

under one roof

news from napa humane

2011 "cause for the paws" a huge success!

Thanks to our fabulous hosts Catherine Bergen and Jane! and the team of C CASA this year's "Cause for the Paws" was our most successful yet raising over \$227,000! Those of you who joined us at the Grove experienced wonderful food tastings from over 20 the Valley's premier restaurants, chefs and food purveyors as well as terrific wine, beer and other beverages from over 40 local animal-loving wineries and breweries.

This year's "Cause" wouldn't have been complete without an excellent performance from The Johnny Smith Group, a terrific silent auction featuring over 200 packages, and of course our exciting live auction with our dear friends the Pio Roda Family as auctioneers at the helm.

We host this fun event each year to support the companion animals in our community. The funds we raise go directly to our core programs and services including our affordable Spay/Neuter Clinic, Humane Education programs, Shelter Support Services including our Mobile Adoption Unit, and our behavioral helpline. We are pleased to say that every adoptable animal at this year's event is now living in their new forever home – and the attention and exposure our Mobile Adoption Unit brings to the animals at the Shelter continues to help encourage adoption as a first option throughout the year.

Check out pictures of this year's "Cause" on our website! ^

mobile adoption season winding down...

As the weather becomes chilly and the rain begins to fall, we reflect back on this year's successful mobile adoption season. Napa Humane staff and dedicated volunteers have been working tirelessly to take animals from the Napa County Animal Shelter "on the road" to meet people right out in the community at places like the Napa, Calistoga, and St. Helena Farmers' Markets, the Downtown Napa 4th of July Celebration, the Earth Day Festival, and the Coffee Caboose in Yountville.

We are often asked if mobile adoption is a successful way to find homes for pets in need. Just ask Miss Ellie and Shimmy, sibling six-month old kittens, Francesca, a two year old Terrier Poodle mix, Bentley, an eight month old Chihuahua mix, Pebbles and Georgia, sibling five-month old kittens, Queso, a four year old Chihuahua, and even Janet the guinea pig – they will all tell you that mobile adoption was successful for them. These are just a few of the adorable animals who found their new people while out with Napa Humane and the mobile adoption team!



Miss Ellie (top left), Pebbles and Georgia (top right),
Shimmy (bottom left) and Bentley (bottom right)

Our mobile adoption program is also about sharing the important message of spay/neuter and adoption as a first option with the people in our community. But most importantly our goal is to find as many of the homeless animals in the Napa County Animal Shelter loving homes as quickly as possible. So stop by and say hello when you see our Mobile Adoption Unit and spend some time with our adorable animal friends – who knows, maybe you'll find your new companion...you never know when you're going to fall in love! ^



Napa Humane Mobile Adoption Unit

a message from napa humane's executive director

Stopping to help an animal in need...

It was a gray Sunday morning and just deciding to rain. A friend and I were setting out nonetheless for an outdoor street faire in a nearby town, eager for the treasure hunt and rushing to beat the crowd. But just as we pulled away from my home and turned onto Big Ranch Road, we noticed cars slowing and swerving.

As we drew closer we spotted him – a young Shepherd mix darting from one side of the road to the other. Wet, confused, and scared he wasn't heeding any of the appeals of the now small cadre of us who had stopped to help him find his way home. And, sadly, no collar with tags to help us get him there.

Quickly, we sprang into action. One of us directed traffic, another dialed Napa County Animal Services, the rest fanned out to nearby houses and started knocking on doors. The "dog whisperer" among us convinced the dog to jump into his car to keep him safe until we could find his home or until Animal Services arrived.

Thankfully, we got lucky at the second house we tried. The owner, unaware that her dog was missing, was astonished that he had escaped what she thought was her secure backyard – more, she was embarrassed that, because the dog was new to her, she hadn't tended to a collar and tags. We were all relieved for the happy ending.

When I think of that day I most remember the group of Good Samaritans who chose to forgo their plans to help a dog in need; the kind young man who was the first to stop, the couple with their pup in the back of their SUV, and sisters who shared their story of their family dog growing up – a Shepherd. While I don't know the names of the people who came together that particular day, I know that there are countless among you, our Napa Humane family who, like them, help animals in need every day.

Here's to you for saving the lives of the defenseless and innocent by stopping to help an animal in need. Whether you're volunteering your time at one of our mobile adoption events, making a donation in memory of a loved one lost, advocating for spay/neuter – or stopping traffic – the ways to give and help are endless and you rise to the occasion on the animals' behalf again and again.

Thank you, and never underestimate the invaluable role you play in our lifesaving efforts.

Sincerely,



Jane Albert
Executive Director

*Do you know who to call if you've lost a pet – or found one?
Or what to do if you see a dog running in traffic – or injured wildlife?*

Napa Humane fields dozens calls like this each day and we have honed our referral and helpline resources to be able to answer most any companion animal and wildlife question that comes our way. Our resource guide, available for download at napahumane.org, has been assembled for everyday use to help animals and people in need.

There are many animal welfare organizations and agencies in Napa County; each having a very specific role and providing needed programs and services. Our guide is a directory of those groups and a description of their role in our communities. Please contact Wendi Piscia at 707.255.8118 x202 to have a copy of this guide mailed or faxed to you.



CLINIC STATISTICS JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2011

NAPA HUMANE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC • 3265 CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD, NAPA

Spay/Neuter Surgeries Performed 3,619

Animals Vaccinated at Weekly Vaccination Clinic 2,059

Animals Microchipped 1,293

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

success story

an adoption story – anita, todd and popeye

When Anita and her husband Todd peddled down to the Napa Farmers' Market to meet a friend to visit and shop they had no idea they would be just a few days away from welcoming a new member of their family into their home.

While strolling the Market their friend told them about a dog (named Todd!) at Napa Humane Mobile Adoption Unit that he wanted them to meet. The friend thought he was so cute and was so sure he would be a good match for their family he even offered to pay the adoption fees. And he was right. After just a few short days of not being able to get Todd the dog (now Popeye) out of their minds Todd went to the Napa County Animal Shelter, filled out the requisite application, introduced him to the family dogs, Maggie and Cissy, and brought him home.

Popeye immediately fit into the family; even cats Mini and Peanut approve. He has been home with Anita and Todd for several weeks now and is loved by all. According to Anita he likes to cuddle and sleeps underneath the covers. "We can't wait to take him camping and boating with us – we're hopeful he'll ride on our kayak like our two other dogs," Anita says, "and we're so happy Popeye was at the Farmers' Market that day – it feels like it was meant to be." ^



Popeye

meet napa humane's team

Meet Napa Humane's Spay/Neuter Clinic Lead RVT/Surgery Supervisor Jeni Reyes. Jeni has been an integral part of the Napa Humane family for over four and a half years. After working at full service veterinary hospitals and earning her RVT degree, she came to Napa Humane because it was clear that she would be able to make a difference in the lives of many animals and their people.



Jeni Reyes, Lead RVT/Surgery Supervisor

Jeni, a self-described "video game nerd," is pet parent to six cats of her own. She admits that seems like a lot of cats. However, she explains that the cats have managed to find her, rather than the other way around. Jeni says, "All the cats came with great stories that were too hard to pass up!"

In addition to playing with her kitties, she recently took up running with her husband, Justin. When asked why she loves working for Napa Humane, Jeni cites the daily challenge of spaying/neutering 20-25 cats, dogs or rabbits. She gets particular joy out of seeing people's faces light up when they pick up their pet at the end of the day and the positive feedback she receives from appreciative pet owners who utilize our services.

Jeni, thank you for the great work you do for our animal friends and for the tremendous contribution you make at Napa Humane each and every day! ^

**What better way to enjoy the holiday season
than by supporting the Valley's animals in need!**

**Here are just a few of our ideas
to make your holidays joyful and generous...**

Make a donation to Napa Humane in the name of your friend or family member in lieu of a gift, and encourage your friends to make a donation in your name.

Purchase Adoptable Animal Greeting Cards.

Check out our new merchandise at zazzle.com/napahumane. ^



trahan winery... a napa humane business friend

The wonderful team at Trahan Winery not only created a delicious wine in dedication to their adorable dog Sadie – they have also graciously offered to donate 5% of the proceeds from each bottle sold to Napa Humane!

Many local animal-loving businesses generously support Napa Humane each year in a variety of ways and we are so proud to partner with Trahan Winery to help fund our important programs and promote adoption as a first option through the story of Sadie, who Chuck and Janna Custodio adopted several years ago.

Go to Trahanwinery.com or visit Chuck (and Sadie!) in Trahan's downtown Napa Tasting room at 974 Franklin Street to purchase your bottles (or cases) of 2008 Trahan Sadie's Red Wine today! ^



volunteer spotlight: clinic volunteer amanda shweiky



Amanda Shweiky

Amanda Shweiky, one of our many fantastic volunteers, has been donating her time at Napa Humane for over two years at our affordable Spay/Neuter Clinic. Amanda assists the surgery team by preparing sterile surgical packs as well as keeping the Clinic spotless. She also helps with important administrative tasks including filing client records and tracking product rebate coupons. When asked why she chooses to volunteer at Napa Humane, Amanda said, "The desire to give back and gain experience in the animal welfare field are the two most important factors" for her involvement.

Amanda is currently working at a veterinary hospital in the area as a kennel technician and is also a full-time student at Napa Valley College. She plans transfer to UC Davis to earn her Veterinary Medicine degree with a special emphasis in exotic animals.

Amanda's positive attitude and strong work ethic make a big difference at Napa Humane, and we are so thankful for her generosity and selfless commitment to improving the lives of companion animals. ^

meet the animal welfare council of napa county

Napa Humane is proud to have founded the Animal Welfare Council of Napa County, creating a partnership of animal advocates from five core animal welfare agencies serving companion animals throughout our Napa Valley. The organizations that make up the Council are Napa County Animal Services, the Napa County Animal Shelter, We Care Animal Rescue, Whiskers, Tails & Ferals, and Napa Humane.

The Council is dedicated to decreasing the number of homeless, unwanted, and unmanaged animals in Napa County and is comprised of local organizations and agencies that have a stake in improving the wellbeing of companion animals and the feral cat population throughout Napa County.

We formed the Council acknowledging that no single organization or agency can remedy the social, economic, and logistical challenges facing those in the field of animal welfare as we strive to fulfill our individual missions. By working collaboratively, we can better address these critical issues and elevate the standard of care of companion animals in homes, shelters, sanctuaries, foster homes, and, in the case of feral cats, colonies, in our communities.

The Council meets quarterly to share ideas and resources, ensure we are making quality referrals, and to offer collective support to people who care for and about companion animals.

Animal Welfare Council Spotlight: Napa County Animal Services

Napa County Animal Services consists of five officers who are in the field covering of all the unincorporated areas of Napa County, the City of Napa, and the City of American Canyon 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Their principal responsibilities are to enforce County and State animal welfare and animal control laws including responding to reports of animal neglect or abuse, dangerous animals, animals roaming at large, and enforcing Rabies control.

The impact Animal Services has on the welfare work in our community is tremendous. While in the field these officers are educating the public in humane philosophies, responsible pet ownership, and the importance of coexisting with wildlife. They also frequently provide rescue and transportation of injured and sick animals, be them owned, stray, or wildlife.

Napa County Animal Services responds to an animal emergency 24-hours a day. To reach Napa County Animal Services call 707.253.4451. And, for more information about the Animal Welfare Council of Napa County contact Jane Albert at 707.255.8118 x201. ^



Victor Caravantes,
Napa County Animal Control

current adoptables at the napa county animal shelter



Visit the Napa County Animal Shelter to meet more adorable adoptables waiting for their forever home or view them online at <http://services.countyofnapa.org/PetAdoption/Default.aspx>



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ways YOU can help

Interested in helping Napa Humane and the animals we serve? Here's how to get started...

Donate – You can make a cash or in-kind contribution.

Volunteer – We are always looking for volunteers for a variety of programs including our Mobile Adoption Unit, Spay/Neuter Clinic, Shelter Support Services, Humane Education and more.

Fundraise – Host an event, challenge your friends... we are happy to help with fun and creative ideas!

Partnerships – Businesses can help Napa Humane in a number of ways from co-branding products to spreading our message.

Check out our website at napahumane.org for more information about how you can help or contact Amber Driscoll at 707.255.8118 x205 or adriscoll@napahumane.org. ^



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