you to the teachers and volunteers that make this field trip possible.



### 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, Arenas Valley Animal Clinic, Robert Becerra, Anthony Bencomo, Cathie Bower, Alice Boyden, Sue Burfiend, Theresa Carrara, E.P. Carson, Elizabeth Clark, Heather Claussen, Ellen Cline, Susan Coe, Paula Cooley, Mary Cowan, Cathy/Sophia Lee Decker, Anne/Anthony Delfin, Brian Etheridge, Christine Fairbanks, Lisa Fields, Evelyn Fitzgerald, Marilyn Fogelman, Katherine Garcia, T.O. Garner, Carolyn Garnsey, David/Lola Garratt, Patricia Geels, Gila Animal Clinic, Rebecca Glenn, Dorse Graves, Sandra Griffin, Rosemary/Marque Grinstead, Carole Hall, Shanna Hayes, JoAnne Davidson, Jeanine Jones, Kenneth Jones, Janie Katz, Joseph Kellerman, Dale/Marilyn King, Michele Ludwig, Paula Lynch, Manzanita Ridge, Diana Mason, Alexandra Mause, Chris McIntosh, Frank Merritt, Alfred/Patricia Milligan, Lisa Mills-Wilson, John Mooney, Mountain Ridge Ace Hardware, Mary Alice Murphy of Gran County Beat, Michael Nicolai, Dana Nupp, Eric Ockerhausen, Frank/Heidi Ogas, Archie Padilla, Rosie/Joe Placencia, Julie Pyron, Barbara Pyron, Kat Ramey, Barbara Richards, Kate Robertson, Donna Samuels, Sara Scales, Mary J Schad, Lynea Scott, Jay/Madge Siavec, Prairie Small, Rachel Spain, Betty Spencer, Peggy Spoffard, Anita Spurburg, Silver Tabor, Clifford Tavernier, Town and Country Vet Clinic, Town and Country Garden Club, Melissa Vasquez, Eugene Vogel, Wal Mart, Scottie Wallace, Frances Webster, Dennis Weller, E.D. Westmoreland, Linda Whitetrifaro, Harry Williamson, Lisa J Mills-Wilson, Peggy Wright, Judy Wuthrich, Victoria York, Becky Young

Thank you to Harry Williamson. Harry has been writing some great adoption success articles for the Independent and also posting some lovely adopt a pet pictures for us.



### NEED SOMETHING TO DO ON A HOT AFTERNOON?

This great group of people came out and formed a kitty bath assembly line. Our furry friends are extra fluffy now and they smell great.

Thank you !

**We are in need of blankets for the dogs, please no fluffy comforters.**

### 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.

If you would like to help make a difference for the animals of Grant County but find it difficult to come out to the facility, how about helping us earn money to support our H.A.L.T. spay and neuter program.

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 the patrons who shop locally and support this great program.



# Earth Day

## Thank you everyone!

We had lots fun, at our booth set up during this year's celebration. Volunteers Heidi Ogas, Jeanine Jones, Prairie Small, Alice Boyden and others came to pet sit some of the fine adoptable animals we had on display.



## Give Grandly

Many folks joined in to help support our facility or volunteered to help us during Give Grandly. Heidi Ogas set up a information booth, brought out some of our adoptable pets and even had a puppy petting pen for the smaller children. Thank you everyone who donated during this time we received over 2300.00 in donations. Shown above are a couple of our great volunteers, Alice Boyden on the left and Prairie Small thank you for all your help. .



## Blues Festival 2017

With the help of Silver City ACO Vickie Kelman, Justin Toney, Kat Ramey, Alice Boyden and Scott Hey we were able to offer pet sitting during the Saturday and Sunday daylight performances at this years Blues Fest

Dogs have not been allowed in the park for many years during the concert and several people from out of town took advantage of the service.

Thank you everyone and a special thanks Vicki and her number one helper Timmy for all their hard work.



## WNMU Early Childhood Development

Students of WNMU Early childhood Development recently held a food drive to help the cats and dogs in our care. Shown above left is Shelter Administrator Gigi Shoaf accepting donations from Raquel Placencio.

Thank you everyone for thinking of us and great job.



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## The Signs

by Heidi Ogas

Every pet owner knows all too well the difficulty we face when the time comes to let our beloved pet cross over. That is what we faced this last March

when **Sherlock** our Basset hound was suffering from what was believed to be a brain tumor. After he passed we were left with a huge hole in our family emotionally and physically. We knew the best thing was another dog so the search began for the right new addition. One that fits in with our family and our life style. I have always said you have to feel the connection and to decide with your head and not your heart. My heart tells me everyone needs to go home with me. We made several trips down to the Shelter looking at and walking various different sizes and colors and personalities. I have never been too caught up in specific breeds but I did mention to Gigi the Shelter Administrator that I had a Dachshund mix, Watusi, years ago and thought it would be fun to have one again. Questioning which dog was the right one, I prayed to the powers of the uni-



verse to give me strong signs to pick the right dog for us.

A few days later Gigi phoned and said she had received a call from a woman that had a little dachshund that she needed to rehome. I asked why she needed to rehome him and she said the little guy kept killing the woman's prize cockatiels. I found that interesting because Watusi, in one horrifying split second had dashed into my sister-in-law's home and pounced on their trained cockatiel fatally injuring it. Not holding instinct against either, and wondering if this was a sign, I got the woman's number and called her. We conversed, me asking more about the little dog and she asking questions to determine if we were acceptable parents. I told her that we had recently lost our basset hound and she said that she had a basset hound once and his name was **SHERLOCK**. My husband and I with our mouths a gape, quickly agreed that the signs were there. We needed to go meet this little guy so we headed out the door with our other dog in tow. The introduction went well and the connection happened. The signs were there that this little guy was meant to go home with us. Little Chapo has fit in quite well and brings lots of love to fill the empty space in our hearts. Sherlock is very missed but we begin another journey of creating more wonderful memories.

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