



## PAW PRINT NEWS

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### New Isolation Facilities for Safe Haven



Finishing touches are being put to the new dog isolation unit at Safe Haven. Some of you may recall the old three-sided barn that was demolished

to make way for this new structure. The new building has seven pens that will be multi-purpose. They will be used to house sick animals and whelping mothers and puppies. Dogs coming to us with no known history will be kept there until deemed healthy enough to be assimilated into the general population. It will also be a good holding spot for post-operative animals that need careful monitoring or those receiving on-going treatment.

The concrete floor and metal paneled walls will

allow for greater hygiene control through controlled cleaning. One end of the building will house a refrigerator for medicines and storage cupboards for supplies. Those entering and leaving the pens will also be required to go through footwear baths to eliminate cross-contamination.

This building will allow us to accept more pets at Safe Haven and ultimately place more pets into new homes, which is our overall goal. This is a very exciting move for Safe Haven.

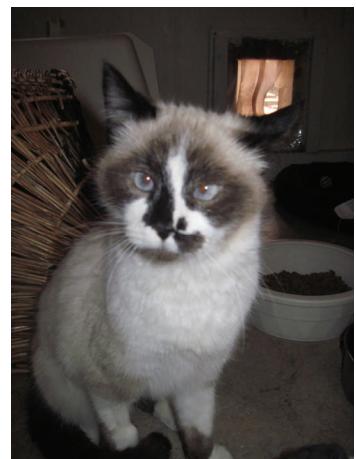
In addition to this new building, we also have a new cat isolation facility, thanks to a generous donor. This building is climate controlled and replaces the old isolation building. Volunteers have been hard at work and



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### Happily Ever After Stories!

Brownie came to Safe Haven as a young kitten. She lost her sight due to a rare adverse reaction to the tranquilizer used during her spay procedure. Everyone was devastated over this, and thought that Brownie would be with us for a very long time. Not so! Along came one of our wonderful cattery cleaner volunteers and, after caring for Brownie for a time, she felt she could provide a loving home for a special needs kitten. They are now enjoying each other's company.



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the building is close to being completed. A big thanks to Cheryl Rheome for her work on this project.

Plans are underway to replace the exterior of the existing cattery. The chicken wire and wood structure is badly in need of replacement and we expect to have a new chain link exterior for our cats and kittens to play in. This will be completed in the next two months.

Earlier this year, the interior of the Cattery underwent a refurbishing. It is now light and bright and much more functional. You can see photos of the finished product on the website.

We are thankful for the grants that we received from Union Pacific Railroad and Dona Ana County Humane Society that helped pay for much of this work, and also to contributions from people like you.

## We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Did you know that when you support Safe Haven, you help make a difference by supporting:

**A leader in the Las Cruces community's animal welfare with a clear Mission and Vision:**

**Our Mission:** To build our sanctuary, rehabilitation and adoption efforts to save the lives of as many companion animals as possible -and promote education to increase adoptions, reduce animal cruelty and advance the highest standards in animal care.

**Our Vision:** To strive to be a leader in the care and treatment of cats and dogs as companion animals and create a world where all companion animals find compassionate, permanent homes to end animal cruelty and euthanasia.

**The County's only no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization.** When it comes to saving dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, we perform the hands-on work to rehabilitate and re-home more of these wonderful animals under a no-kill policy. We have saved thousands of cats and dogs to date.

**A leader in the no-kill movement.** The animals we rescue receive the medical and emotional care they need for a second chance.

**An organization comprised of animal lovers** like you, who are passionate about giving companion animals the care and quality of life that they deserve.

**Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) animal charity** that is funded entirely by private contributions, and receives no government funding.

**The work of Safe Haven is supported entirely through the donations of our supporters. Thanks to the generous hearts and hands of people like you, we can ensure that animals who come into the care of Safe Haven will never again be alone, hungry, sick, afraid, or in pain. We are asking you to support our work by sending in a donation in the enclosed envelope. Every gift, large or small, helps our animal family. You can also donate at our website, using the Paypal link. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS.**



## Don't Throw Away an Opportunity in our Throwaway World

Lorna Adams

I've written before about the collective consciousness or the collective mindset – that is when it seems that a large group of people seem to be on the same page as far as certain subjects go. I recently took notice of this.

About a year ago my husband and I adopted a very old Chihuahua from Safe Haven. Her name is Tinker and she has to be at least 13. She still has a few good teeth – okay only 3 teeth that we can see, and she is something else! We've never had a small dog before and have learned since then that Chihuahuas are indeed a breed unto themselves.

I first saw she was up for adoption in our local newspaper. I had volunteered at the thrift store for a few years and found out about all the great work the animal sanctuary does as well as the work done at the store.

It was a few weeks later when we dropped by the thrift store to see what bargains we could find when I saw the senior dog again. Volunteers from the animal sanctuary were holding an adoption. One of the dogs for adoption was.... you know who. I couldn't believe that no one had snapped her up and given her a home after she appeared in the newspaper. Well of course I had to pick her up and have a talk with her. She was about as easy going as they come.

I ran the idea of taking her home by my husband, Mike – he was not for it at all which is rather unusual for him. He loves animals and is the kindest most considerate man I have ever met. For some reason I could not get that little dog out of



my mind. I told just about everyone I knew about her. She just kept coming up in the conversation.....somehow. Mike was still not budging and I gave the subject my best arguments. On and on I went. Now I know you knew this was coming..... A week or so later he called me and said he was heading home with something I would like. I had no idea what it might be at that point. By the way, this story is just part of why I love him so much. My husband Mike had called the manager of the animal sanctuary and arranged to pick up little Tinker.

So what is the point you're asking..... I was recently in California and found out that my oldest niece Rachel had just adopted a Pomeranian who was about to be put down. This little dog's owner had passed away and the family gave the dog to the shelter. Same situation as ours, in that no one wanted to adopt a senior dog. I think of how much love and joy they give. Rachel's little pom, whose name is Bear has congestive heart failure but with help from a caring veterinarian, he is doing fine. He may be old and missing a few teeth but he runs around like a puppy, enjoying every minute!

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Later that night another friend dropped by and much to my surprise she too had adopted a senior dog! She had been fostering this dog and when someone came along to inquire about her, she realized she could not give her up.

So my question is, "What's up with this"? Not that I'm complaining of course. I think giving a home to a senior dog, a dog you know does not have much time left, is pretty close to miraculous in my book. Older dogs are so under-appreciated. But just think of what you're offering one of God's creatures in their last days. It's bad enough to live in such a throwaway society but just have a look around and you'll see we do it to people too.

My hope is that someone will care for me like we have cared for our old dogs. Even though as I age, I may lose a few teeth and I don't see as well as I used to.

*(For information on the senior dogs for adoption at Safe Haven, visit our website)*

## Go Green!

By choosing to receive this newsletter via email instead of a printed version, you will not only be helping Safe Haven save \$\$ in postage but will contribute to a healthy environment. Notify us at [shaspets@yahoo.com](mailto:shaspets@yahoo.com) if you wish to go green.

If you can give a few hours each week or each month to volunteering at either the sanctuary or at the thrift store, please contact either Wendy: [preciouspaws6@yahoo.com](mailto:preciouspaws6@yahoo.com), or Shari: [catladynm@msn.com](mailto:catladynm@msn.com). Volunteer applications are available at the website or at the store. There are many areas where we need your help.

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## A small act of kindness.....

leads to a second chance at life for this little dog, so aptly named Scruffy.

A couple and their children were driving into Las Cruces on Highway 70 to visit friends, when a van in front of them suddenly slowed down and a sack of what appeared to be garbage was tossed out onto the side of the road. The family car slowed down and one of the children excitedly exclaimed that the bag was moving. They pulled the car over and went back to inspect this moving sack of garbage. What they discovered was anything but trash. This sweet, terrified, matted little dog had been tossed on the side of the road to be left to die. That was not to be his fate however.

The family picked up the scared little bundle and took him to their friend's house. The friend contacted Safe Haven and the rest, as they say, is history. Scruffy was brought to us and given a comfortable cage to stay in at the visitors' center. Next day he was bathed, brushed and an appointment was set for him to see Dr. Pirtle, the Safe Haven veterinarian. At first Scruffy was very nervous around people and understandably so since his human experience so far in his young life had done little to induce trust. Vaccinations were administered and he was soon on our website for adoption. It did not take long for a nice couple to come forward and adopt this little fellow. He now lives in a lovely home in Albuquerque where we trust he will enjoy the rest of his days.



## Autumn Wishes:

- ◆ Buckets
- ◆ ProForce disinfectant from Sam's Club
- ◆ Pedialite – unflavored
- ◆ Canned cat food
- ◆ Dry cat food (not Beneful or Ol' Roy)
- ◆ Clumping kitty litter
- ◆ Clorox wipes
- ◆ Exceed dry dog food from Sam's Club
- ◆ Sam's Club gift certificates
- ◆ HP22 & HP27 Ink Cartridges
- ◆ Copy paper
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- ◆ Frontline Plus Flea and Tick products
- ◆ Wire Dog Crates – Large
- ◆ Landscaping services and plants
- ◆ Shade Trees
- ◆ Paving stones
- ◆ Chicken wire
- ◆ Plastic Coat hangers
- ◆ Cat beds with covers
- ◆ Easy walk harnesses for dogs
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Large Leaf Bags

## Community Partners

- ◆ PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Avenue, Las Cruces
- ◆ PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Avenue, Las Cruces
- ◆ Animal Hospital of Las Cruces
- ◆ Whataburger, Las Cruces locations
- ◆ Mesquite Animal Vaccination Clinic
- ◆ Denise Cooper, CPA, 1155 Commerce Drive, Las Cruces
- ◆ Target, Las Cruces

- ◆ Sam's Club, Las Cruces
- ◆ San Saba Pecans, W. Amador, Las Cruces
- ◆ Central Bark Grooming service

Additionally we thank the following organizations and businesses for their monetary contributions:

Allstate Employees – The Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces – The British Car Club – The Las Cruces Rodrunners Car Club – LC Association of Realtors.



*Visitors seen touring the facilities at the annual Safe Haven Open House held on Sunday, September 25th.*



*Waiting for visitors!*

## Join us on Facebook

SHAS has a new Facebook page! We plan to keep you up-to-date on the latest news like adoption events, animals that need homes, special requests for donations and more! Please join the community and use this page as an opportunity to share news and resources, plus networking with fellow animal lovers and SHAS volunteers.



*New Arrivals at the Isolation Unit*

## Volunteer Coordinators

Let us introduce you to the two people who keep the volunteer program running for Safe Haven. These ladies contribute time and effort to a valuable component of the running of both the store and the sanctuary. Whenever there's a fundraiser or special event, a call to either of these two people will result in a cry for help going out to the whole volunteer base and always a willing response.

### Shari Randle - Thrift Store

Shari can be found at the store almost any day of the week, along with her doggie-in-a-bag, Pooh. As volunteer applications come in, she screens them to see where they are best suited; cashier, sorter, pricer, floor displays. There are many duties available. She has been a volunteer with the organization for a number of years and says that she feels so very lucky to have decided to become a volunteer. She has a passion for helping homeless pets and looks forward to spending many years working at the store. Shari is the "go-to" person for all volunteer needs at the store.

She keeps in touch with the base through a weekly

e-mail. Working closely with the store manager, Ismael Lujan, the volunteer schedules at the store are maintained and training is administered on a regular basis.

### Wendy Baldwin - Sanctuary

This talented lady brings 21 years of veterinary technician experience to Safe Haven. She has lots of energy and is a valuable liaison between the manager of the sanctuary, Jeff Barker, and the volunteer base. Wendy oversees staffing of the off-site adoption locations, primarily PetCo and PetSmart. She also arranges for volunteer help for fundraisers, special events, open house, and many more venues. When a volunteer calls in to say they will be absent, she attempts to locate a replacement for that shift. Wendy also sends out a weekly update via e-mail to the volunteers, informing them of the happenings at Safe Haven and of any information the manager may need to convey to them.

We are deeply indebted to both these people and especially grateful to all of the Safe Haven volunteers who help make things run smoothly for the organization.

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**HOURS****Office:**

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**Sanctuary:**

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

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