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The quarterly newsletter for friends  
and supporters of Napa Humane



*Napa Small Animal Hospital's Team Kimba  
walked with pride (and pooches!) on August 5  
during Napa Humane's inaugural Walk for Animals*

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# The Inaugural Walk for Animals: A dog-gone success!

Walk for Animals guests enjoy the dog costume contest at Veterans Memorial Park

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It was an amazing first year for Napa Humane's Walk for Animals, as Veterans Memorial Park flourished with **470 supporters** and their pooches on August 5, raising an amazing **\$75,000** for Napa Humane!

From professional photos and pawprint keepsakes to our Puppet Art Theater show – the centerpiece of our Humane Education Program – and live surf rock by The Deadlies, it was a memorable morning where animal enthusiasts “moved their paws for the cause” with a one-mile walk through downtown Napa.

Individuals as well as 90 teams of friends and family and local businesses – from veterinary offices to wineries – throughout the Valley came together to raise funds. St. Supery Estate Vineyards & Winery came in as the Top Business Fundraiser with \$4,280; the Top Friends and Family Fundraiser team “Forever Homeys” raised \$2,957; and the Top Individual Fundraiser was Scott Butler, with \$4,250.

Also, a shout out to Your Home Nursing Services, who created the largest Walk for Animals team – 26 members walking for the welfare of companion animals!

We couldn't be more grateful for the amazing turnout, the community's support, and our spirited volunteers!

And many thanks to all of our sponsors: Bubbling Well, designthis!, Frontline Plus, Mechanics Bank, Napa Printing & Graphics, ruff. DOG DAYCARE + HOTEL, Solano-Napa Pet Emergency Clinic (SPEC), the Doctors Company and Upstage Productions.

We look forward to seeing you at Walk for Animals 2013!

Go to [napahumane.org](http://napahumane.org) to view and order pictures from the Walk!



## Volunteer Spotlight

As the Walk for Animals Volunteer Coordinator and now a regular volunteer at our Clinic, **Tonia Brow**, a recent Napa transplant, has brightened our world with her enthusiasm for life and animals. Thanks, Tonia, for diving in to support Napa Humane! **Want to volunteer? Visit [napahumane.org/give\\_volunteer.html](http://napahumane.org/give_volunteer.html) or call 707.255.8118 x202.**

## A message from Napa Humane's Executive Director

### But It's Not Too Late . . .

September was National Preparedness Month – did you know? If it slipped by you, maybe you are already prepared – hooray for you! Or maybe, like most, you channel your inner Scarlett O'Hara, and you'll "think about that tomorrow."

Disasters come in all sizes and do not discriminate by neighborhood or by the size of our wallets. We are all vulnerable, but our reaction depends on how prepared we are as individuals, families and businesses.

I know – this is about as interesting as cleaning the litter box, right? But preparedness is the key to recovery in the time of disaster.

Here are the basics:

- 1 Be informed.
- 2 Make a plan.
- 3 Build a kit.

I am encouraging preparedness as an advocate for your pets. They depend on you for their subsistence and their safety each day, and especially in an emergency. There are special considerations in disaster preparedness for pets, and I urge you to include your companions in your disaster plan.

Need a hand? There are some great resources online at [ready.org](http://ready.org) – with a specific section for your pets. Or, call us at Napa Humane. We are always happy to help you help your four-leggeds.

Thank you for caring for animals,



Jane Albert  
Executive Director

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## Third Quarter Clinic Numbers Break Records!

August was a busy month at the Napa Humane Spay/Neuter Clinic, where . . .

**571** surgeries (record-breaking!) were performed in 23 days in our one surgery suite!

**73** pets served on one Friday morning in our vaccination and microchip clinic! Yet another record!

### Third Quarter Statistics:

Spay/Neuter surgeries performed: **1,522**

Pets vaccinated at the weekly clinic: **728**

Pets microchipped: **564**

A big 'thank you' to the community's commitment to companion animal welfare!

## Mobile Adoption Unit at the Napa Farmers' Market



*Napa Humane's Mobile Adoption Unit was stationed at the Napa Farmers' Market every second and fourth Saturday this summer*

Constantly surrounded by market-goers, Napa Humane's Mobile Adoption Unit (MAU) – part of Napa Humane's Shelter Support Services – was quite the attraction at this summer's Napa Farmers' Market.

With an amazingly dedicated team of volunteers and a dozen dogs, cats and rabbits on-board from the Napa County Animal Shelter, each trip these homeless pets were given the opportunity to meet potential owners in a relaxed, public forum.

**All of the animals who have been featured at Napa Humane's Mobile Adoption Unit this summer have since been adopted!** And at least 16 adoptions were a direct result of being seen at the Mobile Adoption Unit.

And a shout-out to one loveable pup in particular – our dear Lofty, who after nearly nine months in the Shelter finally found his forever home. Congrats, Lofty!

## Business Partner Spotlight: ruff. DOG DAYCARE + HOTEL



*ruff. DOG DAYCARE + HOTEL owners Shane and Theresa Holden with their daughter, Rue, in ruff.'s modern and stylish lobby*

When you walk into ruff. DOG DAYCARE + HOTEL, its sheik décor and calming presence makes you feel like you're checking into a spa. But ruff. isn't for humans – in the back rumpus room and yard are more than 30 dogs, from Great Danes to Chihuahuas, lounging around in perfect harmony.

"We don't use the word 'kennel' at all," says co-owner Theresa Holden, a Napa native and owner of two Pugs, Ned and Ella. "Our dogs run free, function in a pack – embrace the social aspect of staying here."

Open since February 2008 – about the same time that Theresa served as the Chair of Napa Humane's fundraising event, Cause for the Paws – this "modern boutique dog hotel" offers luxurious accommodations for both cats and dogs, and specialized programs when it comes to the pet's dietary restrictions and mobility issues. "This is about your dog's well-being," says Theresa, who says she personally knows every single client (both human and canine) that walks through the door.

For overnight guests, ruff.'s 32 "suites" in various sizes include special bedding, dog silhouette wall art, and for canines who like to fall asleep to a movie – flat screen TVs.

And anxious dog owners can relax by going online to ruff.'s webcams and watch their pooch play or sleep from their office desk or vacation destination.

"There's nothing like this in the Napa Valley," says co-owner and Theresa's husband Shane, as their three-year-old daughter, Rue, happily helps the family business by pushing a Swiffer across the floor. "We become so attached to these dogs – it's fun."

ruff. DOG DAYCARE + HOTEL was a sponsor of the inaugural Walk for Animals event, as well as walked as a ruff. team with their family and staff. "We're so lucky to make a living out of a hobby we're so passionate about," says Shane. "And we love to support and partner up with an organization like Napa Humane that shares our passion for animals."

Check out [ruffhotels.com](http://ruffhotels.com) or call 707.258.2020 for more info!

## Napa Humane's "Kids Who Care"



*Clockwise from Left: "Kids Who Care" Elena Tebb, Sophie Heflebower, Napa Humane Executive Director Jane Albert (right) accepts a donation from Marissa Coyle, and (from left) Julia Lokey, Kelsey Klungel, and Anna Gsell operated the bake sale outside of the Clinic*

Animal-loving children have been busy coming up with creative ways to raise awareness and funds for Napa Humane!

Elena Tebb of Napa self-published two books – "The Adventures of Spirit and Emily" and "Jack and Tebb" – and sold them online; St. Helena resident and owner of adopted dogs, Maya and Chimmi, Sophie Heflebower held a summer yard sale; a group of fifteen Girls on the Run members operated an after-school bake sale and lemonade stand; and eight-year-old Marissa Coyle collected donations from neighbors as she passed out promotional Walk for Animals postcards.

The "Kids Who Care" crew of Julia Lokey, Kelsey Klungel, Anna Gsell, Kelsey Dodge and Jenna O'Kelley raised \$200 with a bake sale during a summer vaccination clinic. Set up in the Clinic's parking lot with the Mobile Adoption Unit as the backdrop, every cookie, scone, brownie, dog biscuit, you name it – sold!

A big 'thank you' to all the caring and motivated young people who have stepped up for the animals!

Want to know more about "Kids Who Care"? Call Julia Dodge at 707.255.8118 x205.

## Now Open! The Cat Adoption Center at Napa's Pet Food Express



Come and meet Napa County Animal Shelter's (NCAS) adoptable cats and kittens in this brand new facility at Pet Food Express – the first custom-built pet adoption center of its kind in the Napa Valley!

Located in the Bel Aire Plaza, the cat adoption center features 12 spacious living areas, fresh circulating air and a “meet and greet” room.

Facilitating this new relationship between Pet Food Express and the NCAS, Napa Humane is proud to carry through our commitment of providing Shelter Support Services to the NCAS to benefit the homeless animals in their care.

Interested in volunteering as an adoption counselor at the Center? Contact Shelter Manager Kristen Loomer at 707.253.4382 for more information.

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