



SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL SANCTUARY

# paw print NEWS

SUMMER 2012

## A FRIEND REMEMBERED



Anyone associated with Safe Haven for any length of time will have heard the name Artie Ford mentioned. The two are synonymous. Artie sadly passed away in May of this year and Safe Haven did indeed lose a true friend. She will be missed by her many friends at Safe Haven.

Artie was among the original group of people who were inspired to start Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary in Las Cruces. From its humble beginnings to the fine place it has become today, Artie was involved

at every step. Her love of animals led her to volunteer at both the sanctuary and the thrift store where she made many friends. She was an inspiration to all of us as her failing health became evident but her volunteer spirit kept her involved at some level right up until the end.

### **"Patience, Persistence & Praise"**

Until you have held a tiny puppy in your arms as it kissed your face with slobbery puppy breath,

Until you have held an injured or severely ill dog in your arms and felt their pain,

Until you have looked into the eyes of a tired, aging senior dog and felt their wisdom,

And until you have seen and understood the look in your dog's eyes that tells you their time on Earth with you is over.... and you humanely let them go,

You will never understand the life of a rescuer.

We find beauty in the most incomprehensible places and the otherwise homely faces.

It is our gift to see beyond the dirt, terror, sadness and defeat and find the true soul that lies within.

We are rescue.

Kathie Sullivan

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## **OPEN HOUSE • SEPTEMBER 2012, 6890 Eagle Road**

Save the Date: Sunday, September 23, 12-3pm  
Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

Take a short drive and join us for a fun afternoon. Hot dogs, salads, refreshments. Come and meet the animal family of Safe Haven and learn more about what we do in our community. Guided tours, Door Prizes and more.

# Paw News from the Director

Well we have seen a very demanding kitten season this year. The Las Cruces area community has succeeded in producing an unprecedented number of unwanted cats, kittens and puppies. Calls come in continuously from people wanting to bring these poor creatures to Safe Haven. Knowing that the next stop for them is probably the Animal Services Center, makes it hard for us to turn them away. Our capacity dictates the number of intakes we can handle and the new cat isolation unit has aided this year in allowing us to take in kittens awaiting testing and vaccinations.

Success stories do exist though and that is what we focus on. Take the four three-week old kittens left in a box outside the Thrift Store. Thanks to the tender loving care given them, round the clock, by our assistant manager, Ruthie, they are thriving and happy playing together in the Cattery. When old enough, they will be spayed/neutered and then put up for adoption. In the meantime the staff and volunteers are enjoying their company.

Having foster families available to help out in situations such as this would enable us to save more lives. Please con-

sider becoming a foster family for a dog or cat so that one pet can have a second chance at life. We always try to match up the family with the right pet. Foster care is vital to saving lives of at-risk pets so please consider becoming a foster for SHAS. If you're new to fostering, mentoring and training is provided.

The Animal Cruelty Bill, SB62 carried by Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, failed to pass again in this year's legislative session. We'll be back next year, I'm sure.

Safe Haven is participating in the newly formed Coalition for Pets & People. In its formative stages, the Coalition's goal is to turn Las Cruces into a "no kill" community within 7 years. Modeling after other successful cities, the group has formed a number of diverse committees, each reporting to the Core Council which, in turn, is forming the strategy for the "Zero in Seven" goal. Stay tuned for more from this group.

Lorna Harris  
Executive Director



## **"Wineing for the Animals"** *A successful Fundraising Event*

Once again this successful annual event raised funds for the Sanctuary. Despite the windy weather on that Thursday evening in April, 100 guests turned out to support this fun event held at the Amaro Winery.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the event; the committee, the donors of items for the Silent Auction and food items, the door prizes and raffle items and the folks at Amaro for working with the Safe Haven team and to each of you who showed up in support of our animal family.



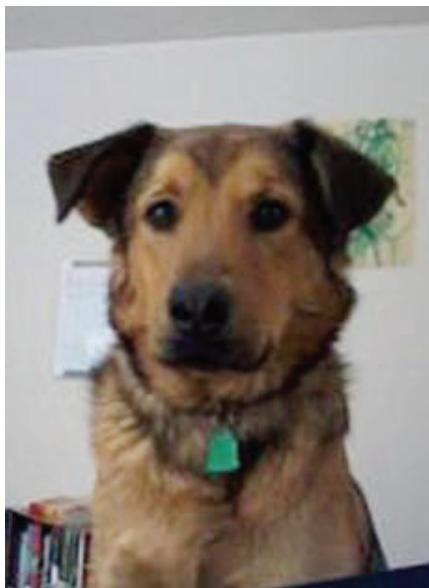
## Having too much fun.....

Yogi was scheduled to be euthanized but those plans were changed when two angels decided he deserved a second chance at life.

Yogi arrived at Safe Haven a be-draggled German Shepherd cross-breed; coat matted and underweight. He had been abandoned to fend for himself when his owner moved away. Picked up by animal control, this street survivor was scheduled to die but life took a turn for the better.

After a good grooming, vaccinations, neutering, and lots of tender loving care, combined with a good diet, Yogi was ready for a new home. A few months later his future family showed up and it was love at first lick.

After a time we heard that Yogi had traveled by car to Montana for Christmas. In a letter we received they reported that he enjoyed hiking, wrestling, trips to the dog park and running through the snow-covered



mountains and catching snowballs. "Without Safe Haven, he probably would have been put down. Thank you Safe Haven for saving this truly amazing dog. We can't imagine life without our overgrown mutt who we now call Orion".

## The Cattery Gets a Makeover

A much needed renovation to the exterior of the Cattery was completed this spring. The cats had been complaining – as only cats can do – about the dilapidated exterior play area that was no longer suitable for the feline tastes of the Safe Haven cats. We listened and the new facility of chain link fencing and roof, complete with isolation units, is now in place. We still have finishing touches to put to the project but the cats have told us they approve of their new playground enclosure.



## Wish List

- ProForce disinfectant from Sam's Club
- Pedialite – unflavored
- Canned cat food
- Dry cat food
- Clumping kitty litter
- Clorox wipes
- Exceed dry dog food from Sam's Club
- Sam's Club gift certificates
- Copy paper
- Laundry detergent
- Frontline Plus Flea and Tick products
- Wire Dog Crates
- Landscaping services and plants
- Shade Trees
- Paving stones
- Plastic Coat hangers
- Skirt Hangers
- Cat beds with covers
- Easy walk harnesses for dogs
- Paper Towels
- Large Leaf Bags
- Exterior Redwood Paint
- Painting Supplies

## Join us on Facebook

SHAS has a new Facebook page! We plan to keep you up-to-date on the latest news such as 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.

## Safe Haven Website

Check out our website for all that's new at Safe Haven – [www.safehavenanimalsanctuary.net](http://www.safehavenanimalsanctuary.net). Here you'll find a new home page "Happily Ever After", featuring stories of pets and their new families. If you would like to share a story and photo of a pet you've adopted from SHAS, send it to [shaspets@yahoo.com](mailto:shaspets@yahoo.com) and we'll post it for you.



# Tough Tiny Queen

by Tessa Nelson-Humphries • illustrated by Ginny Pruitt

(Based on a real incident.)

WHACK! WHACK!  
THWACKKKKKKK! And  
WHACK again! Down came  
the heavy whip on the young  
donkey's stick-out ribs.

As the huge, French peasant  
raised his lash for yet another  
blow, a girlish voice ordered,  
“Stop, this moment! Stop, I  
say!”

Down from a small cream  
and black carriage stepped  
a plump, little lady in a  
satin bonnet and gray, silk  
crinoline, bright, blue eyes  
blazing. She glared up at the  
donkey's driver, then stood  
on tiptoe in her doll-sized  
black button boots to glare  
harder. So fierce was her look  
that the bully flinched. Like  
all bullies, he was cowardly at  
heart.



It was England's Queen  
Victoria, out driving herself,  
on a French holiday who  
had come to the rescue. She  
had only Paoli, a groom,  
to accompany her. Unlike  
most tourists, her French was  
perfect. Also, as Queen she  
spoke with authority.

She looked the driver up  
and down coldly, then

said, Will you sell me that  
donkey?” “What'll you give  
me?” snarled the peasant,  
stroking his whip as if he  
would hit this pesky little  
person next! “How much  
did you pay for him?” she  
asked, thinking hard.

“A hundred francs,” he lied.  
“And the ugly beast was not  
worth even one Sou!” “I'll  
give you two hundred!” re-  
plied Victoria. “Paoli, please  
hand me my bag!” Paoli  
reached into the carriage for  
the big straw bag one of the  
queen's daughters had made  
for her for her last birthday.

The peasant watched closely  
as she counted out the  
money and gave it to her  
groom to hand over. Careful-  
ly counting it twice, the man  
finally flung the donkey's  
frayed rope across the queen's  
beautiful crinoline and  
clumped off in his wooden  
shoes. He was afraid this  
bossy little woman, whoever  
she was, would change her  
mind once she got a really  
good look at her purchase.

Paoli drove the carriage back  
to the chateau where Victo-  
ria was staying while she led  
the trembling little animal  
along, talking gently. “That  
poor little creature is so thin,  
you can count every rib!”  
she told Prince Albert, her  
husband, at dinner. “But you  
know, once he is groomed  
and well-fed, he will be a

useful extra carriage-donkey  
and allow dear old Gladstone  
more time to kick up his  
heels in the pasture! As he is  
a French donkey, I shall call  
him Jacquot!” Albert smiled  
knowingly. “Dear Victoria,  
you will soon make him as  
fat as Gladstone, and then  
you will have to re-christen  
him Tubby!”

The prince was partly right.  
Before long, with regular



mashes and apples, Jacquot  
blossomed into a handsome  
animal with a sweet temper.  
His new, thick coat covered  
the ugly scars on his back.  
“He's fairly young, I think,  
Your Majesty,” said John  
Brown, the queen's favorite  
servant. “As he's been used to  
working, let him continue.  
Animals like routine.” Thus,  
Jacquot learned to pull Victo-  
ria's small carriage and was  
soon taking her safely down  
narrow paths where bigger  
vehicles always got stuck.  
With him, she could escape  
staring crowds for a while.

Jacquot became famous and  
went everywhere. He even  
went on the royal train when  
the queen left London for her  
annual holiday in her beloved

Scotland. Her subjects would  
wave goodbye as the long,  
blue and brown royal train  
pulled out of King's Cross  
or Euston Station. Victo-  
ria would wave a plump,  
bejeweled hand. Jacquot was  
tethered safely in his van  
with his nose pressed to the  
window. His special satchel  
was packed with apples and  
carrots nearby.

The Scottish Highlands were  
jacquot's most favorite place  
because of all the thistles!  
Oh, how he adored those  
prickly, purple treats! Queen  
Victoria, a talented artist,  
made sketches of him with  
thistles sticking out of his  
mouth.

Donkeys live long lives,  
especially when well-loved.  
There is a well-known saying  
to indicate a long time: “Oh,  
that was a donkey's years  
ago!” Little Jacquot repaid his  
queen with faithful service.  
When she died, very old and  
much-loved, her numerous  
grandchildren retired him  
to Windsor Castle. There,  
he became a famous tourist  
attraction, earning money for  
charity by allowing visitors to  
pet and feed him.

Donkeys, like elephants, never  
forget. We can be sure that  
Jacquot never forgot tiny,  
tough. Queen Victoria who  
rescued him from cruelty on  
a French lane, long ago.



## Board of Directors

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## Seeking Board Members

Safe Haven is actively seeking qualified board member candidates. If you, or someone you know, can dedicate a few hours each month to serving on the board, please contact the Executive Director and we will send you a board application form with more information or you can download one at the website.

Business meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm and usually last about an hour and a half. If you can bring a professional skill to the table that will contribute to the financial health and overall wellbeing of a terrific organization, we would love to have you on the team. It is truly rewarding time well spent.

Safe Haven carries officers and directors liability insurance.

## Animal Night at the Fountain Theatre

Along with other animal support groups in the community, Safe Haven is sponsoring two showings of the film, "Darling Companion". This movie, starring Diane Keaton and Kevin Kline, is the story of a couple who come across a stray dog who changes their lives. Shows that will benefit the animal groups will air Friday evening, July 20th and Sunday matinee, July 22nd. A great way to support Safe Haven and enjoy a good movie.

## Community Partners

- Animal Hospital of Las Cruces
- Central Bark Grooming service
- Denise Cooper, CPA, 1155 Commerce Drive, Las Cruces
- Jornada Veterinary Clinic
- Lauren Hinckel, DVM
- PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Avenue, Las Cruces
- PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Avenue, Las Cruces
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## Cemetery Plots for Sale

Safe Haven has received a donation of three cemetery plots. Located at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in the Garden of the Good Shepherd. Hillcrest value is \$2,500 each and we are asking \$1,500 each. If interested call: 575.527.4544.

## Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

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Mon-Friday – 8 am-1 pm

#### **Thrift Shop:**

Monday-Friday – 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday – 9 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

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