

Shelter's New Spay/Neuter Surgery Room

A big thank you to A.C. Houston Lumber Company and Jackie McKinney for donating all of the building materials to remodel the shelter's new surgery room. The walls were insulated and resurfaced and the floor has brand new tile. This beautiful new room is where the low-income spay and neuter surgeries are performed each week. It is easy to keep clean and sterile.

The shelter was awarded a special foundation grant last year to purchase state-of-the-art surgical equipment and instruments for our low-income spay-neuter program. The surgery room has 2 operating tables, an anesthesia machine, an autoclave for sterilizing surgical instruments, overhead lights, and sets of spay-neuter surgical instruments.



A total of 597 low-income-owned pets have been spayed and neutered since the program began. Please tell your friends and family about the spay-neuter program. Each pet that is sterilized helps reduce our local stray population.

Dogs Enjoy New Kennels, Runs, and Decks

Continental Animal Wellness Center owned by Jim and Carrie Maciulla of Flagstaff, Arizona donated chain link dog runs to the shelter so that we could replace half of our indoor runs and build some outdoor runs. Our indoor runs were very old and needed replacing. The animals greatly appreciate the new pens. Thank-you for your generous donation, Carrie & Jim!



Dogs at the shelter are enjoying being up off the concrete flooring and snoozing on their new kennel decks. The decks were purchased by the Humane Society for canine health and comfort. The dogs would love your old blankets and rugs to keep them warm this coming winter.



Mobile Spay/Neuter Van Visits Gallup Humane Society

Gallup was blessed to have the Santa Fe Humane Society and Animal Shelter's mobile spay-neuter van come to town this past August. Saving Animals Across Borders implemented the statewide

spay-neuter campaign using special New Mexico funding set aside to reduce our state's epidemic pet overpopulation. Almost 100 cats and dogs belonging to low-income families were spayed and

neutered over three days. Thanks to our local volunteers who contributed their time and expertise.

Memorials

Donations have been made to the Humane Society in memory of the following family members or their beloved pets. Thank you so much for thinking of the homeless and neglected animals when honoring your loved one's memory.

In Memory of:

- Robert Welch from Harold, Nancy, & Margaret Husband, Pam Yardley, Mary Mihelcic, Skeeter Carreto, Casey Bortot, Dorothy Baumgardner & Maria Rosales, Zachary Bortot, Beverly Peretti, Rose Mary Plese & family, Bill & Barbara Rucker, Li von Bagh, Marty & Robbie Menapace, Lynda Ann & Paul Williams, Bruce Sherman, Bill & Betty Armstrong, Mary Cahalan, and Dan & Mary Karen Blazek,
- Preston Craig from Teddy & Jonnie Sue Orr,
- Paul Cattaneo from Dick & Virginia White, Gilbert & DeAnn Leyba, Wyatt White, and Clint & Cosy Balok.
- "Brady," beloved pet of Dean Yannias,
- "Abbey," beloved German Shepard of David & Joyce Lebeck,

- "Billy," "Kellie," & "Blackie," beloved pets of Norm & Roberta Wolthers,
- "Polo" (Polar Bear), beloved pet of Candace Boulay,
- "Big Max," who brought hours of enjoyment for owner, Lisa Bowles,
- "Booties Starks," beloved pet of Andrew Gardner & Rachel Starks,
- "Teton," beloved pet of Cynthia & Carl Benedict.

Thanks to Mary Cahalan

Ms. Mary Cahalan, faithful volunteer of the Gallup-McKinley County Humane Society, is moving to Albuquerque. Mary has given hours of her time and expertise assisting youth volunteers and participating in the pet education and pet therapy projects. She has also bathed and patiently deticked dozens of young puppies. Mary fostered many pups, including the burned pups rescued from a local fire. We wish her well on her new adventure, though we will greatly miss her.

Appreciations

- Aaron's for donating a \$900.00 check to the Humane Society,
- Bro and Tracy Animal Welfare for support of the spay-neuter program,
- Cedar Animal Medical Center for outstanding vet services,
- Friends of the Shelter for supporting the spay-neuter program,
- A.C. Houston Lumber Company for shade materials for the 3 donated outdoor puppy runs,
- Santa Fe Humane Society & Animal Shelter for sending the mobile spay-neuter surgery van,
- Saving Animals Across Borders for including Gallup on the NM state spay-neuter campaign's schedule.

Bow-Meow Results

Two hundred fifty-four people attended the dance. The winners were:
\$10,000 - Annie & Lucy Mazon
\$500 - Dick White
\$250 - Jim Glaysier
Seller of the winning ticket & most sold tickets was Joey Lueras with a total of \$700 in tickets sold. Profit for the Humane Society was \$20,000.

Shaggy dog makeover



This shaggy dog came in looking miserable and sad until it was bathed, clipped, and happily adopted into a new forever home.



Grooming is vital for a pet's health; it's not just a beauty treatment. Mats cause pets pain and make them prone to skin infections.

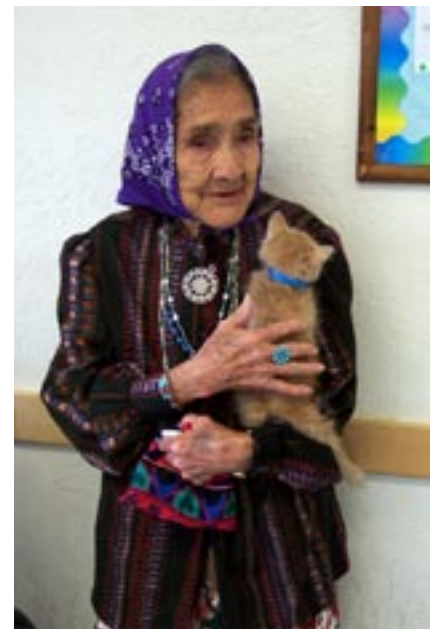
Eight year old forgoes birthday gifts to give gifts to animals



Eight year old Wesley Hacker did a very noble and generous act for the Gallup Humane Society animals. He decided that, "The puppies and kitties needed help more than I needed presents." His birthday party invitation read: "No gifts please, instead bring a donation for the Humane Society animals."

His friends and family obliged his request and brought, bleach, dish soap, flea & tick spray & shampoo, towels, cat litter, cat & dog toys, cat & dog food, dog treats and laundry soap to his party. Wesley was thrilled with the gifts and he and his mother, Lori, delivered them to the shelter the following day.

We would like to thank Wesley and his friends and family for their very thoughtful and generous donations to help the animals. You are an inspiration to us all!




Pet Therapy

The Humane Society volunteers also regularly visit the Red Rock Care Center and Little Sisters of the Poor for pet therapy. The residents of these facilities are always thrilled to see the animals. We are always looking for help from volunteers. Please call Donna if you would like help, 863-2616.

Pet Education in Our Schools

Thanks to the help of some great volunteers, the pet education project in our local schools was a big hit. Donna Damon, Mary Cahalan, and Skipper St. John took animals to 13 schools this year. The focus was on proper care of pets and spaying & neutering. Along with numerous puppies and kittens from the Humane Society, our llamas joined the team to help educate the kids. The schools visited or brought to the shelter were: Gallup Mid, Tohatchi Mid, Ft. Wingate, Juan DeOnate, Pine Hill Mid, Gallup Catholic, Turpen, Indian Hills, St. John Vianney CCD Class, Roosevelt, Rocky View Elementary, and Rehobeth after school program, and Gallup Jr. High science class.

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Wish list:


We are also looking for a volunteer to help organize a fun/walk for the animals, call 863-2616.
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November 5th-9th, 2007: National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week.
 December 2007: Humane Society Cookbook goes on sale. Pre-order now for Christmas!
 December 2007: IAMs Home 4 the Holidays international campaign/adopt-a-thon.
 February 9, 2008. Bow-Meow Fundraiser 2008. Location & details TBA.


A Cookbook to Save Lives

Send us your best recipes!
 We welcome your photos and your stories along with your recipes. Put Grandma's picture right above her recipe. Pictures and anecdotes will make our book more meaningful, so send your favorite recipes/photos to: stjohns2006@msn.com or mail them to: Humane Society, P.O. Box 550, Gallup, NM 87305. Pre-orders are being taken now; it'll be a great Christmas gift.
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