



under one roof

news from napa humane



*Puppet Art Theater in Action
at West Park Elementary School, Napa*

puppet art theater takes center stage!

Napa Humane's Humane Education Programs took exciting steps in 2012 toward our goal of teaching children responsible pet care and to make good choices when welcoming a pet into the family. **Our Puppet Art Theater program educated while entertaining over 1,500 students with Napa Humane's live production of "The Right Pet for Princess Penny" in just the first three months of this year!**

The production stimulates the imagination of young minds and cultivates creative thinking through curriculum-based lessons. The combination of professional quality puppet characters, an original story, humor, and audience participation makes for an unforgettable experience.

Students grades K-3 are taken on a journey with The King and Princess Penny where together they **learn life lessons including the kind of pet that is right for their family, how to care for a pet, that a pet is your pet for all of its life, and more.**

messaging about responsible pet care. **This 28-page activity book is given to each child at every show.** That, together with a detailed lesson plan for teachers, makes this a curriculum supportive piece to any school program.

If you would like to make a contribution to our Humane Education Programs, including Puppet Art Theater, discuss scheduling a performance, or want to become a Humane Education volunteer, please contact Program Administrator Wendi Piscia at 707.255.8118 x202 or wpiscia@napahumane.org or Jane Albert at x201 or jalbert@napahumane.org. ^



Students at Mt. George Elementary School enjoy a Performance



A Lively Q & A at Mt. George Elementary School After the Show



*The Cast of Napa Humane's
"The Right Pet For Princess Penny"*

a message from napa humane's executive director

you will know when your heart is ready...

I will never forget the heartache of losing any of my pets. And if you are reading these pages, you have likely felt it too.

But there is always that one. The time that you knew you had the perfect match. For me, that's Sierra.

She was my first pet as an adult – a “teenager” kitty at the shelter where I lived at the time, overlooked again and again until that day I came for her.

To me, she was adorable, charming, and beautiful. On bad days, she was the best company. On good days, even better. We were soul mates, as they say.

I can't help but relive my joyful times – and, ultimately, my sad time – with my Sierra girl when news comes our way of the passing of a pet, often accompanied by a gift in memory of the loved one lost. Contributions made by generous family members, friends, and colleagues who know that a tribute gift can in some way ease the pain of the loss by allowing a beloved companion's memory live on in our work on behalf of animals in our community.

Recently the roll call of precious dogs and cats that have left us really stings – best friends of some of our best friends – and all who left an enormous impact on the lives of those that loved them. Lately I've attended wakes, raised a glass (okay, maybe a couple), and shed many tears mourning Gus Rivers, Jane!, Kipling, Lola, Madison, Misha, Sam, Velvet – sadly, just to name a few.

Especially poignant is the loss of Nestle, the much-loved and quite precocious dog of our friend Jason Tinacci of the Napa Valley Vintners and Jason Tinacci Photography. Nestle was the special four-legged member of the NVV team with perfect attendance for eight years. At her passing, a touching tribute was held, a beautiful portrait of Nestle was hung, and funny stories were shared at a gathering of Jason and Nestle's family of coworkers, all of whom made gifts in her honor to further our lifesaving work.

Looking ahead, I can't help but think that of these sad times will come opportunity when the time is right for Jason, and for anyone who has lost a beloved pet. For all the pain that we feel for our loss, we must remember that there is a pet in the Shelter who has lost someone too – and wondering when they will be the lucky one to find their forever person...their forever home.

If you have lost a pet and your heart is ready, check out our mobile adoption events and visit the Napa County Animal Shelter and fall in love – again.

Someone is waiting for you.



Jane Albert
Executive Director



Nestle Tinacci

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2011 SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC STATISTICS

Spay/Neuter Surgeries Performed 4,831

Animals Vaccinated at Weekly Vaccination Clinic 2,567

Animals Microchipped 1,771

**...and, we started 2012 successfully by performing
1,166 spay/neuter surgeries in the first quarter!**



Dr. Amanda Vance and patient

staff spotlight

dr. amanda vance

When it comes to providing outstanding veterinary care and staying on the cutting edge of spay/neuter practices, Napa Humane's Dr. Amanda Vance doesn't disappoint. Amanda is one of the three part-time veterinarians responsible for spay/neuter surgery and veterinary care at the Napa Humane's Spay/Neuter Clinic. A native Californian who grew up in Northridge, California, Amanda graduated from UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. She has been with Napa Humane for four years.

"As a vet at Napa Humane I am a link in the chain of quality care for companion animals in our communities. I can focus on quality care I think is best for the animals, and help guide folks to resources outside our realm such as full-service veterinary hospitals, trainers and behaviorists, and have a broad platform with owners, adoption groups, and the Napa County Animal Shelter."

Amanda's day starts early as she examines each animal upon check-in at the clinic and prepares for a busy surgery day. As a Staff Veterinarian, Amanda also supervises our support team of Register Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistant and helps them monitor animals as they recover from surgery. It is a team effort of care, and Amanda says, **"I like working with Napa Humane because we have a team of many talented people working hard to make basic preventive services like vaccination and spay/neuter readily available for our community."**

Amanda is married to Lloyd and they have two sons, Joseph, 5 and William, 2. She is "owned" by two dachshunds, Pogen, 14 and Zeppelin, 7 and her yard is guarded by two desert tortoises, George and Alice, both of whom she adopted.

Amanda, thank you for all of the great work you do! You are truly a valuable asset to your patients and to all of us here at Napa Humane. ^

pawspport napa valley

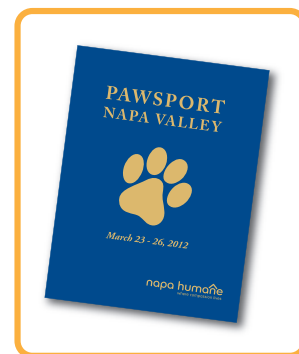
a huge success!

To all of our Pawspport Napa Valley participants and our 17 pet-loving winery partners, we say THANK YOU for joining us for our inaugural passport-style tasting event!

The funds raised support our core programs and services; our affordable Spay/Neuter Clinic, Humane Education programs, and Shelter Support Services, including our Mobile Adoption Unit program. **We are pleased to say that our event not only raised funds but also awareness of our life-saving work supporting companion animals and the people who care for and about them.**

We gratefully acknowledge our Pawspport Napa Valley winery partners: B Cellars, Bourassa Vineyards, Ca' Momi Winery, Chateau Boswell, Clos Du Val, Cornerstone Cellars, HALL St. Helena, Madonna Estate, Napa Smith Brewery & Winery, Oakville Ranch Vineyards, Peju Province Winery, Pine Ridge Vineyards, Prager Winery & Portworks, Sciandri Family Vineyards, Trinitas Cellars, Truchard Vineyards, and Whitehall Lane Winery.

And special thanks to the Napa Valley Welcome Center, Napa Valley Vintners, and sponsor WineCountry.com for their support! **Look for the Second Annual Pawspport Napa Valley in March 2013.** ^



volunteer spotlight

clinic volunteer alan ooi

Alan joined the team at Napa Humane in October 2011 to fulfill a requirement for a course that he had taken. **He never thought it would become a call to service that has affected his life in so many ways.**

Working with animals has been Alan's passion since his school days in Malaysia. Alan always has a big smile and genuine desire to help out at Napa Humane. "I actively partake in the welfare of animals not in what looks like big ways, but in small little ways like cleaning and sanitization of cat cages, feeding, general cleaning and filing of medical records." **Alan's contributions go a long way in providing the quality of care and service Napa Humane is known for.**

The benefits of volunteering extend far beyond just the feeling of accomplishment for Alan. Animal service has been a source of positive "chi" (circulating life force), as Alan calls it. He feels it is available in abundance at Napa Humane. This "chi" Alan says has in many ways reduced stress, promoted calmness and ensured a down-to-earth kind of disposition in him and those he deals with. **"Volunteering is an opportunity given to me to set a good example for my two school-age daughters,"** Allen ads. When he is not volunteering at Napa Humane, Alan enjoys spending time with his family and showcasing his love of cooking.

We at Napa Humane are thankful to have Alan as a part of our team! If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer at Napa Humane contact Wendi Piscia at 707.255.8118 202 or wpiscia@napahumane.org. ^



Volunteer Alan Ooi

adoptable pet of the week celebrates five years!



*Kellie Fuller and former
"Adoptable Pet of the Week" stars!*

Hosted by animal-loving Kellie Fuller, the upbeat and energetic morning show "Kellie in the Morning" on 1440 KVON/99.3 THE VINE features great music, the latest news, traffic, weather, and sports – mixed with lots of local Napa Valley flavor.

Among the regular features are contests and giveaways, interviews with a wide variety of guests and local celebs, and regular segments including "The Adoptable Pet of the Week!" Thanks to Kellie, hundreds of homeless animals have benefited from the exposure to start them on their path to their new, forever homes!

So make a date each Thursday at 8:40 a.m. with Kellie and our own Wendi Piscia offering pet care and behavior tips plus information on pet-friendly events and happenings, and Kelly Tracey of the Napa County Animal Shelter who brings an adoptable adoptable to the studio each week. Then check out the photos on our Facebook page to see the adoptable cutie chosen as that week's star! ^

adoption success story

flapjack (now binks) finds his forever home



Binks (formerly Flapjack)

As told by one of his new people...Jennifer Knox

In mid-October, my six year old daughter, Addy, and I set out to pick pumpkins at the Napa Farmers' Market. Little did we know, **we'd meet an amazing gentle giant known as Flapjack** who was there from the Napa County Animal Shelter with **Napa Humane volunteers and their Mobile Adoption Unit** hoping to find his forever home.

We spotted him from a distance and first noticed his beautiful coloring and then the **"adopt me" bandana he was wearing**. We just had to go meet him. We learned that Flapjack had been picked up as a stray in really bad shape. With the care he received at the Shelter, he gained some much needed weight and his health was improving.

Flapjack was so gentle with Addy and I began to think he'd make a great addition to our family. I took a couple of pictures of him and sent them to my husband, Mike. Now I don't usually make big decisions like this without plenty of discussion with my husband, **but I knew Flapjack was really something special** and our window of opportunity could be very brief. I tried again to reach him with no luck. Addy and I returned home to eat lunch and he finally texted back with, "are we getting a new dog today?" I quickly loaded up Addy and Toby, our seven year old Golden Retriever, in the car and left for the Shelter for a "meet and greet" to see if Toby and Flapjack were compatible.

Addy and I were so excited as we waited for our application to be processed. Just as we were wrapping up, another woman was waiting with an application and announced she had come to adopt Flapjack. **I realized just how lucky we were to be the ones who would be welcoming him into our family.**

We have named him Binks and he is so loved and adored by our family and all who meet him. Binks seems to **find ways every day to show how grateful he is to have a place in our family and we are equally thankful to have him in ours.** ^



Binks at home with Addy and Toby



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WALK FOR ANIMALS

Come. Walk. Save Lives!

Sunday, August 5, 2012

Veterans Memorial Park, Downtown Napa

Saving lives is as easy as a walk around town!

Join us for some **tail waggin' fun to raise funds and awareness** for our life-saving work, enjoy a beautiful summer morning in the park with live music, pet-friendly vendors, and more!



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