

#### SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL SANCTUARY

# DINT NEWS

### **Plans Underway for Annual Open House**

The Sanctuary is readying for the Annual Open House and Adoption Event. This year it will be held on Sunday, October 12th from 12pm until 4pm. This is a time when we throw open the gates to the public and our supporters and invite you to come out and see what we are all about.

Some 80 wonderful dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Not in the market for a new pet – just come on by and visit and we'll be glad to give you a tour of what is undeniably one of the nicest pet adoption shelters in the area. Situated on 3 acres of landscaped grounds, the dogs of Safe Haven are housed in large outdoor pens, while the cats recline in the comfort of the climate controlled indoor/outdoor cattery.

Safe Haven volunteers will be on hand to serve you refreshments, talk to you about the work we do, and to take you on a tour to meet our animal family. Mark your calendar and check the website for directions.



Visitors enjoy sharing time at 2013 Open House.



# **Thrift Store Expands Space**

Generous contributions of wonderful items from our supporters, along with a high demand from buyers for those items, have led the Thrift Store to once again expand its store space. We have acquired adjoining space where Business Products used to be housed. We will hold a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting by the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, October 2nd at 4pm. We would love to see you there. The book section has moved into this space and we also added room for larger furniture items and appliances. We now have a dedicated area for children's items as well as a pet department for pet-related merchandise.

## Calendar

#### First two Saturdays of each month

Saturday Pet Special Adoption Days at the Sanctuary

#### **October 5th**

Dog Wash & Nail Trimming **Better Life Pet Foods** 315 N. Telshor (in front of Home Depot)

#### October 12th

**Open House & Adoption Event** 

## **Supporting Safe Haven**

The work we do at Safe Haven for our community pets is made possible by the generosity of people like you, who find ways to give financial support to this unique organization. Your donation can be made on line through the Pay-Pal button at the website, by credit card at the Thrift Store, by mail, or by providing for Safe Haven in your will. We do not receive any support from local government and rely solely on donations from our supporters. We thank you for allowing us to continue helping the animals.

## The Adoption Experience - Renewed!

Concrete rows of cramped cages? Tragedy and sad faces? No way! At Safe Haven's Pet Adoption Center and Sanctuary, we're changing the way people see places to adopt pets. People often tell me that they are so proud of the work Safe Haven does but they don't want to come and visit/volunteer because they would feel sad for the animals. Let us change that concept!

Pets at Safe Haven have a wonderful environment in which to thrive while they await their next home. Large and shaded pens house the dogs and a dog park is available for play time and exercising as well as for meeting prospective new families. Walking trails meander throughout the property. The cats languish in their own environment and greet everyone who comes to visit. But that's just it, not enough people come to visit them. Yes, we are off the beaten path and about 10 miles east of town but, once there, visitors are so impressed with the facilities we have.

For every pet that is adopted from Safe Haven, a space is freed up for another pet to come in. We take dogs to off-site locations but are limited by the number that can be transported. There are so many more beautiful, healthy, well-adjusted pets awaiting a new home right at the sanctuary. So if you or someone you know is looking to adopt that new pet into your family, take that short drive and come to Safe Haven – you'll be delighted by what you find there.

## **Shopping with Amazon**

Now you can help raise funds for Safe Haven each time you shop on line at Amazon.com, either go to the Facebook page for Safe Haven Animal sanctuary or to our website at www.shaspets.com. Follow the Amazonsmile link and log into your Amazon account from there. For every \$\$ you spend, SHAS will receive a rebate. Just another way of supporting your organization.

Copy this link into your url to order from Amazon and benefit SHAS or just highlight the address below and hit CTRL + left click your mouse to access the link

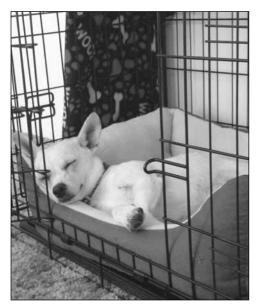
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#### **WISH LIST**

- Kuboto Tractor with Front End Loader
- · Friskies canned cat food
- Meow Mix dry cat food
- Milk Bone dog biscuits
- Clumping cat litter
- Pedigree canned dog food
- Purina One dry dog food
- Windex, 409, Fabreze
- · Nail polish remover
- Sm, Med & Lg garbage bags
- Case of bottled water
- · Toilet paper, Kleenex

- Package & Scotch tape
- Address labels
- Batteries
- nylon rope
- Fabric bins
- Gift Cards
- Bleach
- Gallon & Quart Ziplock bags
- Paper bowls
- Paper towels
- Scrubber sponges

# **Happily Ever After • Happily Ever After • Happily Ever After**



We first met **Belle** back in February 2014 while walking the dogs at the sanctuary. Although she was a little shy at first, Little Bit (as she was then known) quickly warmed up to the other dogs and to us. We both liked Little Bit's open, friendly personality and playfulness, and after spending several months socializing with her, decided to adopt her in June 2014!

We renamed her "Belle" because her number one trait is curiosity. She is interested in smelling EVERYTHING and has even been known to ignore food if there is an interesting-smelling spot in her midst. She also likes to play with squeaky toys and to go on hikes with us, and when given a little time to adjust, enjoys meeting and playing with other dogs (she recently met my family's border collie mix, Biscotte, and they had a great time together). She has adapted to life with us very well, and is still just as playful and as friendly as ever. We have really fallen in love with her sweet nature. Thank you for bringing her into our lives, Safe Haven!

(There are wonderful dogs and cats awaiting good homes at Safe Haven. Please spread the word.)

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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Sanctuary Manager	Jeff Barker
Thrift Store Manager	Cassandra Lockwood
Website Administrator	Dorian Rudin
Volunteer Coordinator	Open

#### **Board Retreat**

The Board of Directors, together with the management, held their annual retreat in early September. They spent a full day focusing on the strategic plan for the future of the organization.

## **Featured Pets of Safe Haven**



**Brownie** is a female Boxer/Lab mix and is just over 2 years old. Energetic, she would make an adorable family pet for someone with children who can match her energy or with a family that is active. Brownie grew up with a cat so should do fine with other family felines. She is loved by all our volunteers and would love to be that special dog in your life.



Meet **Feisty**, a Male Domestic Longhair Orange Tabby who has been declawed. He is 4 years old and, contrary to his name, is an easygoing fellow who gets along well with other cats and our staff and volunteers. He gets a satisfied look in his big, golden eyes when people pet him and talk to him. This fluffy fellow is more than ready for a forever home.

#### **Volunteer Focus Corner**

About 8 years ago Freddie Wheeler decided she would volunteer her time at the Safe Haven Thrift Store and we have been blessed with her presence ever since. Freddie shows up twice a week with her smiling face and ready attitude. She helps by putting items that have been priced onto the shelves. She also tallies the volunteer hours on a monthly basis.



Knowing you are helping a really good cause is the biggest reward for Freddie. She also has formed some very strong friendships with the other volunteers and enjoys watching people find that special something they have been looking for. Chatting with the regular customers, as well as new ones, brings pleasure into her life.

Freddie is surrounded with her family in Las Cruces. A true New Mexico native, she was born in Lordsburg and spent her working life teaching 3rd & 4th graders in the Las Cruces school system for 28 years. She still contributes those skills through her tutoring.

## **Volunteer Opportunities For You**

Do you have a few hours to spare during the course of a week or perhaps you would rather help with special events occasionally. We are in need of volunteers to

Help at off-site adoption events - Staff information tables at special events - Work with the fundraising team - Help as a dog walker at the sanctuary - Work at the thrift store - Maintenance work at the sanctuary.

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 and follow the Volunteer link for these and more opportunities and for an application.

## **Two Cemetery Plots for Sale**

Safe Haven received a donation of two cemetery plots a few years back. We are trying to sell these. They are located in the Garden of the Good Shepherd at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. If you are interested please contact us at 575-527-4544. You will be supporting our organization in the process.

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

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#### 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



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Please Donate!** 

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS** 

575-527-4544

575-541-4942

575-805-5338

General Info

Thrift Shop

Sanctuary



\$25 \$50	\$100	Other
Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip