

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



WOW! THANK YOU STUDENTS

Look at all these neat dog toys made by students from WNMU. All the dogs and puppies have been enjoying chewing and tearing these up.



TIS THE SEASON FOR PARVO———PROTECT YOUR PET

Some Facts about Parvo

The Parvovirus first showed itself in dogs in the 1970s and has mutated at least twice since then. Currently we believe there is another mutation. These mutations can make the current vaccines somewhat ineffective.

The Parvovirus is everywhere regardless of how clean and sanitary. It can be carried on shoes, tires, wind, water and even insects. It is not only at every vet clinic, grooming salon and obedience school, it is probably in every park, school, shopping center and office in the world and in the right environment it can survive up to 6 months.

Dogs of all ages can become sick from the Parvovirus. However puppies that no longer have their maternal antibodies and immature immune systems are the most susceptible. Parvo may kill some dogs and leave others unscathed. And some may get a touch of parvo and come through just fine.

Vaccinations help build a dog's immunity to the virus but are not a guarantee. Vaccinations are recommended beginning at 8 weeks of age and then 3-4 more boosters 30 days apart. In addition, the dog should receive a booster every year.

For more information go to <https://pets.webmd.com>

Field Trips are So Much Fun



Students from the Early Childhood Development Center came out to bring treats and spend some quality time visiting and learning about the animals in our facility.

Thank you to the great teachers and helpers who help make these trips 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! 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.

Mark Alex, Jim Alexander, Clayton Allen, Delores Allen, Robin Alvarado, William Alveari, Felix Amador, Neal/Vicki Apple, Martha Aquan, Erik Amendariz, Arenas Valley Animal Clinic, Gabriel Arroyo, Monica Arvidson, Lennett Barde, Sally Barnes, Jaclyn Bartlett, Russell/Sharon Beamish, Deborah Bengel, Jon Bjornstad, Catherine Bower, Alice Boyden, Barbara Braddick, Lloyd Bradley, Irene Brewer, Gillian Brown Neil Brown, Sue/George Burfiend, Jean Burt Garrett Buxton, Alfonso Cabrera, Elliott Camacho, G. Campbell, Colleen Carlson Theresa Carr, Joe/Margaret Carrillo, Shyanne Carrillo, Melissa Castillo, Damon Cearley, Arturo Chavez, Audrie Chavez, Isaac Chavez, Elizabeth Clark, Leyla Coba, Joneen Cockman, Mary Collier, Michael Colon, Patricia Cordova, Shawna Coulson, Tip/Mary Cowan, Maggie Cregan, Jim Culberson, Bill Davis, Cathy Decker, Lynette Detz, Elizette Dominguez, Liz Dowell, April Duarte, Annie Duffy, Gina Duncan, Isaiah Edwards, Chloe Egge, Omar Felix, Richard Fielder, Bobbie Fisher, Gary/Adrianne Ford, Cara Foster, Nancy Franzblu, Denise Friedrick, Kyle Fullwood, Anita Galardo, Rita Garcia, Maurilio Gardano, Timothy Garner, Carolyn Garnsey, Gila Animal Clinic, Zavier Goodloe, Janice Gordon, Alexandria Gray, Michael Greenspan, Amber Grijalva, Carole Hall, Penelope Hamlin, Stevie Hawthorn, Daniel Herbison, Father Herman, Drs. Tom/Robin Hines, Ruth Holzwarth, Anthony Howell, Mildred Howlett, Nathan Jackson, Andrea Jaquez, Elizabeth Jaquez, Jean Johnson, Mark Johnson, Barbara Kauffman, Jeffery Keever, Wais Khairandish, Tierra Kiely, Zachary Killough, Dale/Marilyn King, David Krisch, Robert Krollman, Norman Kurtzman, La Plata Middle School, Ann LaRoe, Marie Leck, Laurie Leet, Sylvia Lemmon, Victoria Linehan, Michele Loeffler, Felicia Lopez, Tamara Lucas, Steve Lucero, John Mahl Sr., Virginia Manzano, Fernanda Marquez, Gloria Martinez, Jackie Martinez, Barbara Matson, Art McDonald, Nicoles Medina, Brianna Merino, Stevie Merriman, Don/Candy Milam, Cerinne Millar, Jessica Miller, Alfred/Patricia Milligan, Bernice Miranda, Gabrielle Montoya, Carolyn Moore, Heather Mora, Kathleen Murphy, Daniel Myers, Ken/Mary Nelson, Michael Nicolas, Lori Reed, Cynthia Oberlander, Vickie Ogas, Lauris Olson-Goll, JB/Marjorie Osheal, Domingo Pardo, Amber Pena, Angelica Peru, Michael Peterson, Marilyn Pipkin, Steve Price, Lou Probo, Elisa Ramirez, Cathy Masay, Red Hat Road Runners, Carla Reese, Aliyah Richards, Ardene/Christine Rickman, Jose/Rosa Rios, Bertha Rose Rivera, Anthony Rodwell, Rachael Rogers, Rodrick Rolfe, Marilyn Rosenbauer, Sharon Rowley, Heather Ryan, John/Kerry Ryder, Donna Samuels, Carol Sassaman, Zoey Savory, Kris Schanel-Newman, Daneen Shelly, Cody Shepard, Debbie Silva, Celine Simeone, Denise Smith, Don/Marchelle Smith, Rachel Sowers, Jean Spears, Kate Springer, Daniel Spurgeon, Connie Stemmerman, Nancy Stephens, Heather Stephens, Eric Storsohann, Jamie Strange, Nancy Sullivan, Tractor Supply, Clifford Tavernier, Town and Country Garden Club, Town and Country Vet Clinic, Karen Turner, Billie Turrieta, Dennis Vaughn, Barbara Vazquez, Benny Vega, Carmen Vendelin, Scotteye Wallace, Ron Wallace, Wal Mart, John Weaver, Austin Whitehead, Ashley Williams, Harry Williamson, Beth Wilson, Ana/Bob Wiseman, Kaityn Wolf, Elizabeth Wright, Peggy Wright, Roberta Zacharias, April Zambrano

Shop at Our Paws' Cause Thrift Shop

Support our HALT (Halt A Litter Today) Spay and Neuter program.

Open Wednesday -Saturday 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 here is a great option. Please consider helping us earn money to support our H.A.L.T. spay and neuter program by volunteering a few hours each month at our Thrift Shop. Proceeds from our Thrift Shop go to fund our HALT program. Many thanks to all the patrons of our Thrift Shop who not only donate resale items, but stop in to do some purchasing. Because of their dedication the Humane Society has been able to supply over \$39,000.00 in funds to help defray surgery costs for over eight hundred companion animals just this past year.



FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY

We have been busy improving and upgrading our facility.

Here is a shot of our new quarantine room that is under construction, complete with indoor/outdoor runs. This design will not only make the animals' stay with us more comfortable but is an added safety feature for our staff. We hope to have it completed and in use by early summer 2018.



A HAPPY NOTE TO SHARE WITH ALL

We see animals of all temperaments, attitudes and health issues come into our facility. Strays, impounded, or owner releases, they all have stories they cannot share.

We cannot save them all but we try our best to give those we think are adoptable a chance for a new family and a happy life. Sometimes though one comes in terrified, snappy and difficult to handle that just seems to have that special little spark that hollers "Give me a Chance." We try and oblige. This Visla mix was such a fellow, flighty and ready to run at every noise. Sam, one of our kennel staff, spent extra time, bribed with special treats till he would walk on a leash, then started long walks, front office visits and play time to build up his confidence.

Folks would call looking for a dog of his type and we would bring this fellow out full of hope but he just didn't seem interested in connecting with anyone.

One day we received an email from a family in Arizona that had in the past, had dogs of this breed and understood their temperament. They arranged to come for a visit and brought along their son. It was love at first sight. Necessary paperwork was completed and one happy dog, now named Arthur was escorted across the parking lot where he hopped into the family car like he belonged there. As his picture shows, we think he has found his special, forever home.



A big THANK YOU to the Wells Fargo group that came to play with some cats and puppies and walk dogs. Can you tell what day it was? I know our pets enjoyed it.

Thank you again to: Alycia Rodriguez, Veronica Rodriguez, Danielle Ogas, Frankie Ogas, Candence Ogas, Talitha Pail, Matthew Farley, Ezra Farley, Vickie Estorza, and Albert Myers.

THANKS A BUNCH, EARL A special “Thank You” to Earl Hopinthal, who undertook the massive job of removing the cat claw bushes at the north end of our property. All his hard work has our walking trails looking great as well as being much safer for the walkers and the bouncy dogs.

REPAIRS MADE

Heavy rains late last fall did a substantial amount of damage to our walking paths .

Shown right is Buddy Howard helping out with some of the repair work. Landscape timbers were installed to create barriers to help hold the dirt.

Crusher fines were then spread to even out the walking surface for our visitors and volunteer dog walkers.



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The Cat Lady's Column

By Victoria York

Dedicated to Malibu, the precious cat with a heart on her nose.

THE DEATH OF A PET



When someone loses a pet, their best friend and companion, I often hear them say "I am not ready yet for another one." What do they really mean? Will they ever be ready? Is it that we somehow feel by getting another friend that we don't love the one we lost? How can we forget that beautiful soul just because another lives with us? Those of us who have loved and lost many pets know the answers to all of these questions. We cannot and do not wish to replace the one we lost. What we NEED to do is go and save another life, give someone else a chance to expand our heart.



So, share that love that you have by giving a shelter animal a new home and a second chance at life. A place where he can feel love, security and joy. I hope you will see how easy it is, once you give yourself permission to love again.

"Don't cry that it is over. Be happy that it happened." Dr Suess