



Santa Cruz
Humane Society Inc.
 Tails with happy endings

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Fall Edition, October, 2008

HUMANE SOCIETY GETS “LUCKY”
FOR FUNDRAISER by Sandra Bushmaker

On Sunday, August 24, 2008, the Café Presidio in Tubac was transformed into an Asian respite as two sold-out crowds savored a Vietnamese / Chinese buffet of delicious dishes planned and prepared to perfection by “Lucky,” owner of *Saigon Nails* in Tubac.

Lucky gave this monumental effort to—in her own words —“give back to the community” and to expressly support the Humane Society of Santa Cruz.

The Board of Directors is most grateful to all those who attended, donated to the cause and volunteered to make the event the success it was. The Shelter will greatly benefit from the caring of our community.

Generously volunteering their time and expertise were Lucky’s family and helpful friends, Cora Thorne, Dotti Rees, Leah Anspach, and Sharon Martin, to provide the buffet dinner.

The Café Presidio in Plaza de Anza in Tubac donated its facility, a bartender, the dishwasher and \$1.00 from each drink sold at the bar, all to the benefit of the Humane Society. We are grateful to the management and staff of the Café Presidio who were so generous and vital to the success of this event. Both Sandy from Motel 8 and Dean Fey of Artist’s Palate Restaurant loaned chafing dishes and serving pans. Other local merchants and individuals volunteered funds, plates and groceries to help defray the event’s costs, among them are the Ruiz Family, Tubac Old World Imports, Safeway, IGA, Tubac Fire District, the Trospen family, Wisdom Café and LeeLee Market.

At each of the two seatings, a beautiful “Spirit Doll” called *The Spirit of Care* was created and donated by artist Sandra Parker of Green Valley. Raffle tickets for the doll were sold to benefit the Shelter. Dennis St. John won the *The Spirit of Care* in a blind drawing. A delicate hand-painted ceramic

box was also donated as a second prize, won by Amelia Sheldon.

Soothing music entertainment was expertly provided by the “Pipe Dreams” duo, Georgia and Richard Conroy—with vocals, flutes, autoharp and hammered dulcimer.

All ticket proceeds benefited the Shelter and Animals of the Santa Cruz Humane Society, Inc., our nonprofit organization that receives no county or state monies for its operation.

The entire event was managed by Board President Barbara Hahn of Rio Rico and Board Member Sandra Bushmaker of Tubac. (*Competently, down to the last detail. --Ed.*) As a team, they also handled the front door and ticket sales.

This event did “take a village” to happen. Not only was the event a success for the Shelter; most of those who attended in person left the event satisfied with words of “such great food and music. Thank you for doing this.”



Lucky’s serving crew, l. to r.: Cora Thorne, Dottie Reese, Nancy Cossitt, and Linda Wilson

On Sunday, August 10 SCHS and Hilltop Gallery joined in an Ice Cream Social fundraiser (Art for Animals' Sake, 2008.) The shelter brought puppies and kittens ready for adoption. Over 40 children had purchased canvasses and painted pictures of their favorite pets (real or make-believe). Prizes from local retailers were awarded and the pictures were auctioned. The event was well-attended and everyone had a great time. We earned \$375 from the event, which was also our opportunity to work with children in the community, since most fundraisers are geared toward adults.



Andrea and Marcos Pottinger dance at the BBQ.

BBQ Dinner

by Joan Jernigan

On Friday, July 18 SCHS had a Barbeque Dinner and Dance Fundraiser at Sandy's Super 8 Motel. Sandy wanted the BBQ to honor the memory of her deceased dog "Little Bear," and she provided the food (barbeque ribs, chicken and all the fixings) at a discount so that most of the ticket price benefited the shelter. She cooked the food, made and served the drinks (also with some proceeds going to the shelter) and then had the place back in tip top shape early Saturday afternoon! This is a lady that works 365 days a year and has a smile and a cheerful greeting for all. The event was a great success - more than 200 were served, the Hog Canyon Band (sponsored by Robin Lucky) played a wonderful variety of music, board member Georgia Conroy sat in with the band for a few numbers, and the dance floor was packed. The event earned over \$3,000 for the shelter. Part of the proceeds will go toward new outdoor kennels for our dogs waiting for adoption.

WAGS AND BRAGS

WAGS AND BRAGS are stories that highlight the warm thoughts and feelings of the Shelter Staff and Board who say to our dear readers:

“We exist because of your caring and gifts. We’re all amigos, so please come by and visit!”



Indy

Indy

by Nancy Cossitt

This smiling dog, Indy is a male black and white medium large probable Akita mix. Indy has beautiful amber eyes that continually engage visitors in eye contact. He so much wants to connect with a real family and a real home. Indy has been a very good guest, but he has been at the shelter way too long for such a nice dog. He has some special needs. Although Indy feels just fine and is playful and friendly with his doggie roommates, he is occasionally unsteady in his hind quarters - through no fault of his own. His walk is sometimes a little wobbly related to secondary nerve damage associated with a previous surgery. Indy is not in any pain or poor health, nor play compromised. He walks well on a leash and is good with the children who come to walk him. Indy is very beloved by the shelter staff, but we know that the best place for Indy is with a loving and caring forever family.



Maria Felix

The Lady Who Wouldn't Give Up by *Maria Felix*

One afternoon, a nice lady, Erica Faircloth, walked in to give a donation. When she explained how she had just lost her 17 year-old cat, tears dropped from her eyes. We said we were very sorry, but when she was ready, she could rescue one from our shelter. She looked at Tortuga and asked if she could adopt her. We said no, she was the clinic cat. The lady was very curious about her, she came back about two weeks later to donate cat food, and asked again. In that moment, we knew that she and Tortuga were perfect for each other.

Weeks later, she came by again and said she was feeding a feral cat and wanted us to rescue her. We were apprehensive because most feral cats can't be domesticated, but the lady brought her in anyway. This cat is Mimi, an adorable, playful cat who lives here now and loves to interact with people.

The lady comes by a couple times a month to bring food to Mimi and her friends. We are very thankful for people like her, because they help us maintain our animals in a safe place.

Finding Someone to Love by *Alicia Lopez*

On June 18th, a lady came to the shelter to give up her little long-haired Chihuahua named Sweetie, whose past turns out to be a sad one. Her first owner passed away, and this lady was too sick to take care of her. It didn't take long for one of the volunteers to notice she had a funny walk. We took her to Dr. Escalada, who said she needed knee surgery on both knees and it would be expensive. We called a specialist across the border who was willing to do the surgery and charge only for the material. The board okayed the surgery, and after three weeks she has recovered. You should see this little dog who was afraid of everybody at first but now has warmed up to the staff and volunteers.



Alicia and Sweetie

[Sweetie has been adopted since the writing of this article, and is now living in a good home. – Ed.]

Chiquita's Close Call by *Irma Alvarez*

A sick lady who couldn't take care of her three dogs came in for adoption. One dog, Chiquita, was pregnant. About a week later, she gave birth to four tiny puppies. Chiquita was very caring and protective with them. One day, while checking the dogs, we noticed that Chiquita was outside her kennel and her puppies were missing. Looking everywhere, we couldn't find them, but noticed Chiquita nervously walking in circles near the drainage. I put my ear down next to the hole and heard cries. I reached in to grab the puppies, but could only rescue two. Two volunteers helped find the third, but one was so deep inside, he couldn't be reached. We called the Santa Cruz Animal Control for help, and a man came who finally rescued the fourth puppy. Thanks to the staff, volunteers, and Animal Control, Chiquita and her puppies are now safe in a loving home.



Irma and Mimi

THE REAL ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

By Georgia Conroy

Lieutenant Peña from the Department of Animal Care and Control took time out of his busy day to talk to our board recently. Eyes were opened by what we learned. It became obvious to us how, as supervisor for 18 years, Lt. Peña continues to love his job and the animals he and his team want to help. What makes his job difficult is owner irresponsibility, our own lack of knowledge about the needs of animals, and the economy..

Several board members raised some questions related to negative information they had heard, rumors that A.C.C. euthanizes all animals within 3 days, that they euthanize all the cats they find, and that they don't respond quickly or adequately enough. All animal owners, especially dog owners should know that they have 4 days until an animal becomes county property, at which time the animal will be placed on adoption unless rabid or vicious. The problem of course, is space: there is not enough room at the A.C.C. to house everyone's neglected or lost animal.

That officers couldn't answer your call quickly enough in August was due to an increased number of abandoned animals because of so many foreclosures. Adding to the hardship is the present lack of three officers, placing an extreme burden on only four officers to cover the entire Santa Cruz County of 1,200 miles. Interviews are taking place currently.

Lt. Peña invites us to think of whom the A.C.C. is trying to help. If the answer is the animals, the entire community could be more involved. The word now is that an interactive education program will soon be implemented in the schools with live animals the children will meet face to face. With another police officer, Lt. Peña will speak to children about animal care and safety and owner responsibility. We wish the program much success.



Lt. Peña

Three dogs from the Humane Society were adopted within nine months by Tubac's Malcolm Jendresen and Sandra Bushmaker. *Maggie*, a lively long-legged black lab mix, spent the first 14 months of her life in the Shelter and she is not yet two. *Buddy*, formerly known as "BD" also spent most of his life in the Shelter.

Buddy is not yet two years old. He is a Aussie/German Shepherd Mix and was the large dog "star" one day in the Humane Society's Booth at the 2008 Tubac Art Festival while Sandra was "on duty." Sandra took Buddy home that night and adopted him. About two months ago, the Shelter rescued a darling four month-old black Dachshund from a dumpster. She looked and acted like a mini Maggie with short legs. Now known as *Eme*, she joined the Maggie and Buddy. The happy brood is bonded to each other and their new guardians!

LOOK FOR OUR HUMANE SOCIETY BOOTH AT THE COUNTY FAIR

"We'll be there to welcome you."

OCT. 2, 3, 4, 5

***Animals for Adoption
t-shirts, tote bags, doggie scarves, and misc.***

HUGE USED BOOK SALE

***to benefit the Santa Cruz Humane Society
at***

**SUPER 8 MOTEL
on Mariposa**

**Friday, October 17th
through
Sunday, October 19th**

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Also for sale:
baked goods and refreshments

**ANIMALS FROM SHELTER WILL BE
SHOWCASED FOR ADOPTION**

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION OF A VOLUNTEER

A volunteer is an individual or a group of people who give of their time, talent and ability to a cause that they believe in, without pay or public recognition.

Hello, my name is Old Red and I have been a shelter dog at the Santa Cruz Humane Society for quite a few years now. The new manager has given me the title "shelter pet" and I enjoy my new responsibilities. When new litters of young pups come in it is my job to show them how to act and correct them if necessary.

Being a mom myself at one time has helped with this new position. But I need your help. Many of my four legged friends are lonely and growing somewhat sad at the lack of attention from humans. The staff does its best to meet our needs. Our kennels are kept clean and our food is plentiful but we need more. We need interaction with humans!

It doesn't matter how old or young you are or what language you speak, we will be able to see the compassion in your eyes, hear the love and caring in your voice and feel the tenderness of your touch.

Please come, volunteer at the shelter and help me to help all of my four legged, furry friends at the Humane Society.

Thanks,
Old Red
Shelter Pet

PS: My boss told me there are other ways to help out at the shelter, like answering phones while the staff is busy tending to us, and helping in the "Thrift Store". Some of that money helps to buy us extra treats and toys. Yeah!

**To be a volunteer
at the Santa Cruz Humane Society
please call 520-287-5654**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In our Spring newsletter there was a paragraph on the membership fee. Since then, we have received feedback and concerns regarding this fee. The Board has researched this topic and found the by-laws that confirm the annual membership fee of \$100 per household for a calendar year.

The membership fee was created to establish the base funding for the operating expenses of the shelter. There are some misconceptions the shelter is supported and receives funds from Santa Cruz County. Please let me assure you this is not true. The Shelter relies on membership fees, donations, grants and fundraisers for its operating funds. The goal of the board is to build the membership in the Society so the contributions the shelter receives from other venues can be set aside for important projects, building maintenance, and emergencies.

We currently have less than 600 households on our mailing address. Even if every household signed up for a 2009 membership we still fall short of covering the basic expenses for running the shelter from day to day.

One of our Board Members asked, what do I get for my membership? Good question! You'll receive our newsletter and mailings for fundraisers and events, but the bottom line is by being a member you are part of a group of people that supports the operation of the only no-kill shelter in Santa Cruz County for countless numbers of dogs and cats.

Another area of confusion is the annual gift "envelope". The envelope was created for donations only and not for membership fees. However, we are adding a sticker to the envelope to allow you to indicate if the funds you are sending are for a membership or a donation of money.

As I mentioned, our goal is to add members to our Society. We need your continued support. If you have friends who would like to get the newsletter and become members, please share this information with them. To learn more or better yet join the Society, they can stop by the shelter, contact me at (banh55@azpob.com or my cell phone 520-203-6238) or send a check to the Santa Cruz Humane Society, 232 E. Patagonia Highway, Nogales AZ 85621.

To all who have purchased tickets for the fundraisers, attended events and volunteered your services and time over the past months, the Shelter Staff and Board magnanimously **THANK YOU for your support!**



Sincerely, Barbara Hahn, President

An expertly made quilt featuring humorous animal characters created and donated by Janice Urman will be offered at a raffle to take place before the holidays. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. The quilt has been on display at various fundraisers and events, the Holy Cross Hospital and the United Churches Fellowship, and will also be seen at our County Fair booth. After the fair, you can contact Barbara Hahn to purchase additional tickets (banh55@azpob.com or 520- 203-6238).



Quilt donated by Janice Urman for the raffle.

HUMANE SOCIETY THRIFT SHOP
Open during Regular Hours of Operation
Tons of Stuff

TONY'S NOTES *by Antonio Velasquez*

NEW KENNELS

We are in the process of building new kennels at the Humane Society. It is exciting that we will be able to transfer pets that are currently indoors to the exterior. We are asking for donations (all tax-deductible) for the cement slabs, which will cost approximately \$175 each.

Each slab will bear the name of the donor(s), and will provide a solid floor for our animals to keep them from standing in mud and urine. The other section will be gravel which has already been donated by A.G.E. Construction. As

you read this article, the gravel is already being spread out in our kennels. [*Help us now to build this new section for our animals, or wait until the next newsletter to learn about the board's next fun-raising venture. -Ed.*]

DISTRESS CALL FROM PIMA ANIMAL CONTROL

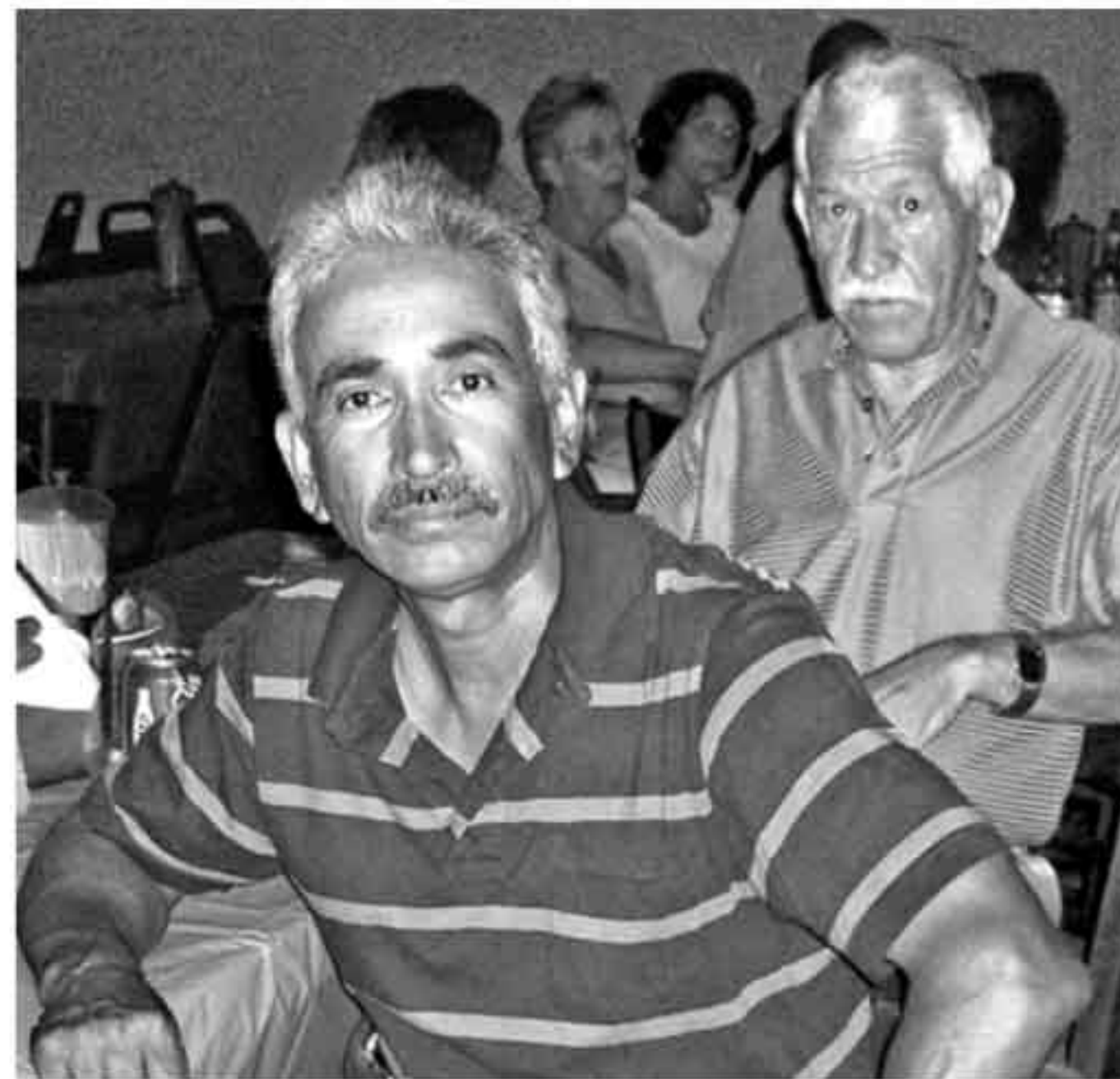
In the month of August, we received a distress call from the Pima Animal Control in Tucson. They were asking us to help them with about nineteen dogs that were about to be euthanized. These animals came from people who could not care for them since they had lost their homes and were not allowed to take them to the new homes.

Some of these dogs were trained and house-broken; others were plain old outside dogs that loved to be with people.

I said yes, and when they arrived I was surprised that they were all sweet-tempered and well-mannered. I felt good that we had saved the lives of these animals. Out of the nineteen we have about twelve left—plus our current population—which totals at 52 dogs.

So come on down and adopt one of our animals. It will be an experience that you will never forget, because our animals in return will give you Love, Care and Loyalty.

(Please see letter from Pima County Sheriff, next page.)



Tony and Ruben

This letter was sent to the Santa Cruz Humane Society from the Pima County Sheriff.



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Clarence W. Dupnik
Sheriff

Keeping the Peace and Serving the Community Since 1865

August 5, 2008

Santa Cruz Humane Society
Antonio Velasquez, Operations Manager
232 East Patagonia Highway
Nogales, Arizona 85624

Dear Mr. Velasquez,

On behalf of the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the citizens of our community, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Santa Cruz Humane Society (SCHS) for their unwavering support and response during the investigation of an alleged criminal dog fighting syndicate.

On February 19, 2008, a lengthy Pima County Sheriff's Department investigation culminated in the service of search warrants at multiple locations resulting in the seizure of over 170 animals, to include 148 dogs. In response to our Department's call for assistance with these animals, the SCHS staff responded without question. SCHS staff assisted detectives in the critical duties of cataloging, recording, transportation and housing for the canines taken. It was discovered that many of these animals required medical care, which your agency also provided.

Your agency's quick response and dedicated service allowed our detectives to focus on the investigation while the animals recovered were afforded the best care and record keeping possible. Due in no small part to the efforts of your staff, many of the animals now have new homes, a heinous criminal organization has been disbanded, and prosecution of the offenders is underway. The Pima County Sheriff's Department is grateful for the Santa Cruz Humane Society's dedicated acts toward the protection of the animals in our community. Your entire staff is to be commended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clarence W. Dupnik", written over a faint circular watermark of the Pima County Sheriff's Department seal.

CLARENCE W. DUPNIK
Sheriff of Pima County

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Shelter Staff

<u>Antonio Velasquez</u>	Shelter Manager
<u>Irma Alvarez</u>	Office & Kennel staff
<u>Maria Felix</u>	Office & Kennel staff
<u>Julie Castro</u>	Kennel staff
<u>Alicia Lopez</u>	Vet Tech & Kennel staff
<u>Ruben Brambila</u>	Kennel staff

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<u>Nancy Cossitt</u>	Shelter Liaison
<u>Richard Conroy</u>	Newsletter Editor & Membership
<u>Georgia Conroy</u>	Co-editor & Community Liaison

Board meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the Carondolet Hospital in Nogales. However, the September 22nd meeting has been changed to the 29th, and the Oct 6th is cancelled due to our participation in the County Fair.



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Return Service Requested

All members of the Santa Cruz Humane Society are invited to attend the annual Member meeting which is required by Arizona law once a year to maintain our non-profit status and fulfil the requirements of incorporation.

This meeting will be held on November 17, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the United Churches Fellowship Church in Nogales. The address is:

1049 W. Mariposa Ranch Road, (West of Nogales HS & Frank Reed Rd.), Nogales, AZ 85628.
520-761-1813.

United Churches Fellowship Building Use Statement

“United Churches Fellowship is a part of the United Church of Christ. We believe that God is still speaking.

Our vision is to: Plant Seeds of Faith, Grow in Love and Serve our Neighbor!

Discovering the Still Speaking God Among Us & Santa Cruz County.”

Our Website is ucf-nogales-ucc.org

“The Santa Cruz Humane Society is dedicated to the welfare and humane treatment of animals. Our mission is to end the need for pet euthanasia in Santa Cruz County.”