

# 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

### Adoption Day Held during Thrift Shop Sale

Clockwise, President of the Board, Heidi Ogas with Hazel, Hazel has been adopted. Pudge and a potential adopter. Prairie Small and her daughter Kaweah and Candy who has been adopted. Board member Alice Boyden with Pudge. Thank you guys for all your help.

Thanks to all the folks that came out to shop our big sale at the Thrift Shop.



### Ducky's Looking for a Home

Ducky entered our facility way back in January as a scrawny little kitten. He has grown up here watching many other cats and kittens come in and go to new homes. He would really love to have a family of his own and someone's lap that he did not have to share. Look for more pictures on our Facebook page.



### A Different Sort of Fundraiser

This summer we held a slightly different sort of fund raising events. Thanks to Ruben Castillo of Faywood. Mr Castillo was so very kind to donate a pig to raffle. Tickets to win half a pig were sold all over town and we are happy to announce the winners. They are Ruthie Dalton left and Cheyenne Eaves right. Cheyenne was so happy she came later the same week and adopted a puppy. After expenses we made over \$1000.00. Thank you to everyone who helped out and purchased raffle tickets.



**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.

Nicole Aguilar, Amazon Smile, Arenas Valley Vet, Kirk Ashton, Colleen Bauer, Shirley Bentsen, Linda Boyden, Debra Brandt, Sara Brennan, Rory Burke, David Cabral, Alex Candelaria, Theresa Carr, Pat Castillo, Elizabeth Clark, Michael/Penny Conner, Mary Cowan, Anne Delfin, Debra Deming, Donald/Wanda Dodson, Peggy Drake, DRI Recycling, Dora Escobar, Peter Falley, Lucian Farmer, Flowers On 11th, Carolyn Garnsey, Gila Animal Clinic, John/Katie Gilbert, Joe Gonzales, Grant County Community Foundation, Jeannette Graves, Ruth Grimes, Hal Halbedel, Carol Hall, Ruth/Karl Holzwarth, Lyla Howell, Cade Howell, Connie Kuhnen, Beverly Lempke, LICT Corporation, Mandy Lilla, Ted Lynn, Mitchell/Catherine MacMillian, Manzanit Ridge, Rebecca Martin, Alexandra Maus, Steve/Nancy May, Alfred/Patricia Milligan, Kendra Milligan, Claude/Linda Mitchell, Ceil Murray, Ken/Mary Nelson, Network for Good, Podin Neze, Diane Nichols, Michael Nicolai, Ronald/Cheryl Oglesby, Wayne Oliver, Mary Jo Palmer, Robin Parson, A.G. Patterson, Paypal Giving Fund, Dorothy Pfeifer, Bryan/Pat Porcher, Susan Porter, Lucy Potts, Judy Rickerson, Rita Rogers, Bill/Bonnie Rogers, Linda Rogers, David Rose, Don Ruskin, Brenda Sandford, Gerald Schultz, Doug Sitowski, Gerhardas Snyman III, Theodore Stahl, Allison Stockley, Silver Tabor, Rhonda Tapscott, Jill Thomison, Town and Country Vet Clinic, Tractor Supply, Jeff/Nancy Trinkle, Ruben Udero, United Way, Wal Mart, Scotteye Wallace, Robert Weeks, Linda Whitetrifaro, Anita Williams, Elizabeth Wright, Peggy Wright, Becky Neal Young, John Zamar

## Downtown Strollers

**Right:** Marley and Mia take a short break in the shade with volunteer dog walker Earl Humpenthal and board member Alice Boyden. The two had been strolling downtown sporting their "Adopt Me" shirts in search of a new home. Both have been adopted.



## Adoption Event

**Left:** Tractor Supply stores across the country held an adoption day on Saturday August 18th. Board member Alice Boyden participated at our local store and took Pudge, a Bassett x pit, male, that is up for adoption. The two of them spent several hours and had a great time greeting people and investigating the whole store.

## New Quarantine Rooms Operational

New Kennels sporting in and out runs for quarantine animals have been completed and ready for use. The kennels will make it much safer for the staff and less stressful for the animals. Animals involved in biting a human are required by state and local laws to be quarantined for 10 days of observation.

## Homes for Dogs National Adoption Weekend!

Come enjoy the fun at our Red Tag Sale adoption day October 13th. All adoptions receive a 10% discount. Select red tag animals up to 20% off

## Silver City Rocking Rocks

Somebody in town has been painting and leaving at the Humane Society some of the cutest rocks. Thank you very much, they are great and have all been re-hidden.



### 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. 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.



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## The Cat Lady's Column

## Felix and Milo

By Victoria York

Our last newsletter featured a letter written by my grandchildren to their parents. It detailed how a pet from a shelter would benefit the whole family. They had lost their cat Malibu last October, and months had gone by with no one to fill that empty place. Their mission was accomplished, so they were off to a local cats only shelter to look for that perfect pet. The person in charge asked if they would be willing to adopt two brothers who had been found under a trailer. These guys were less than a year old and had never been separated. This was obvious, as they slept on top of each other! That was all it took for Josh's family, and the search was over. Off they went in the same carrier. Explicit instructions were given, which is wise of the staff. Taking any pet home is a challenge, and some do not take it seriously enough. The boys were kept in one room of the house close to the kitchen. They had everything that they needed, including company much of the day. Everyone took turns hanging out with them reading, watching videos, and just chilling. Names were chosen ( Felix and Milo ) and eventually the door was opened to all but the basement and laundry room. These are two of the most dangerous areas for cats .They want to hide and may go



where they don't fit, and should not be, which is under and behind appliances. So, Felix and Milo went from their room where they lived behind a desk, to the bedrooms upstairs. Here they hid out all day. Nights were quite different. Being cats, they came out at their normal hunting time. In the darkness and quiet, while the family slept, they broke dishes, ate the plants and got into lots of trouble. Josh's family took this all in stride, as they had done their homework and knew what to expect. Two months into this we went to visit them. Our room turned out to be the one that Felix and Milo actually lived in the most. No problem, I went prepared with catnip toys and fish treats. Most nights we would wake to see their eyes glowing as they spied on us. The photo of them was taken through our door, open only a few inches, as they peeked in curiously. There was no way to get close to them, or touch their soft fur. The best I could do was break up a fish treat and walk a few feet away so they could enjoy it. After a week they would follow me, but still no contact. I'm no cat whisperer, but was happy they trusted me even that much.

To make a long story short, they have lived with Josh and his family over five months now. In that amount of time much has been accomplished. Sometimes Felix comes running when Josh comes home from work. Milo usually follows, but he is not the leader! They like to be petted, and enjoy play time. I would say that for cats that were feral the first few months of their lives things are moving in a positive direction. So, watch upcoming newsletters for more on the adventures of Felix and Milo.