



**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 18** – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Wineing for the Animals 5:30-8:30 @ Grapevine Plaza 3900 W Picacho
- May 20** – SHAS Dog Wash at Tractor Supply 10am-2pm
- May 27** – PetSmart Adoption Event 10:30am-2:30pm
- June 17** – Tractor Supply Adoption Event 10am-2pm
- June 24** – PetSmart Adoption Event 10:30am-2:30pm

For more information on these events and current updates, visit our Facebook page or shaspets.com.

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**SHAS Welcomes  
New Sanctuary Manager**



SHAS is happy to welcome Cass Walker as its new sanctuary manager. Cass is originally from Long Beach, CA and moved to Las Cruces to be closer to family. He started volunteering with Safe Haven within a month of arriving in Las Cruces. Cass chose to work with Safe Haven not only because of his love of animals, but his strong belief in the SHAS no-kill mission and the work the sanctuary has done for over 20 years.

Cass is the proud father of his 15-year-old son, Julian, who also shares his love of animals. Cass is thrilled to be working with Safe Haven in his new role and hopes to make the sanctuary a warm and welcoming place to all who visit, from the animals, to volunteers and prospective adopters. Cass and Julian recently adopted Brownie, one of Safe Haven's most beloved resident dogs.

Please make plans to come out to the sanctuary to meet Cass and welcome him to the SHAS family.

*One way of ensuring the future success of the Safe Haven mission is by including the organization in your legacy giving. For more information on this, contact the Executive Director at info@shaspets.com.*

## Volunteer Spotlight



*Monica & Safe Haven's Buddy at recent 3K Doggy Fun Run*

Monica Arvin is a volunteer dog-walker at the sanctuary and began volunteering after her beloved dog of 14 years passed away. She decided to volunteer for Safe Haven as it made her sad to think of homeless dogs that did not have toys, beds or families to love them. Monica wanted to be a better person by giving back the love she had received from her dog to the sanctuary dogs. "Knowing that I make a difference in the lives of the dogs I walk is my favorite part of volunteering".

Monica and her husband Alan moved to Mesilla from Monterey, CA to be closer to her parents. Monica and Alan had adopted their dog, Bee, from the SPCA. After Bee died at 14, Monica decided she did not want another dog. However, after she met Tas, a cattle dog mix at Safe Haven, she knew they were meant to be together. Monica fell in love with Tas the moment he put his paw on her leg as she brushed him. Monica says that although she rescued Tas, she considers herself to be the lucky one because Tas chose her.

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**Thank you!**



## A Family Vacation: Pet Travel Tips

By Marsha Franke

After battling spring winds and allergies, summer rewards you with water parks, barbecues and vacations. For those of you with well-behaved dogs, traveling with your pet completes family vacation time.



Before launching your journey, you may want to consider these suggestions.

Probably, you would not embark on an excursion unless healthy and eager.

Make certain your pet's

physical condition qualifies him as

well. Obtain an updated vet certificate illustrating inoculations. Also, make sure your dog has been given heartworm prevention medication. Depending on your destination, be proactive in protecting your furry companion from other health hazards. Always provide proper identification for your pet, including updated microchip registration.

A few days before you leave, check again with your hotel/motel/lodge to ensure pets are accepted.

Occasionally, policies change after you have reserved lodging. If driving to your vacation spot, it is important your animal travels in a durable carrier/crate, which will protect him in transit. When you reach your location, the crate will provide a safe place for your pet as well.

Of course, you have packed a few of your dog's favorites {blanket, chew toy} to assure his comfort.

Finally, when driving long distances, break the routine with frequent stops. Both you and your pet will benefit.

Perhaps you prefer flying to your destination. How will your dog fly? Checked baggage? Passenger cabin? For detailed policies regarding animal transport, it is

essential to investigate before booking. Transporting a dog as checked baggage will require an airline approved carrier that is sturdy and well ventilated. A small pet in a carrier may travel in the passenger cabin. However, you must tuck the carrier under the seat in front of you.

Check with fellow travelers/dog owners who have experienced air travel with their pups. Their experiences may help you avoid vacation woes.

Wherever and however you wander with your pet companions, planning and preparation will enrich your recreation. You should return from vacation refreshed, relaxed and replete with family memories. Bon Voyage!



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**“WINEING FOR THE ANIMALS” MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

The seventh annual “Wineing for the Animals” will be held Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Grapevine Plaza at 3900 W. Picacho Ave. There will be a silent auction with more than 100 items, a grand door prize and live music by Sage Gentle-Wing. Each ticket comes with complimentary hors d’oeuvres and a glass of wine or beer.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$45 for two. Tickets may be purchased at the SHAS Thrift Store, the Grapevine Plaza or by calling 575-805-5338 or 575-527-34544. Come out and support the animals!

**THRIFT STORE CORNER**

It’s time for spring-cleaning and we would love to help by taking your donations at the SHAS Thrift Store. We accept items ranging from furniture, housewares, electronics, books, clothes and collectibles. Donated items are tax deductible. If you need help getting your



large items to the store, call us at (575) 541-4942 to arrange for a pick-up. Not only will you be cleaning your home, but you will also be helping our homeless pets get closer to finding

their forever homes. Everybody wins!

If spring shopping is more your style, we get hundreds of donated items daily. Come in to browse today...you never know what you’ll find!



**SHAS FEATURED PETS**



Meet Sunny & her puppy, Delight. Sunny came to Safe Haven after being rescued from a hoarding case. She delivered three puppies on the day she was brought to the sanctuary, but due to the lack of prenatal care & poor nutrition, two of the pups passed away. Mother & daughter are now thriving and will soon be available for adoption. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we can step up when these emergency situations occur.



Say hello to Kelly, an 8-year old tortoiseshell calico. Kelly gets along with other cats, loves treats, likes to be scratched behind her ears and when people visit her, she likes to chat with them. Kelly is currently available for adoption.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The sanctuary is in need of volunteer help in all areas. If you can spare a few hours on a consistent basis, our manager will be glad to match you with an available position. Please visit our website to fill out or print a volunteer application.



Volunteers are the backbone of Safe Haven! For more information on this rewarding opportunity, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Tricia, at (575) 805-5338 or [tricia@shaspets.com](mailto:tricia@shaspets.com).

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*Thank you!*