

Woods Humane Society SHELTER TAILS

Celebrating the Human/Animal Bond

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Humane Education: Empathy, Compassion, Responsibility



At Woods Humane Society, we believe in young people's ability to create positive and long-lasting change for animals in our community. By offering opportunities that foster a culture of empathy and compassion we can begin to develop the next generation of responsible pet guardians and animal advocates. Since launching our Humane Education department in March of 2013, we've impacted the lives of more than 1,200 youth. Our goal is to reach twice as many in 2014.



These Girl Scouts from Cayucos earned their "Responsibility Patch" by attending a customized Humane Education presentation at Woods. They learned that animals' six basic needs are: Food, Water, Shelter, Play & Exercise, Medical Care and Love. Here they are posing with silly faces and our beloved Cesar.

Community Service
Saturday participants
fulfill school
requirements and
experience how good it
feels to offer a helping
hand to those in need.



Our Mission:

To serve, protect and shelter
homeless companion animals;

To place animals in
humane environments;

To promote responsible pet
ownership, provide humane education
and reduce pet overpopulation;

To celebrate the human/animal bond.



Can an eight-year-old make a difference in the lives of homeless animals? Absolutely! Working one-on-one with our Humane Education Coordinator, students share with their classmates the lessons they have learned from an animal-themed book.

We invite you to learn more about these and other humane education programs by visiting our website or contacting Kiersten Anderson, Humane Education Coordinator at (805) 543-9316 ext. 13 or kanderson@woodshumane.org.

Special thanks to the MOCA Foundation and the Edwin and Jeanne Woods Family Foundation for their generous support of our Humane Education programs.

Animal Action Camp: March 24-28, 2014
Critter Camp: June - August 2014

Check our website for details
at www.woodshumane.org



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From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends of Woods Humane Society,

When you think of a "humane society" what comes to mind? For most people the answer is simple: a place to go to adopt a pet. While a successful adoption program certainly is an important aspect of any humane society it's by no means the only one.

At Woods being a full-service humane society means many things. Of course it does mean adoptions, and lots of them, but it also means a dedication to education, prevention and training.

For starters there's our spay and neuter program. In 2013 our medical team performed more than 3,500 spay and neuter surgeries preventing tens of thousands of unwanted litters. Then there's our growing education program offering everything from summer and spring break camps to school presentations and Community Service for teens. There's also our behavior program which, among many other things, includes K9 training classes for the public. These classes, built on the principals of positive reinforcement, enhance the human-animal bond, address common behavior issues and, most importantly, keep dogs in their homes and out of the shelter.

This year we're taking our behavior program to a whole new level!

The Woods Humane Society Behavior Center, set to open at the end of this year, will allow us to rehabilitate dogs that display fearful, shy, defensive behavior or high levels of arousal while in the shelter. With the addition of six kennels and 1,000 square feet of dedicated indoor training space, we'll be able to meet the needs of shelter dogs who need us most - those who, without our help, wouldn't find a second chance anywhere else.

Thank you for helping to make Woods a full-service humane society! Your support and advocacy have made all the difference in the world and together, with the Woods Humane Society Behavior Center, we'll change more lives than ever in 2014 and beyond.



With gratitude,

Cory Karpin
Executive Director

Travels With Joey

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. These are but trifles, to be sure; but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable.

~ Joseph Addison

There are so many things that make us smile at Woods Humane Society: wagging tails, rumbling purrs, being able to provide care for so many cats and dogs, the moment when a pet goes out the door with a new forever family, the incredible support from our community...and so much more. This letter about Joey certainly made us smile and we hope it brings a smile to you as well.

Aloha,

On January 3rd, 2007 I walked into Woods to wander and pet some doggies while on my lunch break. That is where I fell in Love with my Joey Baby; I came back after work that day and adopted him. Since then, Joey has been my favorite travel buddy. We moved up to my grandparents' farm in Oregon and then to Portland. We lived a few years in Hawaii, swimming in the warm ocean, chasing the Nene and hiking the gorgeous ridgelines of the islands. Joey loved looking at all the fishies while on our walks, swimming beside the snorkelers and charming all the tourists, posing for photos. I think somewhere in Japan Joey may be on a "must see while in Oahu" list. While in Hawaii, Joey's last name changed and we again moved, traveling across the mainland from Seattle to San Diego. Georgia to Texas and now we are in Colorado—exploring the mountains, playing in the snow, even relaxing at historical hotels in Downtown Denver. What a great adventure it has been since Joey became part of my life. What a wonderful Fur Baby we have. I couldn't imagine my life without him, he is our friend, our travel buddy, our baby.

When I first got Joey he was afraid of everything. He cowered at sticks and hid from children but with some love and trust and gentle help from my nieces and nephews the only thing that upsets Joey now is a child crying. He will lie down to have kids who are scared pet him, he recognizes strollers and wants a peek at the child (I think in hopes their little face has leftovers.) Joey is strong and healthy, well-loved and the center of our lives. He makes everyone who meets him smile, especially children.

Kellie



Introducing the Harold J. Miossi Canine Play Yard

The Woods Humane Society facility is nothing short of amazing. From our free-roaming cattery to our dog adoption pods, every space was thoughtfully designed to reduce stress and provide every animal with not just shelter, but a temporary home until a permanent one can be found.

Until recently the only thing our wonderful facility lacked was a dedicated yard where our adopters could get to know their new best friend. Thanks to a generous gift from the Harold J. Miossi Trust, we are thrilled to offer adopters and their future pups the perfect place to get to know one another.

The 2,500 square foot Harold J. Miossi Canine Play Yard will play several important roles at Woods but none more important than providing a place for you to get to know our adoptable dogs. Thinking of adopting? Come out to Woods, speak with our knowledgeable staff and spend some quality time getting to know our adoptable dogs. Play ball, have a game of tug of war and spend some quality time with a pup or two (or three or four!) before making the commitment to adopt.



Upcoming K9 Training Classes

Michelle Rizzi, Woods Humane Society's Behavior and Training Coordinator, shares her method of Positive Reinforcement Training through two unique classes. Each K9 obedience class runs for 6 consecutive weeks on Saturdays. Please note-- the first class is an orientation without dogs. Pre-registration is required.

C.H.A.R.M. School (Changing Habits And Reinforcing Manners), basic obedience for dogs 6 months and older with minimal or no formal training

Petite Pals, basic obedience for dogs 6 months and older and under 25 lbs.

- Saturdays, March 22 - April 26, 2014
- Saturdays, May 10 - June 14, 2014
- Saturdays, June 28 - August 2, 2014
- Saturdays, August 16 - September 20, 2014
- Saturdays, October 4 - November 8, 2014
- Saturdays, November 15 - December 20, 2014

For more information visit our website at www.woodshumanesociety.org/K9Classes or call 805-543-9316 x10.



Volunteer Spotlight - Three Dedicated Leaders

At Woods Humane Society the help of our volunteers is essential—they clean, they groom, they befriend our cats and dogs and so much more! Last year volunteers devoted over 6,444 hours to helping us fulfill our mission. We'd like to introduce three volunteers who have taken on leadership roles. Each one has assumed major responsibility for a fundraising event ensuring that we have the resources to meet the needs of homeless animals in our community.



Sarah and Barney

SARAH TOMASETTI, Founder and Chair of Wine 4 Paws

Living in North County, Sarah couldn't get to Woods to help out on a regular basis so she came up with the idea of getting area wineries involved. For six years Sarah has provided the passion, organization, and attention to detail required to make Wine 4 Paws come to life.

If I can help you to continue doing the amazing work you do, I feel that together we are making a difference for those animals. I have a magnet on my fridge that says, "Saving one dog (or cat!) will not change the world but for that one dog (or cat!) the world will be forever changed." I want to be a part of that!



Laura, Rocky and Otis

LAURA SLANIA, Chair of Wiggle Waggle Walk for Woods, 2012, 2013

Since 2007, Laura has been part of a team of volunteers that has put together our annual pledge walk. For the last two years, she has served as the Chair of the event. Her leadership, commitment and hard work have made each year more successful than the last.

My dog Otis came from Woods Humane Society and has been my best friend for 9 years now. I have always been an animal person and decided to volunteer my time to assist with Wiggle Waggle as a way to give back to the organization that brought me and Otis together.



Dwyne and Mr. Ripley

DWYNE WILLIS, Chair of the Tails Gala, 2012, 2013, 2014

A little over two years ago, Dwyne approached Woods and offered to share his considerable skills and experience. His know-how, vision and sense of style have transformed our gala, creating a magical event that has won many new friends for the cats and dogs in our care.

Experiencing the unconditional love and happiness our pets give us is something that should be enjoyed and cherished by all. Supporting the mission of Woods gives me the greatest pleasure --- knowing I helped save the life of a dog or cat and that life has brought happiness to someone is worth every hour I give as a volunteer.

Do you have special skills or experience that can benefit the dogs and cats at Woods? Let us know—we're always looking for those special volunteers. Learn more at www.woodshumane.org

WOODS HUMANE ALLIANCE

January-December 2013

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for this group of generous donors who provide major support for the homeless dogs and cats of the Central Coast.

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From time to time Woods Humane Society will receive generous donations in memory of a beloved pet who has passed away. These gifts make a meaningful difference in the lives of the animals in our care. With the installation of our memorial wall we can now offer a permanent way for people to honor all the years of love and companionship they have received. For more information on qualifying gifts please visit the donation page of our website at www.woodshumane.org.



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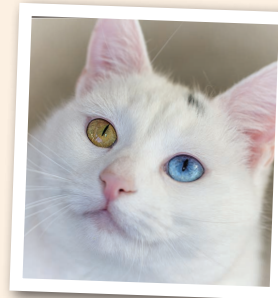
Have you thought about leaving a gift to Woods Humane Society or other charitable organizations in your will? Or naming us as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or IRA? Have you actually gotten around to it yet? Unfortunately good intentions are not enough. It's not unusual to put off making or updating an estate plan, but your decision to act now can impact the lives of countless homeless animals in the future. We invite you to join other compassionate individuals in our community and become a member of the Woods Legacy Circle.

For more information about making a planned gift, or to let us know that you have already included us in your estate plans, please contact Cory Karpin, Executive Director at (805) 543-9316 x 20 or ckarpin@woodshumane.org.

Planned Gifts Received July–December 2013

Barbara Rice
Violet and Denis Stone
Dorothy Walker

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Irene White





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Wine drinkers and animal lovers unite! The sixth annual Wine 4 Paws weekend, presented by Cloud Star, will be held at 70 pet-loving wineries throughout the Central Coast on April 26 and 27. All weekend long participating wineries will share their proceeds with Woods Humane Society by donating a percentage of sales or all of their tasting fees. Either way you end up with great wine and the animals at Woods benefit.

To view the full list of participating wineries and get your map and passport, visit www.wine4paws.org.

OUR WISH LIST

It takes so much to keep our shelter going and we couldn't do it without your help. If you have a few items that you'd like to bring in or if you'd like to organize a donation drive in your community, school or workplace here is a list of our top needs:

- Cat and Dog Treats and Toys
- Hill's Science Diet Canned Dog and Cat Food
- Pill Pockets
- Blankets & Towels (no comforters, please)
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- White Copy Paper
- Crayola markers and crayons
- Construction paper

In addition to the items listed above, there are some specific items that would enhance our Humane Education Programs for children and help with our animal enrichment activities. Use the QR code to go directly to our wish list on Amazon or follow the link on our website at www.woodshumanesociety.org/wishlist.

If you have questions give us a call at (805) 543-9316 x 10.



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