

SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL SANCTUARY

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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

February 27 – Donation Event at Walmart on Valley 11am-3pm March 12 – Ashley Furniture Homestore—Adoption Event 11am-3pm March 19 – Information Booth at Downtown Farmers Market 8am-1pm March 26 – Springfest—Young's Park 10am-3pm

April 16 – Information Booth at Downtown Farmers Market 8am-1pm

April 30 – Wild Birds Unlimited – Adoption Event 11am-3pm

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

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SAFE HAVEN HEADS INTO 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH NEW DIRECTOR



Safe Haven is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a new executive director. Laura O'Connor, former board president and long-time volunteer with the organization, was selected for the position from a pool of more than thirty applicants. O'Connor has a background in finance, banking and management and holds a BBA in finance from the University of Texas at Arlington. O'Connor has three dogs, all adopted from Safe Haven.

O'Connor replaces Lorna Harris who has retired from the position after eight years with the organization.

DONATING A CAR TO SAFE HAVEN IS EASY!

You can help the homeless cats and dogs of our community by donating your car to Safe Haven. Simply visit <u>www.donatingiseasy.org</u> 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 Focus Corner



Gerry Johnson has been helping Safe Haven at the Sanctuary for the past two years. Gerry volunteers her time in many ways. She grooms the dogs for the off-site events, attends adoption and fundraising events, spends time socializing with the animals and even gets dirty pulling weeds.

Gerry considers Safe Haven to be a sanctuary not only for the animals, but also for her. She claims that spending time with the animals makes her forget any problems she may be facing in life. Gerry finds it rewarding to know that she plays a small role in helping the animals find their "furever" homes. Gerry and her husband recently adopted Peaches, a pit bull that had been at Safe Haven for nearly five years. They consider "Georgia Peaches" to be their greatest reward for volunteering.

This edition of the Newsletter is brought to you with the support of our community partner, Ashley Furniture HomeStore. Please thank Wanda Bowman and her staff on your next visit.



GRANTS & FUNDRAISING

2015 ended on a high note in the grant department. Save Haven was awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,500 from the Candis J. Stern Foundation, and a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Kenneth & Myra Monfort Charitable Foundation. For 2016, Safe Haven has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Union Pacific Foundation, which will be received later this year.

The local community responded graciously to our annual direct mailing campaign in December by providing support to Safe Haven in the amount of \$12,765. Thanks to all of our donors and supporters! Give yourselves a big pat on the back for providing Safe Haven with the means to provide quality care to the animals of Safe Haven. We could not do it without your support.

WISH LIST (Items we would love to have)

Walmart/Sam's gift cards Friskies Canned Cat Food Meow Mix Original Dry Cat Food Alpo or Purina Canned Dog Food "One" Chicken Dry Dog Food Cat <u>Clumping</u> Litter Rawhide Chews (not from China) Milk Bones Lawn & Leaf Bags Unscented Bleach

> One way of ensuring the future success of the Safe Haven mission is by including the organization in your legacy giving. For more information on this, contact the Executive Director.



"WINEING FOR THE ANIMALS" MAY 19TH

The sixth annual "Wineing for the Animals" will be held Thursday, May 19th at the Amaro Winery. There will be a silent auction and raffle drawings. Each ticket comes with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine and live music.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$45 for two. Tickets may be purchased at Amaro Winery, SHAS Thrift Store, or call 575-522-1044. Come out and support the animals!

THRIFT STORE CORNER

It's time for spring-cleaning and we would love to help by taking your donations at the SHAS Thrift Store. We accept items ranging from furniture, housewares, electronics, books, clothes and collectibles. Donated



items are tax deductible. If you need help getting your large items to the store, call us at (575) 541-4942 to arrange for a pick-up. Not only will you be cleaning your home, but you will also be helping our homeless pets get

closer to finding their forever homes. Everybody wins!

If spring shopping is more your style, we get hundreds of donated items daily. Come in to browse today...you never know what you'll find!



SHAS FEATURED PETS



Meet Niko, a 6-year-old Yorkie who was left behind when his owner moved. Niko was in poor health, but he has had 16 teeth removed and is feeling much better. Niko just got a clean bill of health and is ready for adoption.



Say hello to Gumdrop. Gumdrop was rescued as a tiny kitten from the parking lot of a local business where workers were abusing her. Gumdrop is nearly 7 months old and loves to play with the water in her bowl and sunbathe. Gumdrop is available for adoption.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Sanctuary is in need of volunteer help in all areas.



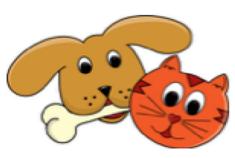
If you can spare a few hours on a consistent basis, our manager will be glad to match you with an available position. Check out the website for a description of various openings available. Volunteers are the backbone of

Safe Haven! For more information on this rewarding opportunity, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Tricia, at (408) 529-1065 or triciaquillen@gmail.com.

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Thank you!