

# under one roof

news from napa humane

## catherine bergen and jane! and the team of C CASA host the eighth annual "cause for the paws"

**Tastings** offered by animal-loving wineries and breweries

**Culinary Delights** from the Valley's premier  
restaurants, chefs, and food purveyors

**Live Music** by Johnny Smith Group

**Live and Silent Auctions** featuring premium wines, fine dining, spa experiences,  
getaways, boutique pet items, art, and more

**Adorable, Adoptable Animals**

**... and YOU!**



The "Cause for the Paws" takes place **July 24th** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the beautiful Grove at Silverado Resort, one of Napa Valley's classic destinations.

Join us for a fabulous and fun event and show your support for companion animals in our community! Thanks to our generous sponsors and incredible community support proceeds from the "Cause" will go directly to support our unique programs and services for pets and the people who care for and about them.

Check out our website at [napahumane.org](http://napahumane.org) to purchase tickets, for more information about this year's festivities, and to see pictures from past events. To purchase tickets by phone, or with questions, call 707.255.8118 x204.

**We can't wait to see you there! ^**

## bidpal

**new auction technology for "cause for the paws" 2011!**

**A silent auction event in the Napa Valley...nothing new about that, right? Think again!**

Just wait until you see BidPal, auction technology that revolutionizes the way we are able raise needed funds with our "Cause for the Paws" 2011 silent auction and the fun you have bidding in support of Napa Humane!



BidPal device

Bid sheets, clipboards, and pens – gone. Crowded tables with bidders hovering to protect their favorite items? **Poof!** That's gone too. Losing track of the bidding on an item you really wanted because you bumped into friends or were distracted by the perfect food and wine pairing? Not this year!

When you arrive at the "Cause" you will receive a handheld device at registration pre-loaded with every silent auction item, including item descriptions, values, photos, donor information, and more. You can still browse the silent auction items in person, but now you can also view them all on your own personal BidPal device – and bid (or make a donation!) from anywhere at any time. You'll even receive reminders when you've been out-bid!

Questions? Contact Jennifer Smith at 707.255.8118 x204 or [jsmith@napahumane.org](mailto:jsmith@napahumane.org). ^

## a message from napa humane's executive director

Dear Friends,

As a nonprofit organization serving Napa County since 1973, our broad range of programs and services tie all the pieces of animal welfare together. With community and school-based humane education, our behavioral helpline, and the programs and services of our affordable Spay/Neuter Clinic, we work tirelessly to be advocates for companion animals in every way.

One of the most important – but perhaps least known – of the functions we perform is our support for sheltered animals. I know you've seen our Mobile Adoption Unit throughout the county at events, farmers' markets, and festivals taking animals from the Napa County Animal Shelter out into the community for greater exposure to swiftly find their new forever homes.

But in addition to mobile adoption events, Napa Humane staff and volunteers help the animals at the Napa County Animal Shelter each day by taking pictures to be posted on the Shelter's website and on multiple adoption and social media sites and assisting creatively with marketing of their adoption promotions. And of course, each adoptable animal in need of spay/neuter surgery visits our Clinic before being re-homed.



*Volunteer Rob Zerby  
with Luna who found her new  
home at a recent Napa Humane  
Mobile Adoption event!*

Steve Lederer, Director of Environmental Management of Napa County, whose department oversees the Napa County Animal Shelter, describes our important partnership: "The Shelter and Napa Humane compliment each other's services perfectly. While the Shelter provides 'inside services,' specifically care and feeding to the animals that come to our facility, Napa Humane provides the 'outside services,' interacting with the public and greatly encouraging adoption programs which move the animals toward permanent homes and reduces their length of stay with us."

"While we value all the wonderful animal welfare non-profits in the community, nobody else does what Napa Humane does," Steve continued. "The broad scope of their programs, from the Spay/Neuter Clinic, adoption outreach, and education of the community on responsible pet ownership, we count on their help in many aspects of our mission. The Shelter, the community, and especially our animals in need would be much poorer without them."

This spring, Napa Humane spearheaded a new effort known as the Community Cat Cooperative, working with our partners in Napa County's animal welfare community – the Napa County Animal Shelter, Whiskers, Tails & Ferals, and We Care Animal Rescue. The project has proven successful in helping to reduce the number of feral and "loosely owned" cats from entering the Shelter and foster programs.

These services save lives and we are proud to provide them to the homeless animals that count on us for a second chance...and we are grateful to you for your support in allowing us to do so. ^

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Albert'.

Jane Albert  
Executive Director

### CLINIC STATISTICS – JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2011

**NAPA HUMANE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC – 3265 CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD IN NAPA**

**Spay/Neuter Surgeries Performed 2,287**  
**Pets Vaccinated at Weekly Vaccination Clinic 1,259**

**Pets Microchipped 835**

**Thanks to the generous support of our donors and community partners and the work  
of our Napa Humane Spay/Neuter Clinic staff and volunteers! ^**

# napa humane heroes

Napa Humane is fortunate to have a large community of enthusiastic volunteers. Week after week, month after month, year after year these selfless individuals consistently put in many hours and loads of energy serving pets and people in our community. Our programs and services thrive thanks to their unrelenting support and empathy for our animal companions, and we are truly humbled by their service.

In this issue, we highlight several volunteers that are cause for great inspiration and to whom we offer our immense gratitude for all that they do for our organization.

Even more inspiring? We have many couples that choose to volunteer together, united not just in their personal lives but also in their support of Napa Humane's important mission. Meet Belia and Brian, Angela and Tom, and Lee and Steve! ^

**Belia Ramos Bennett and husband Brian Bennett** are one couple that have made an immeasurable contribution to Napa Humane. Belia, a lifelong Napa County resident, labor law attorney, and American Canyon City Councilmember, and Brian, Chief Engineer at UCSF, both volunteer in many areas of the organization.



*Brian and Belia Ramos Bennett*

Belia recently completed service on our Board of Directors and routinely provides assistance with human resource matters while Brian can often be seen driving the Napa Humane Mobile Adoption Unit and handling dogs at various events. Both participate in our annual "Cause for the Paws" community fundraising event.

When asked how Belia came to be involved with Napa Humane, she reflects upon their Border Collie, Cassie.

"Cassie was housed at Napa Humane years ago when it still operated a shelter. After my home had been broken into, my boss and former Napa Humane President, Ed Matovcik, said I needed a dog. His wife, shelter volunteer Cheryl Meyer, paired me up with Cassie. She was a sweet dog. In the end, we realized that we needed her and she needed us. Joining Napa Humane as a member of the Board was my way of showing thanks for her."



*Smokey*

Since Cassie's passing in 2008, Belia and Brian, along with three-year old Sofia and three-month old Liliana, have welcomed a new member of their family into their busy home, Smokey, a grey tabby feral kitten rescue.

"Cassie enriched our lives in so many ways," Belia continues. With her, our love, compassion and patience grew. Volunteering for Napa Humane is a way to give back in her honor and to show gratitude for our Smokey." ^



Another couple who frequently offer their time and expertise to Napa Humane is **Angela and Tom Cooper**. Since relocating to Napa from Atlanta about five years ago, they have attended the “Cause for the Paws” event regularly, which inspired them to get more involved.



*Tom and Angela Cooper*

Both Angela and Tom have driven Napa Humane’s Mobile Adoption Unit, taking her to countless community events. As Angela puts it, “It’s so rewarding to take dogs, cats, and bunnies from the Shelter out to public events to help raise awareness about all the wonderful pets looking for forever homes.” Angela also recently volunteered her time to lead a video production project for Napa Humane.



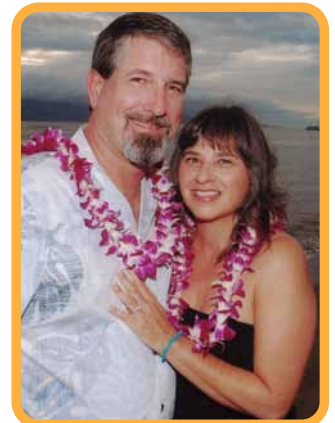
*Maddy*

Angela is a marketing professional for a software company in San Rafael and Tom is a partner in an aviation consulting company. They regularly take the third member of their family, Maddy, a 14-year old chocolate lab with them to work.

Described by Angela as a loyal friend, Maddy has not allowed her age to get the better of her. “She has ‘Personality Plus’ and there is never a dull moment,” Angela says. “Of course, she has slowed down a bit, but considering she has had two knee surgeries, is diabetic and now blind, she still has a lot of spunk!” ^

Newlywed **Lee Loban**, who has individually supported Napa Humane for over a decade in multiple administrative roles, at community and mobile adoption events, and at “Cause for the Paws,” has since recruited now husband **Steve Williams** to join in helping with the “Cause” and even standing in as “Santa” for our “Pet Photos with Santa” events.

Lee’s incredible passion for all animals was what first prompted her to volunteer for Napa Humane. Lee and Steve currently live with kitty companions Gadget and Gretel, both born in feral cat litters. Both are very special members of their family, but especially Gadget, who they raised from a very tiny kitten.



*Steve Williams and Lee Loban*



*Lee Loban and Percy*

“Gadget’s mom is a true feral cat. He was the only surviving kitten living under a rock pile in our backyard. We took him in at under three weeks old and bottle fed him, then trapped mom and had her spayed at the Napa Humane Clinic and then released her back to her outdoor life,” Lee shared.

In addition to their cat companions Lee and Steve also have two rabbits, Scout and Harvey, who were adopted from the Napa County Animal Shelter, and until recently, two very beloved pot belly pigs, Manny and Percy, also adopted. Manny passed in 2008 from old age and Percy was claimed by health issues just last fall. They are missed deeply by both Lee and Steve. ^

**We are grateful every day for our Napa Humane Heroes. A hearty “thank you” to these special couples for sharing their love for companion animals in service together for Napa Humane.**

# napa humane launches new humane education program: puppet art theater

The overarching goal of Napa Humane's Humane Education program is to teach children how to be responsible citizens. From caring for their families' animal companions to taking action to prevent animal suffering, we strive to teach children to be compassionate toward all living beings.

The Puppet Art Theater program was born of a desire to present, in a creative and entertaining way, big ideas to little people...and for these ideas to be taken home and shared with the adults in their lives. We aim to replicate the homeward bound lessons of successful youth awareness campaigns; think smoking cessation, seatbelt use, wildfire prevention, health and nutrition.

Set in a whimsical kingdom, our story journeys with The King and Princess Penny as they learn the lessons of what is the right time for a pet, what is the right kind of pet for their family, how to care for a pet, that a pet is your pet for all of its life, and more. Along the way Princess Penny meets up with a very shady Pet Salesman and both Princess Penny and The King are helped by their Fairy Humane Mother who guides them to good decisions.

Napa Humane is working closely with the renowned Puppet Art Theater Company ([www.puppetarts.com](http://www.puppetarts.com)) to develop the imaginative script, design and fabricate the exciting characters, create the custom set, and perform the shows – making lessons in respect, responsibility, kindness, and caring come alive for thousands of children in our community!

To reinforce the lessons Napa Humane commissioned ColoringBook.com to create a curriculum-driven educational activity book following the plot of the show and reinforced our messaging about responsible pet care. This 28-page activity book will be given to each child at every show.



Princess Penny



The King



Fairy Humane Mother



The Rabbit



The Dragon

## *Characters of Napa Humane's Puppet Art Theater show under construction*

The family-friendly show is tailored to a K-3 audience (five to nine years of age). The show premiered at the City of Napa 4th of July downtown celebration and **will be performed at events and festivals throughout the Napa Valley all through the year.**

During the school year we will perform the show at public and private elementary schools in assembly format and during the summers we will partner with city Parks and Recreation District camps, libraries, and Boys and Girls Clubs. **We plan to reach 7,500 kids and families each year!**

Napa Humane's own Wendi Piscia is leading the Puppet Art Theater project. If you would like to make a contribution to our Humane Education program, including Puppet Art Theater, discuss scheduling a performance, or become a Humane Education volunteer, please contact Wendi at 707.255.8118 x202. ^

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Please join us Sunday, July 24th!



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