



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

- Oct 8** – SHAS Annual Open House & Adopter Reunion, noon-4pm at the Sanctuary, 6890 Eagle Rd.
- Oct 15** – SHAS Adoptions at Nissan of LC noon-4pm
- Oct 28** – SHAS Adoptions at PetSmart 10:30-2:30
- Oct 31** – Halloween Photo Booth & Trick-or-Treat at the Thrift Store 2-5:45pm, 840 El Paseo Rd.

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

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SHAS To Hold Annual Open House & Adopter Reunion October 8th

3rd Annual Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary Family Reunion



Sunday, October 8th, 2017
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary
6890 Eagle Road
Las Cruces, NM

Hot Dogs & Drinks • Group Photo at 1:30 p.m.

Bring your adopted, well-behaved leashed dog to mingle
Admission is FREE & tours of the sanctuary will be provided.
Questions? Call 575-805-5338

SHAS will be hosting our Annual Open House & 3rd Annual Adopter Reunion on Sunday, October 8th from noon-4:00p.m. at the sanctuary. Admission is free and all are welcome. There will be food, refreshments and tours of the sanctuary, where our adoptable cats and dogs reside. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome. A group photo of past adopters and their pets will be taken at 1:30p.m.

The sanctuary is located at 6890 Eagle Road in Las Cruces. If you need directions or have any questions, please call 575-805-5338. Please make plans to come out to the sanctuary, we would love to see you!

Consider Donating A Car to SHAS

You can help the homeless cats and dogs of SHAS by donating your car to Safe Haven. Simply visit www.donatingiseasy.org or call 877-537-5277 and choose Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary as the non-profit. Car donation specialists are available 7 days a week to assist you with any questions you have about donating your vehicle to Safe Haven. Pick up of your vehicle is free. Donate today...it's easy!

Volunteer Spotlight



Meet Ellen Flesher, a volunteer at the Safe Haven Thrift Store, where she has been donating her time for 8 years. Ellen works in the back of the store sorting donations and filling out receipts for the wonderful people who donate to the animals of Safe Haven.

Ellen previously had two therapy dogs and wanted to do more for the animals of our community, so she decided to help by volunteering her time to benefit the animals of SHAS. Ellen is a big believer in the SHAS mission and the fact that we are a no-kill shelter. According to Ellen, "our sanctuary is just fabulous!". She also appreciates that everyone she works with at the store is fun and friendly.

Ellen has lived in Las Cruces for 16 years, and while she does not currently have any dogs, she has lots of turtles. She retired from the telephone company after 27 years and worked in security for Target for 11 years. Ellen has a son, daughter-in-law and three granddaughters in Las Cruces, two daughters in Clovis and a son in Midland, TX. When Ellen is not volunteering her time to Safe Haven, she can be found exercising, hot air ballooning, going to concerts and traveling. Ellen says she "loves our United States and wants to see more of it!".

This edition of the Newsletter is brought to you through the support of our community sponsors. Thank you!



SHAS FEATURED PETS

Puppies, Puppies, Puppies!



How cute are we?! These four puppies, 1 male & 3 females, were born in June just before being rescued with their mother from a local hoarding case. We believe they are possibly a mix of retriever/cattle dog and it appears they will be medium-sized. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to step up and take these guys in. If you are interested in adopting, please submit an application online at shaspets.com, or call 575-805-5338.



Say hello to Thelma & Louise. These adorable girls were born in May, shortly after their mother was rescued from the same hoarding case as the pups above. These little gals appear to be mixed with Papillon based on their mother's appearance. Both are very sweet and loving and are available for adoption. If interested, please submit an online application at shaspets.com or call 575-805-5338 for more information.

SAVE A LIFE!



ADOPT A PET!

AN ADOPTION UPDATE FROM MICKEY

By Mickey Franke (SHAS alumnus)



More than ten months ago, my life changed forever: I was adopted. Now, I am not going to write a sob story about my time at Safe Haven. Though you can't claim your own person or live indoors there, the grubb isn't bad, and if you really work it, volunteers dole out treats and take turns walking you. Actually, scoring treats and attention was easier for me. See, I have only one

eye, so when I cock my head and fold down one ear, I bark "I am vulnerable." Admittedly, it works better with the women.

Maybe this is why I travelled to most of the off site adoption events and secured kisses, treats, massages, potty break walks, etc. Of course, all the dogs enjoy special treatment from their favorite adoption event volunteers, but my experiences go back years to original staff: Laura, Mina, Pam S., Brenda and Marsha.

I do recall Marsha always loving on me, but I definitely smelled three other dogs on her. Too much competition to enter that pack. Then, something shifted. No longer did I detect a male dog scent on her. Fast forward to Christmas Adoption Event 2016, I wagged my way out of SHAS and into my forever home. Maybe it was that jingle bell collar Laura placed on me, but Marsha scooped me up, and off I travelled to the Organ Mountains and my forever home.

Life is sweeter now: my own comfy bed, big yard, sofa for TV, grass fed beef (occasionally) and two female dogs (one big, one little). When that big lab nuzzles me, my past stretches farther and father away. However, my pet parent and I endured a period of adjustment.

Apparently, that male dog who used to live here rarely misbehaved. Come on. Didn't he ever mark in the house? Or hump the females, Mocha and Mya? Puleeze! I guess that dog never killed anything either. After I snatched a baby rat, Marsha shook me to release it, but I just chewed faster and swallowed. Afterwards, she would not let me cuddle with her, but kept muttering something about my baby rat breath. She even buried the other baby rat, the one I did not get to. In a little white case, no less, go figure. Can you say neurotic? Am I a rat terrier/chihuahua or what?

Just when my pet parent thought she could leave me unattended in the yard, she caught me climbing our chain link fence in pursuit of the neighbors' three male dogs. Now, those rescue dogs need an

intervention. They attacked us through the fence, growling and spoiling for a fight. Ask Mocha, she never lies. Nevertheless, Marsha plucks me from the fence and herds me into the house, bemoaning my escape artistry. In time I will earn her trust.

Despite my age and hers, my pet parent and I have grown in love, trust and understanding. I am the only dog she totes to Yappy Hour. I get to meet and sniff other dogs; she gets to sip white wine and chill with friends. Sometimes, I get to nibble on salami from the cheese nosh. Of course, the event champions dogs like me, so we can all find forever homes.

To all my furry friends at Safe Haven, I send my cuddles, barks and licks. A special shout out to Trey, my former kennel mate. A warm woof to all who work or volunteer for SHAS, donate or support the thrift store. You make my story breathe life.



Thrift Store Corner

The next time you're moving or purchasing new furniture, please consider contacting the Safe Haven Thrift Store if you have large items or furniture you'd like to donate. We now have a large furniture truck, and can

schedule an appointment to come directly to you to pick up those large items. Not only will your donation go directly to helping the cats & dogs at the sanctuary, but we'll give you a receipt for a potential tax deduction and save you the back pain! Please contact the store today at 575-541-4942 to schedule a pickup.



If you like to shop, the thrift store receives updated merchandise daily, including furniture, jewelry, exercise equipment, office supplies, clothing and just about anything else you can think of. We have already started to put out the holiday decorations, which is a great way to save money on "decking your halls". We offer discounts to seniors, military and students. Your purchases will help us to provide care to the cats & dogs of Safe Haven as they await adoption. What a great way to help the homeless animals of our community!



One way to ensure the future success of the Safe Haven mission is by including the organization in your legacy giving. For more information, please contact the Executive Director at 575-527-4544 or info@shaspets.com.

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