

# 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



### Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony

On June 15th 2018 Victoria York organized a lovely dedication ceremony for our new flag pole. Veterans, Law Enforcement, First Responders and Forest Service personnel were invited along with the general public to attend the festive.

Victoria said “ We all felt it would be incredible if we could honor those who take such great care of us. “

The American Legion led by Ray Davis did a beautiful job of putting the first flag on our new pole. Those in attendance were treated to refreshments' after the dedication.

Thank you to those in attendance; we greatly appreciate your support.

At the top, SC Animal Control Vicki Toney, HDHS Board President Heidi Ogas, Board member Victoria York and Grant County Animal Control Officer Buddy Howard. To the right Victoria York and Board member Alice Boyden with Mya stand with two of Gila Regional's First Responders under the flag. At the bottom some of our two and four legged attendees who came joined in the dedication.



**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.

Jim Alexander, Cindy Allen, Amazon Smile, Arenas Valley Animal Clinic, Alyssa Armstrong, Horace Bounds Jr., Alice Boyden, Debra Brandt, Burger Time, Alex Candelaria, Theresa Carr, George Chandler, Kim Clark Realty, Paula Cooley, Drea Cornwell, Socorro Crosco, Tony Dayley, Anne/Anthony Delfin, Lemual Dimeyer, Peggy Drake, DRI Recyclers, Mr Duran and the Stout K-Kids, AW/Kathryn Eaton, Jeanine Faulkner, Flowers on 11th, Carolyn Garnsey, Gila Animal Clinic, Grant County Community Foundation, Jeanette Graves, Sandra/Glen Griffin, Terrell Gurnicz, Hal Halbedel, Carole Hall, Ricky Herrin, Cade Howekll, Fred Lafferty, Laurie Leet, Beverly Lempke, Lisa Lewis, Victoria Lineham, Randall Mackie, Mitchell/Catherine MacMillian, Virginia Manzano, Manzanita Ridge, Alexandra Maus, Virginia McIntyre, Claude/Linda Mitchell, Sharon Morgan, Ceil Murray, Network for Good, Heidi Ogas, Victoria Oglesby, Wayne Oliver, Marvin/Linda Perkins, Larry Peterson, Bryan/Pat Porcher, Lucy Potts, Barbara Quinn, Rita Rogers, Bill/Bonnie Rogers, David Rose, Doug Sitowski, James Skaggs, Kenton/Cheryl Smith, Allison Stockly, Rhonda Tapscott, Vickie Toney, Town and Country Vet Clinic, Ruben Udero, Scotteye Wallace, Wal Mart, E.D. Westmoreland, Mitchell White, Foster/Virginia Witthauer, Elizabeth Wright, Peggy Wright, Becky Neal Young.

Lots of "Thank You's" go out to all the folk who visited with us at the park during Earth Day and downtown at Give Grandly this year. Both events had good turnouts and we received some very nice



### HARRISON SCHMITT FIELD TRIP

Students in the second grade classes trekked down Hwy 90 S to the shelter for their annual field trip. This year they brought lots of goodies for our animals. Left, students had lots of questions for the Animal Control Officers. Below left, Animal Control Officers Buddy Howard and Vickie Toney helped students and staff unload pet food. Lower right Victoria York talks with a group about pet care. Thank you all for coming out, we always have fun when you are here.





## Dr Cline's WNMU Public Speaking Class holds Food Drive

Each year class members of Dr Cline's hold events to help our facility. Sometimes it is blanket drives or adoption events. This year they held a food drive to benefit the animals in our care. Thanks so much for all your hard work.

**Public Speaking Group 1; Elijah Jones, Nicholas Martinez and Savanna Teel**  
**Public Speaking Group 2; Nicholas Quartieri - Group leader, Victoria Cummins, Rodney, Bryson, Michael, Kyle Foore and Mazjane**



## Grant County Girl Scout Sleepover Food Drive

Thanks everyone, all our kitties and puppies will surely enjoy this great food.

**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.**

**Volunteers are needed now.**

If you would like to help make a difference 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. (Halt A Litter Today) 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. Our spay and neuter assistance is available to everyone regardless of income and we can help with four companion animals per year. Our shop is busy, it is a great way to make new friends and to make a difference to the companion animals in our community.



## KIWANIS KIDS BAKE SALE

Mr Duran's Kiwanis Kids from Stout once again came out to host a pet food drive and bake sale to benefit the animals in our care. They had lots of great homemade treats available for customers and folks that had come to take advantage of our low cost vaccination clinic. In addition to all the food they raised over \$250.00 in sales and donations.

Thank you Mr. Duran and K Kids.



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## The Cat Lady's Column By Victoria York

If you got our last newsletter, you hopefully read my column about Malibu, my son's cat. She passed away in October, and as a result her family was so saddened that they could not seem to move on with getting a new cat. In April, the children took it into their own hands by writing a letter to their parents stating why they should adopt another pet. Here is what they wrote, exactly as they said it.

Dear Mom and Dad,

Lily and myself believe that we should buy a pet because of these three reasons. One, is that it would make our family happier, and keep Lily and myself out of trouble. Two, is that having a pet would benefit us in many ways. Three, is that who wouldn't want to help an animal that has been in the shelter for such a long time?

Our first reason is that it will make our family happier. Wouldn't it be nice to have everybody in our family come home from school or work and be happy no matter what happened that day? I think everybody would answer yes. According to Health and Wellness from Humana, "stroking your cat or dog can lower your blood pressure and make you feel more calm." This would be a huge help for our family, especially if they had a bad day. On top of that, pets love to play. A cat would love to chase a ball of yarn around the room. A dog would love to catch a Frisbee on a summer day. This not only gives the pet exercise, but also reduces stress and makes you happy.

Another reason a pet would benefit our family would be if Lily or I had to stay home alone after school. A pet would be great to keep us company, or keep us out of arguments. If we had a pet, we could play outside and stay away from disagreements. On top of that, a pet would take me and Lily (especially me) off of video games, and get more fresh air!

Our last reason is that if we adopt a pet, we will take it out of a shelter and give it a good home. Say, we adopted a pet from the shelter, who knows what it has been through. By giving it a forever home, we could turn it's life around for the better. Anyway, who wouldn't want to save a pet?

Now, we both know that getting a pet is a huge responsibility. If we did get one, we will both be prepared, thoughtful, and good to the pet. If we got a dog, we would take turns walking and feeding it. If we got a cat, we would make a chart so we can evenly divide feeding, cleaning the litter box, and other things you guys would have had to do in the first place.

We believe that we do deserve a pet. Pets can help us in many ways. They are helpful, fun, and great company. Lily and myself have accepted the challenge of adopting a pet. Now will you?

Sincerely, Dylan and Lily

