



**Early Winter
2015**



To Our Supporters

Dear Animal Supporters:

We especially want to thank each of you for your support and what you do for Paws In Need! You are vital to our organization, and we couldn't do it without you! We have the privilege of helping animals because of YOU. Our Just Like New program recipients are very grateful for your help as they no longer have to agonize over their beloved pet's suffering or the thought of no other option but to euthanize or surrender their pet. The best part is that they found help for their pet that will allow them to keep their pet, in their home, with their families. Your support is also reducing animal overpopulation in our community through our Spay/Neuter program. YOU are part of the Paws In Need family and we appreciate YOU! We wish you a happy and healthy 2016.

We are still planning our annual Paws In Need Valentine Crab Feed on February 6, 2016 from 6-10pm at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave. in Livermore. As most of you know there has been a delay in the start of crab season and we are holding off making tickets available until the season officially begins and we know what the price will be. Look for our next correspondence about the event.

An anonymous donor is willing to match every donation received until the end-of-the-year. With your help, we are hoping to meet their match goal of \$20,000 (we just reached \$4,500). All donations are tax deductible.



We would like to thank the following veterinary offices for the discounted medical services provided this year. These vet offices allowed us to help more animals with a medical need.

- Adobe Pet Hospital, 1543 First St. Livermore
- Alisal Pet Clinic, 5480 Sunol Blvd., Suite 4, Pleasanton
- Amador Valley Vet Hospital, 1809 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton
- Arroyo Veterinary Center, 4467 First St., Livermore
- Bishop Ranch Vet Center, 2000 Bishop Drive, San Ramon,
- Feline Veterinary Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton
- Four Paws Veterinary Center, 4524 Dublin Blvd., Dublin
- Gateway Pet Hospital, 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Suite A2, San Ramon
- Ironhorse Vetcare, 7660 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin
- Parkway Veterinary Hospital, 6851 Village Parkway, Dublin



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Wish List

If you are given a holiday gift or already have another gift that you won't be using, we could use it for our Crab Feed raffle!

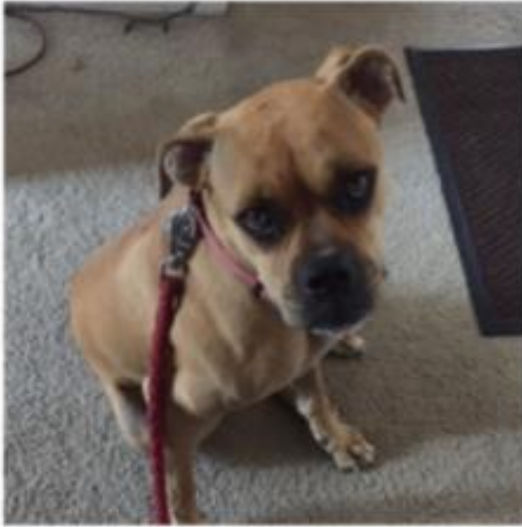
Also needed are bottles of wine with a value of \$10 or greater for a fun new game that will be played at the Crab Feed.

Contact Cindy Ferrin at cferrin@pacbell.net or [925-323-8517](tel:925-323-8517) for pick up.

Heartwarming Tails

Help Roxy Get Back On Her Feet!

by Stephanie Carnow



Roxy

Can you imagine having so much fun playing that you actually hurt yourself in the process? Well, that's what happened a few weeks ago to Roxy, a 5-year-old boxer ridgeback mix with a ton of energy and zest for life. One minute she was running around, the next she was in serious pain. Her vet discovered that Roxy had torn both of her ACLs. Unfortunately, this diagnosis comes with a steep price tag; it will cost \$6,000 to get Roxy the surgery she needs to repair her legs. Her owner Paul, a student and a social worker living on a limited budget, does not have the funds needed to cover Roxy's medical bills. That's why we recently launched a crowdfunding campaign.

Paul describes Roxy as a "lovable goofball" who craves attention, makes silly faces, and despite her solid 50 lb. stature, insists that she is a lap dog. Roxy still has a lot of life left to live-there are beaches to run on and games to play-but without surgery her quality of life diminishes significantly. Not only does she continue to fight daily pain in her legs, she also runs the risk of future complications, such as arthritis. There is also a strong emotional toll this takes; Roxy is still a puppy at heart, but her usual natural exuberance is now defeated by chronic pain.

During a recent Paws In Need crowdfunding campaign, supporters donated \$1,065 towards the needed \$6,000. It is a lot of money for one person to shoulder, but with all of us pitching in; we can surely raise enough to give sweet, fun-loving Roxy a chance at a long, healthy and active life. If you would like to donate, please go on our website at www.paws-in-need.org.

Happy Ending

by Lisa Williams



These 2 beauties were found in a Pleasanton backyard of a Good Samaritan. Eager to get them spayed and neutered before there were several more (smart!), Paws In Need was contacted for assistance through our low cost spay/neuter program. The necessary equipment was loaned and soon these two were secure and on their way to the vet to be fixed and vaccinated. After their recovery, the family, being animal friendly and very good-hearted, decided the backyard was going to be their "home." The family purchased a small yard shelter and these 2 settled in and are right at home. Families like this make all the difference in the life of a feral cat. Paws in Need's low cost spay/neuter program is always eager to stop the reproduction cycle and aid in the well-being of animals. Looks like these two stumbled into the right yard!

Murphy's Story

by Pamela Oshay



Gloria and Dr. Amanda Bloomberg with Murphy

Many years ago, Gloria Luevano was jet-skiing on the Delta when she saw a group of people ready to throw a kitten into the water. She yelled to them as she approached, "Is that your kitten?" And, one of them responded, "Yes, but no one wants him". Gloria noticed that the kitten (who looked to be no more than a few weeks old) had a misshapen tail, possibly the result of it being broken. After hearing the group was attempting to drown the kitten, Gloria was appalled. She asked them for the kitten and took him on her jet ski and then to her home where she and "Murphy" have enjoyed a bond that has endured a lifetime. Gloria, who suffers from MS and is on dialysis, calls Murphy her "life saver" and her "everything." Through the years, as Gloria has lost her mobility, she has been so dedicated to Murphy that she takes Murphy to the vet on her scooter. Murphy has become a valued member of Gloria's family, often receiving Valentine's cards and Christmas gifts from Gloria's relatives throughout the country.

Recently Murphy became very sick with an ear infection and took him to the vet where his treatment costs became a strain on her fixed budget. After repeated treatments and escalating bills, Gloria turned to Paws In Need for assistance in getting Murphy back to health. Paws In Need sent Murphy and Gloria to Parkway Veterinary Hospital in Dublin and thanks to Dr. Amanda Bloomberg, Murphy is now on the road to recovery. Gloria and Murphy's story is just one of the heartwarming and touching ways that Paws in Need helps pet owners with their pets. This tiny, imperfect kitten became the perfect companion for Gloria and its Paws In Need's mission to help people and their pets live long and healthy lives...together.

Vallejo Finds Forever Home

by Stephanie Cochard



Vallejo

A sweet calico cat named Vallejo recently got a second chance at life with the help of Paws In Need and Tenth Life Foundation.

Vallejo came to us from Leslie Haas, a volunteer who spends her time fostering bottle babies for Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. The shelter indicated there was no room for Vallejo and her kittens, and they would need to be placed in foster care. Leslie knew this would mean Vallejo would be euthanized because she did not meet behavioral adoption requirements. That's when Leslie turned to Paws In Need to help fund the medical treatment needed to pass her to Tenth Life and on to a forever home.

We are happy to report that the Tenth Life Foundation recently delivered Vallejo to her new home in Lafayette. She still has a few weeks of "adaptation" in cages before roaming freely outdoors, but she is well adjusted, remaining calm and attentive throughout the process. When she is ready, Vallejo will help to control the rodent population at her new home. She will have plenty of places to explore and enjoy the attention of a family, if she desires.

"Thank you and the team of individuals and organizations that saved Vallejo and got her ready for her new home and 'tenth life,'" shared Lynn DeVon of the Tenth Life Foundation.

Surprise

by Susan Reid



Stella took one last look around the bedroom and headed downstairs. She was always attentive to detail and each morning she went from room to room, making sure that everything was as it was supposed to be. Now and again she picked up a stray sock or toy and moved it to a more appropriate spot.

She walked on down the stairs with nothing particular in mind; maybe a little bit of breakfast before starting her long day. A large picture stood at the bottom of the stairs; one she had never noticed before.

The picture was of a beautiful black and white dog; a very handsome dog, actually. It resembled Petie, with whom she often played on her trips downtown. Petie was not very smart, but the dog in the picture had wise, bright eyes that seem to look right into your soul. Why had she not seen this picture before?

George came into the room. "Stella, what are you looking at?"

Couldn't he see this lovely creature in the frame?

He sat down next to Stella to admire the artwork. "Susan, sit down and look."

Stella looked at her two housemates and then back at the picture. How had they gotten into the picture of the dog?

Stella looked at the picture and at the couple several times. A slow realization started to stir in the depths of her brain.

"Holy mother of Dogs! I am a canine!" Stella stared in disbelief. Susan and George got up and left the room. Surely they realized that this was a momentous occasion.

Things started to make sense. Whenever they went for walks together, Stella had to be on a leash. She had always thought that this was just something that her family did; not necessarily a bad thing. Then there was meals; dry dog food in a bowl. She had wondered why she wasn't invited to the dinner table. Stella kept peering at the framed dog. She turned her head this way and that, admiring her sleek black coat with sharply contrasting white trim. She really would have liked a more colorful collar, maybe plaid. Maybe for Christmas.

"Look she recognizes herself." George said.

"Of course I do." Sighed Stella, but no one understood her.

"Well, I guess there are worse things to be than a dog. I can sleep whenever I want. I don't have to work very hard; just carry socks around and bark at strangers at the door. Meals are always served twice a day; maybe even snacks. I poop outside and the people always clean up. I get pedicures and massages." Stella admired the beautiful animal in the mirror.

Mo walked by and didn't even look. "Ooooh", thought Stella, "could have been a cat. Thank Dog!"

Ways to Donate to Paws In Need

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1. Online through PayPal or via credit card at www.Paws-In-Need.org.
2. By check to Paws In Need (PIN), P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583.
3. Through stock donations. Paws In Need (PIN) has a brokerage account for stock donations. If a donor gives stock to PIN, they may be able to take a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the stock at the time of the donation. For more information, contact financial adviser Jay Woo at TD Ameritrade, [925-287-3209](tel:925-287-3209).
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