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A Message From Our President, Inge McClurg

Concerned People for Animals is proud to announce its 20th Anniversary! Twenty years of animal activism is certainly something to brag about and a reason to celebrate our accomplishments.

It all started in 1989 with an organizational meeting at the Camarillo Library. Charles and Yvonne Miles, founders of the group, posted an announcement in the local newspaper, which piqued my curiosity to see "what this is all about".

Twenty years later I am still with CPA, as is Carel Ahlefeld and Richard Abbott, both board members. Sheila McGovern, another original member, filed the paperwork for CPA to become a non-profit organization and in 1994 Concerned People for Animals, Inc. was born when it received its 501(c)(3) designation. Other original members include Susan and Nelson Schneider and their children Christina and Megan; now in their teens they are valuable volunteers at street fairs. Clark and Dorothy Done, as well as Audrey Varley (past president) and Faith Fox were part of the original group, but have since crossed the 'Rainbow Bridge'. Dorothy Done was a true animal activist and instrumental in getting the "Draze Bill" passed in California (protecting rabbits from having their eyes bleached). Dorothy was responsible for letter writing on animal issues for CPA. After her passing in 1995, her husband Clark skillfully continued this labor of love until he passed away in 2003.

Early on, CPA was involved in animal activism—picketing at local department stores on "Fur Friday", at circus performances, and at Camarillo High School to improve security for animals in their Agriculture program. We also pursued B-dealers (people who sell stolen pets and random source dogs and cats to laboratories for animal experimentation). CPA protested before the City Council of Oxnard against the shooting of coots at their golf course, and we protested for years against the former (yeah!) location of the 4th of July Fireworks next to the animal shelter in Camarillo.

Our primary focus now is spay/neuter to reduce the number of unwanted kittens and puppies. Following in the footsteps of Dr. Mackie, who pioneered early spay/neuter surgical techniques for kittens as early as eight weeks of age, CPA led the early spay/neuter effort in Ventura County. At that time it was common to neuter animals at six months of age, by which time many cats already had their first litter. We shared Dr. Mackie's educational video with vets in our area and in Porterville, Kern County; all of them have performed early spay/neuter ever since. CPA's spay/neuter program started with the generous help of Dr. Doug Heath of Pleasant Valley Animal Clinic in Camarillo.

YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS HELPED Spay/Neuter 1,300 cats/dogs

Adopt out 12 Dogs

Adopt out 36 Cats

(as of April 30, 2008)



*Help us beat our record of
2,643 spays/neuters in 2008*

**YOUR DONATION REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF MANY, MANY ANIMALS**

♥ Please continue to help cats & dogs ♥
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WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION WE CAN HELP EVEN MORE ANIMALS

A Message From Our President, cont.

Dr. Heath was the first veterinarian to work with us and was instrumental in encouraging other vets in Ventura County to help us spay/neuter owned pets, rescues, and feral cats. It has since grown to include other vets in various areas within and outside the county.

CPA added pet adoptions when PetSmart opened in Oxnard. We currently adopt pets at Pet Royalty (formerly All Pet Headquarters) in Camarillo and at PetSmart in Newbury Park and Oxnard (occasional).

From a humble beginning at the Camarillo library, CPA now has divisions in Ventura County, Porterville and Palmdale, CA, as well as in Rathdrum, Idaho. Concerned People for Animals has 900 paid members, among them many hardworking and wonderful volunteers. A HUGE thank you goes to all our volunteers: the dog walkers, the cat enclosure cleaners, the newsletter folders, the street fair booth staff, and those who help with so many other tasks.

My sincere appreciation for your loyalty and support and for the love you show our animal friends.

Yours truly,

Inge






WANTED: Unaltered LARGE DOGS


We have special funds available to spay/neuter dogs over 40 pounds


Schedule an appointment with a participating vet:
Battier's Veterinary Clinic 805-987-7110 (Camarillo)
Camarillo Veterinary Hospital 805-482-9865
Park Animal Hospital 805-526-0573 (Simi Valley)

NEWS & EVENTS

 You can make one-time or recurring donations to CPA online with your credit or debit card. Find the "Donate" button on our web site.

 **Microchip your cat or dog for only \$20! Call for an appointment: 805-277-0135.**

 June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month. August 15th is National Homeless Pets Day.

 Visit the CPA booth at these upcoming events for your license plate frames, ID bracelets, and pet tags:

- *SeaBee Days*, June 13 & 14
- *Ventura 4th of July Street Fair*
- *Camarillo Fiesta*, July 11 & 12
- *Spay Day Ventura County*, July 25
- *Dog-gone Cat-a-strophic Hugs, Slurps, and Slobbers Adoptathon*, July 26
- *Bow Wows & Meows*, October 11

Help CPA raise funds for spay/neuter by using:



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Goodshop is a shopping portal that lets you shop your favorite online retailers. Up to 30% of each purchase goes to CPA, which helps us continue providing rescue, adoption, spay/neuter, and education services to the community. You can also use Goodshop to find discounts at more than 1,000 stores! Keep the card below by your computer as a reminder to Goodshop for CPA. For more information, go to www.goodshop.com.

Make sure CPA is registered as your preferred charity before you shop. See the tip below for registration instructions. Happy shopping!



Tip: If you clear your web browser cookies, you need to reregister CPA as your preferred charity in the Goodsearch home page. Go to www.goodsearch.com and type Concerned People for Animals into "WHO DO YOU SEARCH FOR?"

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

In this edition of the CPA newsletter, we're excited to introduce a new feature called Volunteer Spotlight. CPA has many hard-working volunteers that often don't get the recognition they deserve. The Spotlight gives us the opportunity to introduce our volunteers and learn a little more about what motivates them to donate their own time toward improving the lives of animals. In this issue, we'll shine the spotlight on Kristin Strauser.



Kristin is a transplant from Cleveland, OH, a recent graduate from CLU, and she works for Baxter Healthcare in Thousand Oaks. This CPA volunteer is not new to volunteer work.

Kristin was on the ground in Biloxi and Gulfport MS, helping people recover from the Katrina hurricane. Kristin supports Saving Animals from Euthanasia (SAFE) in Ventura County, and is a supporter of PETA, Caring Consumers, and the Humane Farming Association.

When asked why she chooses to give her own time to important causes, Kristin said, "I want to make a difference in the world and I think volunteering is a great way to do so. Volunteering helps people in need, as well as animals that are abandoned, abused or neglected and unable to help themselves. It is also an opportunity to meet new people, feel good about yourself by helping others and set a good example. It is a humbling experience, too, and makes you realize how lucky you really are. I find it rewarding because I feel like I am making a difference in someone's life."

When not helping animals in need, Kristin likes to hike, run, travel, cook, and play with her 2 year old Yorkie/Maltese mix, Riley. CPA extends a warm welcome to Kristin Strauser.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Know someone who needs \$ help to spay/ neuter a cat or dog?
 Please call Carel @ 805-482-6587, Sandy @ 559-784-2628 (Porterville) or Jackie @ 661-285-4719 (Palmdale)

Please donate your old cell phones to help us raise funds for the animals! Call Carel @ 482-6587 for more information.

Mail cell phones to CPA or DROP OFF at one of the following locations:

- Camarillo: *All Pet Headquarters* Arneill Rd. & Las Posas Rd.
Camarillo Veterinary Hospital 258 Dawson Dr.
Happy Dog 501 Mobile Ave.
- Newbury Park: *Newbury Park Feed & Pet Supply* 67 N. Reino Rd.
- Oxnard: *Randy's Automotive* 278 Surfside Dr.
- Simi Valley: *Park Animal Hospital* 4288 E. Los Angeles Ave.
- Ventura: *Coldwell Banker/Joan Minster* 1190 S. Victoria Ave.



Concerned People for Animals is proudly operated entirely by unpaid volunteers—there are no overhead expenses for salary or office space. The funds we raise directly benefit the animals. We are only limited by the number of volunteers willing to help us and the funding we receive.

CPA's Adoptable Pets

Thinking about adding a new family member to your home? These precious pets are looking for a second chance at love.

Visit our website for a full list and pet descriptions: www.concernedpeopleforanimals.org/adoptions.html or e-mail CPAadoptions@gmail.com for more information.



Patches is a sweet, but shy 3 year old wire-haired terrier. He gets along well with other dogs as well as cats. He is very affectionate with humans once he's comfortable. Patches is housebroken and doesn't bark, dig, or chew. He is staying in foster care while we look for his perfect new home.

Blanca



1 year old female

Brenda



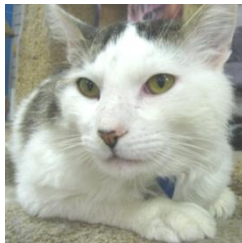
6 year old female

Johnny Cash



1 year old male

Linus



5 year old male

Luna



1 year old female

Tie



7 year old male



Bobby is a one year old Cocker Spaniel/Black Labrador mix, who lost his family when they were forced to move due to foreclosure. Bobby lived in a family with kids and dogs, so he's looking for a forever family where he'll have dog buddies. Bobby is a very gentle, loving boy, who will make a wonderful pet for a family that will be patient with him while he learns that his new home is permanent. He is in foster care anxiously awaiting a new home.

The Concerned People for Animals quarterly newsletter is in its NINTH YEAR of publication, with a mailing distribution of over 9,000 pet-friendly households.



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TIPS FROM CAMARILLO WILDLIFE

The babies are officially here. Everything from hummingbirds to coyotes is having babies at the moment.



Mother ducks are walking through the neighborhoods with their young, showing them which house has good snails, which house has bird seed, and which house has a great pool to learn to swim in. They would be attacked if they went to the nearest pond or lake, so they seek the privacy of back yards to raise their ducklings. There is no relocation of ducks, this results in orphans as the mothers fly away. Unwanted guests should be lured out of the back yard with a trail of bird seed, then blocked so they can't walk back in. Momma knows the neighborhood and will find her way.

If you find a baby songbird that has little or no feather/down, then it has to go back in the nest or go to a rehabber for care. They need the warmth of their siblings and will not survive if left outside alone.

Most baby song birds will pop out of the nest before they are able to fly. They have to learn how to find food and practice skimming the ground to develop their flying skills but this is a time when people, cats and dogs find them. Provide the juvenile birds a safe haven if there are cats around by placing a fledgling in a large cardboard box lined with paper towels with one flap taped up to create shelter. The parents will fly in and out of the box to continue to feed it. Each time the bird eats, it poops, so checking the box in a few hours for poop will determine if mom is around.

Many song birds and their nests are federally protected, so trimming/cutting down trees that contain active nests is illegal during baby season. If a nest is not seen and accidentally cut down with a branch, reconstruct the nest in a basket, place it back in the tree, and discontinue cutting. The parents will hear their chicks and resume care once the area is free of people. It's a myth that the parents will reject their young once touched, so put the babies back. Nesting is usually finished by September, and you will have until February to remove any trees/bushes and hose down mud nests that were once a home. There is so much more to know so please visit our website for lots of great info or call 805-482-7617 if you need immediate help. www.camarillowildliferehabilitation.org



Nestlings



Fledgling



Sample box for fledgling birds

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training for Dogs

Where: Pet Royalty, 2530 E. Las Posas Rd., Camarillo

When: September ??, 2009

Cost: \$75 per dog

Contact: Alec @ 805-827-3500

or the trainers @ 760-464-6792



A Rescue Story: Ginger

One morning in early May, CPA received a phone call from a family in Somis, California that had found a dog tied to their mailbox with a note explaining that the owner's landlord wouldn't accept pets.



CPA rescued **Ginger** and took her to stay at Pet Royalty until a new home could be found. During her first few days in doggie day care, Ginger looked very worried about her future. She had nothing to worry about... The easygoing, loving golden lab endeared herself to an employee of Pet Royalty, who couldn't bear to part with her. Ginger's new family also includes a Rottweiler and a Persian cat.

A Rescue Story: Missy

On her way home one afternoon, Sandy Carlson (CPA's Porterville representative) spotted something that definitely didn't belong in the freeway median. Sandy exited and made her way

back to where she'd seen the dog. Hoping that the dog wouldn't be startled and dart into traffic, Sandy carefully opened her car door. Fortunately **Missy** was so happy to be rescued from that

dangerous spot, she jumped straight in the car without hesitation. Missy had been used to breed several litters of puppies and then dumped. We discovered that Missy suffered from hip dysplasia and wondered whether we'd ever be able to adopt her, but when her new mom met her it was love at first site!

ASK THE TRAINER – Nina Bacon

Q: Jewel has been a housebreaking challenge since I brought her home a year ago. I cannot figure out how to train her to go outside! She pees on her beds and in the halls. What should I do?

A: Always make sure a medical condition is not contributing to an animal's inappropriate elimination problems. If good health is determined, then go back to basics. Any animal displaying antisocial tendencies has not "earned their freedom" and must be better supervised to help them understand what is expected.

Make Jewel's potty spot enticing: Housebreaking is two fold: Get the dog to *prefer* going outside, (a doggie door can work wonders) and convey that eliminating in the house is not acceptable. Jewel's bed-wetting makes me wonder if her potty area is not to her liking. Dogs prefer an absorbent surface such as grass (or your carpet). Place thick layers of newspaper in the bottom of a kiddie wading pool, or cordon off an area to plant some sod.

Create a schedule Jewel can count on: Be consistent in her potty regime; every morning as soon as you get up; every evening as soon as you get home; every night last thing before you go to bed. Don't just let her outside and expect her to relieve herself. It is essential that you witness and praise the event! Take a chair if you have to, but do not come back inside until the deed is done.

Confine or closely supervise her in order to interrupt any accidents: Every accident that goes unobserved will reinforce her bad habits. When you are not home or able to watch Jewel closely, she must be confined to a safe easily cleaned "play pen" type area. Make it a comfortable happy place to be; this is not a place of punishment. Do not isolate her in the back yard or behind closed doors (use a child safety gate instead). The kitchen is a good place because it is usually a high traffic area. Tie the end of her leash to your belt and have her lay at your feet when you are on the computer or while you watch TV. You can also push the opening of a large crate up against the open back door or a doggie door. She'll be able to go outside at will, but can only enter the house as far as the dog crate allows.

Do not come unglued when she makes a mistake: Welcome mistakes as opportunities of understanding. Yelling, spanking, or "rubbing her nose in it" will only help Jewel understand that her human is demented and will cause her to hide her natural processes from view. Calmly and quietly tell her, "No, no, no" while you escort her outside and wait for her to finish. If you are guilty of not watching her closely and you find a mistake after the fact, you must shrug and clean it up without uttering a word to Jewel. Scolding her will cause her only to *appear* sorry. Her lowered ears and tucked tail display her submissiveness toward you because of your incomprehensible behavior toward her.

Nina Bacon is a positive reinforcement animal trainer based in Oxnard, CA. She can be reached at 805-278-4975 or through her website: companiondogtraining.com

Your donation of any amount and your membership with CPA means a lot to us and the animals!

Adult Volunteers Needed

- Office work: copying, filing, folding newsletters, and making pet ID tags
- Adoption program: walk dogs, cat care (socializing, scooping), and transport to vet for spay/neuter

Our Wish List... Please help!

- Heating pads
- KMR (kitten milk replacer)
- Dog houses, beds, or blankets
- Use *GoodShop* and *GoodSearch*
- Old Gold (jewelry, filings, etc.)
- Old Cell Phones
- Aluminum Cans
- White/Colored Copy Paper
- "Forever" Postage Stamps
- Monetary Donations to help needy animals
- Vehicles to Cars4Causes in CPA's name (call 805-477-7617 to donate)
- VOLUNTEERS!

Donation \$ _____ To be used for Dog Cat Anywhere needed

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I'd like to foster a Dog Cat

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My cancelled check will be my receipt

Please e-mail a 'thank you' for my records (include e-mail)

Membership Type (please one)

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\$ 50 – Friend

\$100 – Supporter

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Our address:

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Our phone:

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100% of your tax-deductible donation goes directly to helping animals! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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