



SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL SANCTUARY

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THE SAFE HAVEN MISSION

To seek permanent, responsible homes for abandoned cats and dogs while caring for them in a no-kill environment, and to promote humane principles and behavior.

So, Where Are You Located?

This question comes up too often when people talk about Safe Haven. I wonder how many of you reading this Newsletter actually know where the sanctuary is located. People in the community know and admire the work we do but the above question gets asked way too often. We are limited in signage opportunities at the current location at 6890 Eagle Road. If you fall into the category of "where are you", or if you know where we are located but have not been out to visit, then please mark your calendars. Sunday, October 11th is the Annual Open House and Adoption Event, 12pm-4pm at the Sanctuary. We do not want to be the "best kept secret" in animal rescue. Spread the word and help us get more people visiting and adopting our wonderful dogs and cats from this terrific organization.

Fifth Annual "Wineing for the Animals" Fundraiser



Friends gather at the Amaro Winery.

For the 5th year in a row, Safe Haven held their annual signature event at the Amaro Winery in early May. If you missed this fun "cause for the paws", you missed a very good time at a very worthwhile event. About 130 animal-loving people from the community came together to raise money for the pets at Safe Haven. Through their generosity, Safe Haven raised \$7,000 to further our mission. We thank all those businesses and members of the community who so generously donated or gave items for the Silent Auction. We appreciate the support so very much. Good food and great company contributed to yet another successful event.

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Volunteer Focus Corner

This lady deserves a big round of applause for her dedicated hard work at the Sanctuary. **Vickie Hughes** has been helping with building maintenance for the past 5 years. After hearing about Safe Haven from a friend, she started volunteering by cleaning the cattery (she's a huge cat fan) and from there she moved on to helping the manager with projects. She says that helping provide the wonderful animals with housing is very rewarding indeed.



Vickie moved to Las Cruces from Denver in 2007 with her partner, Sharon. While in Denver, she had her own furniture making business and also remodeled and sold houses. Prior to that she lived in Belize where she and friends operated a B&B. She was born in Montana and eventually moved to Portland, Oregon, where she acquired many remodeling skills as a trained cabinetmaker. As Vickie says, "Toting a hammer and saw has been part of my life since I was five".

Come and visit the Sanctuary and check out Vickie's handiwork for yourself!

Volunteer Coordinator

We are pleased to welcome Tricia Quillen as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Sanctuary. Tricia brings a mountain of energy to this position and is lining up events that will keep our volunteers busy throughout the rest of this year. She is the contact person for all those wishing to volunteer in some capacity. For more information on positions available, visit our website under the Volunteer tab.

Two Cemetery Plots for Sale

Safe Haven received a donation of two cemetery plots a few years back. We would like to sell these at a very reasonable price. They are located in the Garden of the Good Shepherd at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens where plots are no longer available. If you are interested please contact us at 575-527-4544. You will be supporting your organization in the process.

You Can Make a Big Difference!

—By Laura O'Connor, Board President

Saving the lives of homeless animals is our goal at Safe Haven. And there are many ways you can help us to achieve that goal.

ADOPT: by adopting from Safe Haven you are opening a space that we can fill with another at-risk animal. Our manager lives at the sanctuary with our pets, so he knows their personalities; this is a great benefit to prospective adopters. Each pet is spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. By fully vetting our pets, we are able to identify and address any physical needs.

VOLUNTEER: whether at our thrift shop or the sanctuary, we rely on volunteers to help us to save more lives. Volunteers are essential to the continued operation of our organization. We need people who can assist us with event planning, attending adoption events, maintenance projects, foster parenting for pets, and much, much more. Volunteering is an excellent way to meet others who share the love of animals.

DONATE: SHAS is not affiliated with or financed by any government agency. We depend on the generosity of the community through monetary gifts, bequests, grants and donations of items to our thrift shop. Shopping at the store is a great way to support the animal cause. You can also show your support the next time you shop on Amazon. Simply visit smile.amazon.com and select us as your charity of choice, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

Please assist us in our life-saving quest. By spreading the word to others, you can make a real difference in the lives of abandoned animals.

This edition of the Quarterly Newsletter is brought to you courtesy of our new community partner and sponsor, Ashley Furniture HomeStore. We are very grateful for their support of Safe Haven. Thank them when you are next in their store.



Featured Pets of Safe Haven



Kiya is a young rescue that was found running loose. At a little over a year old, she is sweet, sociable and full of energy. We can only guess the breeds in her ancestry—maybe some Rottweiler, Hound, or Collie. We do know that the combination has produced a happy, healthy girl who is ready for a good home. Spayed, micro-chipped and ready to go.



Meet **Ms. Beasley**, a beautiful and healthy domestic shorthair tortoiseshell. At 3 years of age, this pretty feline came to Safe Haven when her elderly owner could no longer care for her. Miss Beasley loves to cuddle, so she warms up fast when she meets people. This young cat gets along well with other felines and dogs too. She would make a great companion pet.

WISH LIST

- Golf Cart
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- Meow Mix Original Dry Cat Food
- Alpo or Purina Canned Dog Food
- "One" Chicken Dry Dog Food
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- Unscented Bleach 9
- Windex
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- Toilet Paper
- Bottled Water
- Lawn & Leaf Bags
- Qt & Gal Ziplock Bags
- Magic Eraser
- Packing & Scotch Tape
- Fixon Fabric Markers
- Zip Ties

Remembering Tinker

—By Lorna Adams

I have to tell you about the most amazing thing that happened to me the other day. We lost our little Chihuahua rescue a few weeks ago which was heart breaking. It's a comforting thought that somewhere on the inside of us we KNOW that our loved ones and our pets will be OK but it's still such a loss when they leave us.

We adopted Tinker about 5 years ago and she was already a senior. We figured well, even if she lives a year it will be a great year sitting on the couch, taking naps on the lawn and basking in all the comforts of home.

I didn't know that most of the rescue dogs came with a name. So when I saw her I thought of the name Penny - yes we'll call her Penny! I have no idea where that name came from but I just knew it fit her. Well when we received her paper work we found out differently, she already had the name of Tinker..

Lorna Harris is the Director of Safe Haven, the first ever no-kill shelter of its kind in Dona Ana County. After Tinker passed, my spirit guides were driving me nuts to call Lorna Harris, who I have known for many years, to tell her that Tinker had passed. She had met Tinker a few times when we had her. So I have learned to listen when they speak. I called her and left her the message that Tinker had passed. She called me back and very quickly the whole picture came together.

Lorna told me that before we adopted her, our Tinker lived with another Chihuahua at the sanctuary, and her name was.....ready PENNY!!!! What?! And it gets stranger. Little Penny passed on just about the time Tinker set her sights on the big dog park in the sky. So as usual it all came full circle. I think they each knew it was time to leave and why not go together....or at least meet up along the way.

(Lorna Adams is a local Psychic and Spirit Guide Counselor)

For those who generously contribute to Safe Haven on a regular basis, please know that we appreciate every gift you make. However, in the interest of saving on postage, we will no longer send out a Thank You letter after each receipt but will mail you a letter for your gifts in January to be used for tax purposes. Your support of our mission is so greatly appreciated.

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