



## The Printed Paw

August 2014



### Special Dates

Mark your calendars as we would love to see you at our upcoming events. Look for additional details in future newsletters and on our website at [Paws-In-Need.org](http://Paws-In-Need.org),

- **Thurs. Aug. 14, 4-8pm** - Livermore's Farmer's Market, Carnegie Building on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Livermore
- **Sat. Sept. 20, 3-6pm** - Paws & Outlaws BBQ, Olivina, 4555 Arroyo Road, Livermore
- **Sat. Nov. 8, 10-4pm**, Animal Lover's Holiday Boutique, Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton
- **Sun. Dec. 7, Noon - 4pm**, Open House, Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

### Paws & Outlaws Barbeque Event

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Bring your appetite and cowboy boots to our fundraiser  
Paws & Outlaws Barbeque

Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 3 - 6 pm

Festivities include a mouthwatering barbeque with all the fixin's, and raffles Olivina, 4555 Arroyo Rd. in Livermore. To order tickets, visit our

website: [www.Paws-In-Need.org](http://www.Paws-In-Need.org).

Live music will be provided by the Blue House Band with a no-host bar featuring beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Attendees will have many opportunities to win awesome raffle prizes and a wine barrel filled with a wide variety of wine.

## Can You Help James??

James, a neutered 18 month old black cat, normally comes in from the back yard when his humans call him. Recently, he didn't scamper inside when his Dad called. So Dad went looking and finally found James, scared and in pain, under a bush. When Dad picked him up, James cried out and Dad carefully held him until he could bring James inside into better light to see what the trouble was. Poor James' right front leg was limp and James refused to stand or walk. Dad and Mom put their own newborn baby in the infant car seat,



James in the cat carrier and rushed to the emergency vet. The vet said that James' right front leg was badly broken-both bones, and that James needed to see a feline orthopedic specialist to have the break plated, not just pinned. His owners gulped and asked how much would that cost? \$3700. Way too much for these owners to pay, with their brand new baby and student loans. The owners looked at each other and said we can't afford the vet bill and we might have to euthanize our beloved cat.

They didn't qualify for a loan, so they asked Paws In Need (PIN) for help. James had surgery in order to save his leg from being amputated. Now we need your help--can you donate \$10 or more? You can make a donation or find out more information on the following sites.



Thank You.

Website: <http://www.paws-in-need.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PawsInNeedBayArea>

YouCaring.org: <https://www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/help-us-help-james-the-cat-/213278>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PawsInNeedBA>

Pinterest: <http://www.pinterest.com/PawsInNeedBA/>

## **Gianni's "Tips For Change" - a smashing success!**

*By Coordinator Lisa Williams*

Our recent Gianni's Italian Bistro "Tips For Change" event was a triumph! A terrific program to benefit local nonprofits, the proprietors of this charming San Ramon bistro are instrumental in this program's continued success. A record breaking crowd dined that evening on amazing fare, while enjoying table service provided by dedicated Paws in Need volunteers.

Donated desserts of paw print cake pops and fabulous raffle prizes provided a grand finish to the evening and a good time was had by all! Shattering all records to date, Paws in Need made over \$5,000!



Photo of Tips for Change Check with (Left to Right) Gianni's owners Gianni and Melanie, Coordinator Lisa Williams, and volunteer servers Gloria Sheridan, Steve Newton and Susan Lewandowski.

**"Poly"**  
by Lisa Williams



Paws In Need (PIN) was contacted by the new adopter of Poly, a female German shepherd found chained to a pole off the freeway, just outside San Luis Obispo. Poly, as she would soon come to be known, was discovered by a Cal-Poly student on his way home to visit his parents in Pleasanton. Skinny, afraid and alone in the dark, he knew he could not leave her there. So in the car she went and off to Pleasanton to her new life!

He contacted PIN for our low cost spay/neuter program and we were happy to help this Good Samaritan! Here are a few words from Poly's family in a recent update: "We are a work in progress. Poly is doing well and has slowly warmed up to me and trusts me. She loves to play outside, but loves to be inside more than any dog we've ever had. We can only guess she was chained outside for the first 8 months of her life. My parents are going to keep her for me until I finish college next year".

Well, no more chains for Poly! Welcome home beautiful girl and a special thank you to her rescuer! They are spending the summer together before he heads back to college. We love happy endings!

## Barney

*by Karen Simon*



Barney was limping and his mom, Pam, lives on a fixed income. Asking for help is never easy, but Pam could see Barney was suffering. She reached out to Paws In Need for help. We sent Barney to Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center and they found his leg was sprained, but worse he had a serious Upper Respiratory Infection (URI).

The doctors treated Barney for the URI and put him on crate rest for the leg. Barney has since recovered and Pam was very grateful for the help in getting her kitty *Just Like New* again.

## How the Just Like New Program Helps!

*By JLN Coordinator Karen Simon*



We recently received a call from Stephanie that her cat Nika was drinking water and urinating excessively, had recently lost weight, was yowling at night and had poor coat quality. I knew this was likely a chronic condition and advised her that our JLN program guidelines are set up to handle one-time fixable conditions.

We just don't have the funds required to manage ongoing chronic conditions. JLN agreed to help with the initial diagnosis but suggested she ask her family for help and try to at least come up with some contribution to the cost. Perhaps the diagnosis would reveal a condition that was not too expensive for her to handle. Then she could take it from there. To my surprise her family came up with more than enough money to help her get her cat diagnosed. Not all cases require financial assistance, sometimes a little guidance and connecting with the right parties is all that is needed. We referred her to Feline Medical Center in Pleasanton and she is very happy with their care of Nika.

Here is a recent update from Stephanie:

Hi Paws In Need:

I promised Karen that I would let her know how things went with the vet visit. So after talking with Karen, I managed to pool together the money to get her in to see the vet... and it turns out that my cat has diabetes which is what we both feared - especially given the situation myself and my family are in.

I'm in bit of a 'trial' process of taking things conservatively - re: changing the cat's diet - and having a very serious dialogue with our vet (re: managing appropriate care for a diabetic cat and with the situation we're in). Though the vet is open about taking a conservative approach, she also fears Nika will ultimately need daily insulin injections if the diet alone won't/can't control her blood sugars and so she wants me to be honest and realistic when/if that time comes.

I want to thank everyone so much for the immediate outpouring of warmth that was showed to me and Nika; it was amazing and not something I will ever forget. Your hearts are just so big; thank you so much.

Sincerely, Stephanie

Update - Stephanie is continuing to successfully manage Nika's condition conservatively.

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## Shop Local at Milfleur in Pleasanton

Terri, owner of **Milfleur Gift Shop** at the old Kottinger Barn, 200 Ray Street between First and Neal Streets in Pleasanton is an animal lover and an avid supporter of Paws In Need. She has helped us in many way, including letting us use her shop property for several fund raisers.

Please help us return that support to Terri. Summer is a great time to stop by Milfleur Gift Shop to check out new gift and objects made by American artists. (If this is a gift for someone remember that gift wrapping is available so you won't have to)! It is also a great time to either refresh a dated floral arrangement or have a new one made. And Terri makes beautiful wreaths-summer is a great time to get a jump start on getting holiday decorations made.

Bring a friend and enjoy this wonderful local gift store where you will find something special for that someone special.

## **Animal Overpopulation**

*By Justin Tong (student writer and researcher)*

Most of us probably would never dream of abandoning our pets, but then why are there approximately 70 million stray dogs and cats living in the U.S.? There are 4,000-6,000 U.S. animal shelters doing their part to solve this problem, but they can take in only 6-8 million each year, meaning there are still countless more animals out there [For the complete article...](#)

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