



Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

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# 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

**Apr 28** – SHAS Adoptions at PetSmart 10:30-2:30 (4th Sat each month)

**May 3** – **8th Annual "Wineing" For The Animals, Grapevine Plaza (3900 W Picacho) 5:30-8:30pm**

**May 26** – SHAS Adoptions at PetSmart 10:30-2:30

**Jun 7** – Rudy's to the Rescue Adoption Promo 4-7pm at Rudy's BBQ (1st Thurs each month)

For more information on these events and current updates, visit our Facebook page or [shaspets.com](http://shaspets.com).

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### SHAS To Hold 8th Annual "Wineing" For The Animals Fundraiser Thursday, May 3rd



The 8th Annual "Wineing" For The Animals, Safe Haven's signature fundraiser to benefit the cats & dogs of the sanctuary, will be held Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 5:30-8:30pm at the Grapevine Plaza, located at 3900 W Picacho Ave. Tickets are \$30/ticket or \$55/couple and include complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine or beer, live music by Alison Reynolds on the outdoor stage and a vast array of more than 150 silent auction items. Come take advantage of amazing deals on the silent auction items and have fun while helping homeless cats & dogs.

Tickets may be purchased online at [shaspets.networkforgood.com](http://shaspets.networkforgood.com), Safe Haven Thrift Store & Sanctuary, Grapevine Plaza or at the door. All two-legged guests must be 21 or over.

We hope to see you there!



The sanctuary is currently in need of a part-time Kennel Assistant. General duties include cleaning & sanitizing dog pens & cat areas, feeding/watering and picking up after animals and reporting on the condition of the animals to the Sanctuary Manager. The position pays minimum wage. The ideal candidate will be able to lift 50 pounds or more on a regular basis and will have reliable transportation. Call 575-805-5338 to inquire.

## It's Time For Spring Cleaning... & We Want To Help!



Nobody looks forward to spring cleaning, but maybe we can help by making it easier for you. Our Thrift Store will be happy to take gently used, unwanted items off of your hands, and we'll even arrange to pickup your furniture and large donation items. Not only will your donation go directly to helping the cats & dogs at our Sanctuary, but we'll give you a receipt for a potential tax deduction and save you the back pain! Simply call our Thrift Store at 575-541-4942 to schedule a pickup.

### Consider Donating A Car to SHAS

You can help the homeless cats and dogs of SHAS 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!

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## Thank you!



## SHAS FEATURED PETS



Meet Buddy, a sweet two-year-old boy who weighs approximately 40 pounds. As a puppy, Buddy was the victim of animal cruelty at only 6 months of age. He was taken into custody and held as evidence for 6 months by local authorities. Despite what Buddy's been through, he is such a loving boy. That is, unless you're a cat...Buddy needs to be in a home without cats. Buddy is such a good sport that he has happily participated in Doggy Yoga! This handsome and gentle boy will be the most loyal companion to someone that has lots of love in their heart, which he will return ten-fold. If you are interested in adopting Buddy, please submit an application online at [shaspets.com](http://shaspets.com), or call 575-805-5338 for more information.



Say hello to Leo. He is definitely "Mr. Personality". Leo recently came to Safe Haven after his owner passed away, but that hasn't changed his bright and friendly demeanor. Leo is very social and loves to be loved on. Leo is 8 years old, but you will think he's much younger when you meet him. If interested in this sweet gentleman, please submit an online application at [shaspets.com](http://shaspets.com) or call 575-805-5338 for more information.

One way to ensure the future success of the Safe Haven mission is by including the organization in your legacy giving. For more information, please contact the Executive Director at 575-527-4544 or [info@shaspets.com](mailto:info@shaspets.com).

## HOW TO ADD YEARS TO YOUR PET'S LIFE

By Lorie Huston, DVM

Anyone who has ever had a dog or cat wishes just one thing — that he or she has a healthy and long life. Here are five tips that can help your pet do just that.

### 1. Feed a high quality diet.



Pets fed a high quality diet have a shiny hair coat, healthy skin, and bright eyes. A good diet can help strengthen your pet's immune system, help maintain his or her intestinal health, help increase his or her mental acuity, help keep joints and muscles healthy, and much more.

### 2. Keep your pet lean.

Pets that are overweight are at risk for a myriad of health

issues. Obesity is the number one nutritional disease seen in pets currently and studies have shown that being overweight or obese can shorten a dog or cat's life span by as much as two years. Why? Being overweight or obese puts your pet at risk for joint disease, heart disease and diabetes, among other things.

### 3. Take your pet to the veterinarian regularly.

All pets, including both dogs and cats, require regular veterinary care. However, veterinary care goes far beyond routine vaccinations, even though those are important. A routine examination by your veterinarian can uncover health issues of which you are unaware. In many cases, an early diagnosis improves the chances of successful treatment. Early diagnosis is also likely to be less costly for you than waiting until your pet's illness has become advanced and serious before attempting treatment.

### 4. Keep your pet's mouth clean.

A common problem among dogs and cats, dental disease and oral health issues can cause your pet pain, making it difficult for him or her to eat. If left untreated, oral health issues may even lead to heart and kidney disease. In addition to regular dental checkups, the most effective means of caring for your pet's mouth at home is to brush his or her teeth at home. If your pet isn't a big fan of toothbrushes there are other alternatives as well, including dental diets, treats, and toys. Ask your veterinarian for some recommendations.

### 5. Do not allow your pet to roam unsupervised.

Allowing your dog or cat to roam free may seem like you're doing your pet a favor. However, pets that roam are susceptible to a number of dangers, including automobile accidents, predation, exposure to contagious diseases, exposure to poisons, and more. Additionally, allowing your pet to roam unsupervised may alienate your neighbors should your pet ever "relieve" him- or herself in their lawn or dig up their garden. Following these tips can go a long ways towards providing a long, healthy and happy life for your pet.

## A Star Is Rescued

Meet Cruiser, who after a stint at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is now a Safe Haven foster. Cruiser was extremely malnourished



and he is working to put on weight for his acting debut. Cruiser is currently in training to play "Bruiser" in the Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of *Legally Blonde*, which will run from June 1-17.

Interestingly enough, the production is directed by Wil Kilroy, who is akin to royalty at Safe Haven for rescuing two special girls from us last year after their owner suddenly passed away. Talk about "six degrees of separation"! For more information on the *Legally Blonde* production, visit [lcctnm.org](http://lcctnm.org). For additional information on Cruiser, please contact Safe Haven at 575-805-5338. Good luck Cruiser. We hope you'll remember us after you become a big star!

## We Need YOU!



*Safe Haven is always in need of volunteers at both the Sanctuary and the Thrift Store. Volunteering to support the SHAS Mission is a great way to give back to the community, while enriching the lives of the animals we serve. It is also a good way to meet other animal lovers. Volunteering to help the cats & dogs of Safe Haven can be a truly rewarding experience. If you're interested in becoming a SHAS volunteer, you may complete an application on our website, [shaspets.com](http://shaspets.com), or call 575-805-5338 for more information.*

## Did you notice something different?

*Maybe it's because we changed our logo. You should be seeing it around town soon on the Thrift Store truck. BIG THANKS to Bryan Sullivan & Natalie Bitting for their creative work!*





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