



SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL SANCTUARY

# paw print NEWS

FALL 2013



## Annual Open House & Adoption Event

Once again, as Fall rolls around, the Board of Directors and team of management and volunteers are excitedly planning another Open House for Sunday, October 6th from 12pm-4pm at the Sanctuary. This is the time when we invite each of you and the community at large to drive out to our beautiful facility and take a tour.

We will have volunteers on hand to guide you through the sanctuary and, following your tour, we invite you to stay awhile, meet fellow animal lovers, and enjoy the complimentary hot dogs and refreshments prepared by our volunteer cooks. In addition we will have a few door prizes and a raffle. The address is 6890 Eagle Road. Just take Hwy. 70 East to the Holman Road Exit, turn north under the underpass and follow the signs; a great way to spend a beautiful October Sunday afternoon.

## Dog Wash Benefit

The Country Dog Grooming Salon, 951 N. Solano, in conjunction with Blue Ribbon Petsitting and the Las Cruces Petsitters' Guild, are holding a dog wash on Saturday, October 19th from 12pm-6pm. Proceeds from the event will benefit Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary. Dogs from the sanctuary will be available for adoption at the event. Please come out and support this event and help Safe Haven while getting a professional wash and/or nail trim for your canine companion.

## Volunteer Focus Corner

Meet Carolyn Piirto. Carolyn has been a committed volunteer with Safe Haven over the past year, working with the dogs. She shows up on a regular schedule to walk and work with the canines of Safe Haven. She considers her time spent at the sanctuary to be very rewarding, stating that to see a long term resident finally get a permanent home and then to get reports on how the pet is adapting to his new home; that makes her so happy about her volunteer work.

She and her husband Dave moved to Las Cruces 4 years ago to retire from Colorado Springs. Being new to desert living, they have become accustomed to living in a smaller town after living in many larger cities throughout the US. They reside here with their 3 cats and 2 dogs and enjoy traveling to visit family and friends. We at Safe Haven are glad to have Carolyn on our volunteer team.

## News from the Storefront

A first class experience in a second-hand store! That's what you get when you shop at the Safe Haven Thrift Store. With such an assortment of items to choose from, it's hard to leave empty-handed, even if it's just the purchase of a few of our best-seller books.

Sales were slow the first half of the year but we have seen an increase this past month. We are always in need of large furniture items and working appliances. Ismael Lujan, the manager, is ready to come and pick up the larger items, so give him a call.

The great team of volunteers at the store keeps everything running smoothly. We appreciate each of them so very much for their dedication to Safe Haven. It would be great if we had not only more donations but more shoppers. Do tell your friends and family about this wonderful thrift boutique on El Paseo Road.

## Safe Haven Receives Donations

Safe Haven is grateful to be the recipient of donations of \$1,000 from The Fraternal Order of the Eagles and \$1,500 from Southwest Youth Sports. Both of these charitable gifts are very much appreciated and will help pay to feed and care for our cats and dogs at the sanctuary.

## From the Director

Phew! It sure did seem like a long hot summer and how nice to finally welcome the beautiful fall weather into our area along with some rain. Know our dogs and cats are glad for some cooler days.

As I look over the mailing list for this edition of Paw Print News, I realize that there are probably a large number of you reading this who have never visited the Sanctuary. If that applies to you or, if you have not been out in a number of years, I am inviting you to do so and the Open House would be an ideal time for that visit. We have a very fine facility to show to you; beautiful landscaping with lots of shade trees, a light and bright cattery with a newly fenced back yard for the cats, and an isolation unit for dogs with landscaping in the front. Safe Haven is the only "no kill" shelter serving all of Dona Ana County. We fill a valuable niche in the community

and are very proud of the work we do on behalf of homeless and unwanted pets, so take a drive and come and visit.

The Safe Haven Board met at a retreat in August to update the Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. We believe we have a strong mission and vision for the organization and we are all dedicated to realizing that goal. Updates have been made to the website and are ongoing. We have an active Facebook page with posts of our adoptable pets. We continue to think of ways to improve both the Sanctuary and the Thrift Store to support our program of saving and adopting pets.

Thrift Store sales and monetary donations have been below expectations this year so we appreciate your continuing support of Safe Haven even more. Know that we are committed to our mission and in serving the needs of Doña Ana County.

—Lorna Harris, Executive Director

## Tasha Remembered ... Sharon Hartford

I had just lost my beloved chow and decided to look on Petfinder to see if I could find another sweet chow. Low and behold there was "Tasha".



I thought, with my luck she is probably in New York not so, she was at Safe Haven. I went out the next day and adopted her and brought her home and learned that she had been at Safe Haven for a number of years and I am so grateful to them for taking such good care of her. At nine years of age she was such a loving sweet girl. My husband, who was in a wheelchair, adored her. She instinctively protected him against anyone who walked through the door. When my husband passed away she laid by the door for weeks waiting for him.

Tasha then became "attached to my hip" and as years rolled on it became harder and harder for her to get up. Once she turned 16 her health declined rapidly and she was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. I knew her time was coming but as hard as it was for her to get up, she still followed me everywhere. Soon her breathing became labored and I knew it was time to say good bye. She now sits in her urn next to my husband's urn. I miss them both terribly.



## Board of Directors

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## Featured Pets

This issue we are focusing on two pets at Safe Haven. Both are adoptable but for one reason or another get overlooked by prospective adopters and that puzzles us.

**Sam** – 4 year old male Dalmatian cross, neutered. Sam is extremely handsome, with a uniquely patterned black-and-white coat and one brown eye, one blue. Our volunteers adore this friendly, active guy who loves attention and being taken for walks. Sam is not housetrained. He doesn't get along well with other dogs or cats and we would like to see him as the only dog in the household. His former owner said Sam was fine with children. Sam would need a fenced yard and someone who can spend time with him to continue his training and make sure he gets plenty of exercise.



**Kelly** – 7 year old Tortoiseshell short hair domestic cat, spayed. Ms. Kelly loves to sun herself in the outdoor area of our cattery, closely observing the action of other cats and people. She doesn't really like other cats that much but loves people. She enjoys a gentle petting. We hope this beautiful lady catches the eye of someone looking for a nice, quiet companion. To meet these and other adoptable pets, take a drive out to the Sanctuary. Our pets love to have visitors.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Pet Smart, 2200 E. Lohman Avenue, Las Cruces
- East Lohman Veterinary Clinic
- Jornada Veterinary Clinic
- Denise Cooper, CPA, 1155 Commerce Drive, Las Cruces
- Target, Las Cruces
- San Saba Pecans, W. Amador, Las Cruces
- Central Bark Grooming service
- Country Dog Grooming Salon
- Tractor Supply Store
- WalMart, Valley Drive

## WISH LIST

- Kuboto Front End Loader to move gravel with
- Friskies Pate' cat food
- Meow Mix Dry cat food
- Clumping kitty litter
- Exceed Chicken/Rice dry dog food ( Sam's Club)
- Sam's Club gift certificates
- HP 564XL or HP 60 Black Ink Cartridges
- Copy paper
- Laundry detergent & Clorox Wipes
- Cat beds with covers
- Easy walk harnesses for dogs
- Large Leaf Bags 44 gall.
- Puppy Pools from Pet Smart
- Bleach & Paper Towels
- Pedigree or Alpo Canned dog food
- Milk Bones

## Volunteer Opportunities For You

Do you have a few hours to spare during the course of a week? If so, then we can use your help at the Sanctuary and Thrift Store. It takes a great deal to keep things running smoothly and opportunities abound in all areas of the operation. To find out more about the Volunteer Experience, visit our website at [www.shaspets.com](http://www.shaspets.com) and follow the Volunteer link. Not crazy about going to a location to volunteer, then perhaps you can help us by working from home, making phone calls, sending out Thank You notes, keeping up our Facebook page. Many opportunities for your talents, so give us a call.

## Fundraiser for SHAS

When shopping at Amazon.com, either go to the Facebook page for Safe Haven Animal sanctuary or to our website at [www.shaspets.com](http://www.shaspets.com). Follow the Amazon.com logo and log into your Amazon account from there. For every \$\$ you spend, SHAS will receive a rebate. Once in the site, you can bookmark the page for future reference. Just another way of supporting your organization.

**Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary**

840-D El Paseo  
Las Cruces, NM 88001



**HOURS**

**Office:**

Mon-Friday – 8 am-1 pm

**Thrift Shop:**

Monday-Saturday – 8 am to 5 pm

Sunday – 11 am to 4 pm

**Sanctuary:**

Tue-Sunday – 10 am-5 pm and by appointment any other time

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

*General Info* 575-527-4544

*Thrift Shop* 575-541-4942

*Sanctuary* 575-805-5338

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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*Website:* <http://www.shaspets.com/>

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**Please Donate!**



I want to help care for animals at our beautiful “no kill” Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary.

\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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