



SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL SANCTUARY

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SPRING 2014

Stars Ed Asner and Loretta Swit visit Safe Haven

Safe Haven was honored to have been selected to participate in the recent charity benefit performance of *Eleanor & FDR*, starring Loretta Swit as Eleanor and Ed Asner as FDR. Safe Haven volunteers helped bring these two biographical plays to Las Cruces and were honored to have both Swit and Asner tour the sanctuary on Saturday morning, January 25th.

A well-known animal-rights activist, Swit was named Woman of the Year by both the Animal Protection Institute and the International Fund for Animal Welfare. Both she and Asner spent quite some time visiting the animals at Safe Haven and touring the facilities. One moment was captured on camera when Asner sat down in the cattery for a break and was immediately claimed by one of our many friendly cats. This brought a smile to his face. They had many questions about the organization and were duly impressed with our facility and the work we do on behalf of the community animals. We were delighted to host these two wonderful people.

All proceeds from the two performances were split between Safe Haven and two other groups and generated around \$6,500 for the Sanctuary.



Ed Asner with Chloe



Featured left to right, Jeff Barker – sanctuary manager, Lorna Harris – Exec. Dir., Lynn Ellins – board member, Ed Asner and Loretta Swit, Dave Zeemont – board member, Carol Mellen – board president, and Laura O'Connor – board member.



“WINEING FOR THE ANIMALS”

A Safe Haven Fundraiser

Each year, for the past three years, we have raised money for Safe Haven through our annual signature event at the Amaro Winery. This year, we ask that you mark your calendars for Thursday, May 8th for this year's event. There will be wonderful food items, live music, a silent auction, door prizes, a raffle and terrific wine. Last year's event raised close to \$5,000 for our animals and this year we would like to exceed that. Watch for more information in the local media and on our website.

Safe Haven receives grant

Safe Haven recently received a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the MuttNation Foundation. This gift is greatly appreciated and will go towards the program at the Sanctuary and our special projects list.

From the Director

News from the storefront

Things are really hopping down at the store. We ended 2013 with two great months of sales and now we're looking forward to a successful 2014. We have built a reputation as one of the finer second-hand stores in Las Cruces and we are looking to expand on that. There is a wide assortment of gently used items for sale, along with antiques, collectibles and a great selection of books. Do come by and also tell your friends.

We are always in need of the larger furniture items and now, with our truck and trailer, can come by and pick these up. So if spring cleaning and a turn-over of your furniture are in the cards, give us a call.

One thing we would like to do this year is increase the donation of cans. Perhaps you belong to a church group or civic organization, or maybe your workplace would be willing to collect cans for us, or you could just collect them at home. These recycled items can be turned in at the rear of the store during business hours. Every dollar raised from donations counts and helps buy food and medical care for our pets. We thank you in advance for helping us achieve our goal.

At the recent Annual Meeting for Safe Haven, held on January 22nd, directors were elected and the 2014 budget approved. We are at the beginning of a new year and with it come new challenges. We are constantly looking for ways to increase the revenues of the organization and we look to you, our supporters, to help us in that endeavor.

This year we are planning to hold more off-site adoptions. Since the sanctuary is located so far out, this is a great way to bring our pets to town and give them additional exposure to prospective adopters. Increasing these events requires a larger base of volunteers, so if you are inclined to give a few hours on a monthly basis, do get in touch with our volunteer coordinator, Michelle Shawala.

Another way you can contribute to the future well-being of Safe Haven is by including the organization in your will. Bequests help ensure the future financial health of the sanctuary and allow us to plan for needed projects and expansion. If you would like more information on this form of giving, do get in touch with me and I will be glad to get

you the paperwork.

While on the subject of wills; do you have a plan for your pet should something happen to you? I cannot tell you how many calls I receive from family members who are trying to find placement for pets left behind after a loved one passes. This is a hardship on families that can be avoided. Make a plan now to have a person or facility ready to take your pet should something happen to you or if you are whisked off in the night to the hospital. Additionally, make a note of where pet records are kept, name of veterinarian, list of medications they are on, type of food they eat or special diet, and any other details that will make it easy on those that will be caring for your pet.

And so we move forward into another year at Safe Haven. Many positive changes have taken place for the organization since its inception in 1995. I feel honored to be associated with such a fine operation and look forward to seeing many of our pets placed into good homes this year.

—Lorna Harris, Executive Director



Rock to the rescue

The STYX rock'n'roll group performed at the PanAm Center in January to a crowd of about 3,500 enthusiastic fans. Safe Haven was invited by the STYX foundation group, Rock to the Rescue, to participate in the sale of raffle tickets for a drawing of a signed guitar at the event. We were able to come away with \$1,000 for our organization. Big "thank you" to all the volunteers who helped with this.

Volunteer Focus Corner

If you shop at the Thrift Store, chances are you

have already met Janet Lawrence. Janet works as a cashier and has been with the organization for 9 years. When asked what prompted her to volunteer, Janet says that she loves helping raise funds for the animals at the sanctuary. Another perk she gets from her work as cashier is meeting new people as they come in to shop and socializing with the other ladies who volunteer at the store.

Janet's family moved here from Hope, Arkansas in 1958. Over the years she has worked for Dr. Maddox and later for Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico where she stayed for 19 years. Janet is married to husband, Gary, and they have one son, Justin and sadly their other son, Cody, died in 1992. She and Gary enjoy their grandchildren and their 3 great grandchildren. They live on a small farm south of Mesilla Park. Stop by the store and say "hello" to Janet and thank her for her dedication to Safe Haven.





Board of Directors

President Carol Mellen
Vice President Lynn Ellins
Secretary Susan Mitchell
Treasurer Dave Zeemont

Directors Jennifer Goude, Barbara Dean, Laura O'Connor
Executive Director Lorna Harris
Sanctuary Manager Jeff Barker
Thrift Store Manager Ismael Lujan
Website Administrator Dorian Rudin

Volunteer Coordinator:

Sanctuary – Michelle Shawala mikey195200@yahoo.com

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.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Pet Smart, 2200 E. Lohman Avenue, Las Cruces
- East Lohman Veterinary Clinic
- Jornada Veterinary Clinic
- Denise Cooper, CPA, 1155 Commerce Drive, Las Cruces
- Target, Las Cruces
- San Saba Pecans, W. Amador, Las Cruces
- Central Bark Grooming service
- Country Dog Grooming Salon
- Tractor Supply Store
- WalMart, Valley Drive

WISH LIST

- Kubota Tractor with Front End Loader
- Friskies Pate' cat food
- Meow Mix Dry cat food
- Clumping kitty litter
- Exceed Chicken/Rice dry dog food (Sam's Club)
- Sam's Club gift certificates
- HP 564XL or HP 60 Black Ink Cartridges
- Copy paper
- Laundry detergent & Clorox Wipes
- Cat beds with covers
- Easy walk harnesses for dogs
- Large Leaf Bags 44 gall.
- Puppy Pools from Pet Smart
- Bleach & Paper Towels
- Pedigree or Alpo Canned dog food
- Milk Bones

Featured Pets Of Safe Haven

Brownie is a female Boxer/Cur mix who was born in January, 2012. She came to Safe Haven when her family could no longer give her the attention and exercise that she required. She would do well in a home where she has other pets to play with. She requires a fenced yard and exercise. Already house trained, she is a dog that gets along well with other dogs and cats, she would make the perfect family pet.



Now here's a sweet, petite young lady. **Chloe** came to Safe Haven all by herself. She literally showed up on the property, crying for attention and hungry. She is the most sweet-natured cat and is ready for her forever home. Our volunteers groom her and give her social time and she rewards them with purrs of affection.



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 the fundraising team for the Amaro Winery event.
- Train and help as a dog walker at the sanctuary.
- Help at the thrift store.
- Maintenance work at the sanctuary. A "fix it" person.

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.

Not crazy about going to a location to volunteer, then perhaps you can help us by working from home, making phone calls, sending out Thank You notes, keeping up our Facebook page, designing flyers, researching grants. There are many opportunities for your talents, so give us a call.

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

840-D El Paseo

Las Cruces, NM 88001



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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

General Info 575-527-4544

Thrift Shop 575-541-4942

Sanctuary 575-805-5338

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website: <http://www.shaspets.com/>

Sanctuary E-mail: safehaven.pets@yahoo.com

Please Donate!



I want to help care for animals at our beautiful “no kill” Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary.

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