



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

**August 27** – PetSmart Adoption Event 11am-3pm

**September 10** – Donation Event at Walmart on Valley 10am-2pm

**September 24** – PetSmart Adoption Event 11am-3pm

**October 9** – Open House/Adopter Reunion at Sanctuary 12-4pm

**October 22** – Wild Birds Unlimited Adoption Event 11am-3pm

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

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## SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & ADOPTER REUNION



Join us at the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm for our annual Open House & Adopter Reunion. Everyone is welcome, especially anyone who has adopted a pet from Safe Haven in the past. All Safe Haven alumni & their families will meet in the dog park, where a group photograph will be taken of the reunion.

Tours of the Sanctuary will be provided, along with hot dogs & refreshments. This is a fun way to see the Sanctuary & meet other animal lovers.

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## 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 [www.donatingiseasy.org](http://www.donatingiseasy.org) 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



Raymond Rerra has been volunteering at Safe Haven for over two years. Ray originally began volunteering at the Sanctuary, but moved over to the Thrift Store. Ray can be found at the store sorting donated items, helping donors to unload items from their cars and checking electrical items that have been donated.

Ray grew up in New York City & attended technical school after serving in the Navy. In his late twenties, Ray moved to Gainesville, FL to work for an office machine dealer, where he stayed for 30 years. He & two partners eventually purchased the company. In 2001, they sold the company to a “mega dealer”. Ray moved to Las Cruces in 2009 to work as a regional tech for a large Xerox dealer. Ray has two daughters, one is a nurse & the other is an Aveda-trained esthetician. Both live in Florida.

After retiring three years ago, Ray realized he needed something to keep him busy. As a lifelong dog lover, he decided Safe Haven was the perfect place to volunteer. For Ray, the main reward of volunteering is the knowledge that his efforts are helping the dogs & cats of Safe Haven.

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 at [shaspets@gmail.com](mailto:shaspets@gmail.com).

Click on the Amazon Smile logo on our website & a portion of your purchases will go to Safe Haven!



## Volunteer Coordinator Report

The new volunteer application process through the website is working perfectly. It is now user friendly from both the applicant side, as well as the coordinator



side. There are many options for volunteering whether it be at the Sanctuary, the Thrift Store or off-site events. Tricia is known for saying, “I haven’t met a volunteer yet that I couldn’t find something they love to do!” It is her passion to play match game to make it an enjoyable, rewarding experience. Whether you have a few hours a week, a month or only want to work a specific event a couple times a year, we can make it happen; all the while benefiting the many animals we come in contact with.

Another great way to get involved is to contact Tricia if you have a group or organization that would like to ‘sponsor’ an event. For instance, the Honor Society members from three local High Schools (Centennial, Las Cruces and Mayfield) have all done their part to find homes for our animals in a variety of ways. The younger set is great at promoting the Facebook page, posting fliers and last, but not least, serving on the “Street Team” to make sure the community and passersby know where we are and why we are there! Aggie PAW from NMSU has been amazing to help with our Dog Washes and more!

If you have questions, ideas or want more information about current openings, please contact Tricia Quillen directly at 408-529-1065 or [triciaquillen@gmail.com](mailto:triciaquillen@gmail.com).

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**Thank you!**



## Pets in Hot Cars: A Deadly Combination

Every year, pets die unnecessarily because their owners leave them in parked vehicles, even for “just a minute”. The temperature in a car can increase by 25° in only 10 minutes, and in our hot desert climate, that can become dangerous very quickly. And cracking the windows will not make any difference. While humans have a system

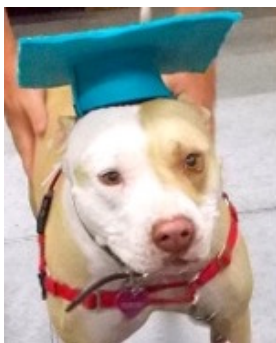
Vehicle Temperature		
Outside	Inside	Time to Reach
75	100	10 min
75	120	30 min
85	90	5 min
85	100	8 min
85	120	30 min
100	140	15 min

of sweat glands, animals do not, which leaves them more vulnerable to heatstroke. Animals can sustain brain damage or even die from heatstroke in only 15 minutes. The next time you consider leaving Fido in the car, ask yourself, “How would I

like to be left in this hot car wearing a fur coat?”

## HAPPY TAILS

Peaches, a pit bull terrier, was brought to Safe Haven after being found near death on the side of the road. Because Peaches was not always comfortable with



other dogs, we knew that it would take a while to find the right home for her. Peaches resided at Safe Haven for nearly 5 years before being adopted by one of Safe Haven’s dedicated volunteers. After being adopted, Peaches has blossomed into the most happy & loving dog. “Georgia Peaches”, as her new family

lovingly refers to her, has recently graduated from obedience school. Peaches has come a long way from that broken girl that was found on the side of the road—she’s even been seen attending Yappy Hour events. Way to go Peaches!

## SHAS FEATURED PETS



Meet Rascal, a fun & energetic 11-month-old pointer mix who is house trained & knows basic commands. This medium-sized boy has a nose that is in the shape of a heart. He is good with pets & kids. Rascal is neutered & current on shots...all he needs is a new home.



Say hello to Frito. He came to Safe Haven as his previous owner moved to Australia. Frito is a 6-year-old cuddle bug, whose previous owner described him as “such a love!” Frito is neutered & current on shots. This boy is dreaming of a new home with a vacant lap.



How cute are we? There are 6 of us Chihuahua puppies...4 girls & 2 boys. We were found in a large box next to a dumpster with our mom not long after we were born. We are in the process of getting our vaccinations & we will soon be fixed. We will be ready to go to our new homes in August. Please put in an application if you’re interested...we are sure to go fast!

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Sat 9am-5pm  
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**Sanctuary** (575) 805-5338

Tue-Sun 11am-3pm by appt.\*

\*Other times accomodated

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**Volunteer Coordinator:**

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*Thank you!*