



## The Printed Paw Winter 2015



### To Our Supporters

Thanks to you, hundreds of animals were given the medical care they needed in 2014. Our spay/neuter program will prevent thousands more from being born in our community. This program is more important than ever since the euthanasia rate at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin has increased over the past year. If you know a cat, dog, or rabbit needing to be altered, contact us at [info@paws-in-need.org](mailto:info@paws-in-need.org) or at [925-551-1877](tel:925-551-1877).

We are expecting another sell-out crowd at our upcoming Crab Feed fundraiser on February 7, 2015 at the Shannon Center in Dublin. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.paws-in-need.org/> or via check to P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583. See flyer below for details. It is a fun event for all so hope you will join us. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Sue Mead at [csmead@me.com](mailto:csmead@me.com).



paws In Need  
*Valentine*  
Crab ♥ Feed


**Saturday, February 7, 2015 ♥ 6-10pm**

**Shannon Center—11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin**

**Cost: \$50 per person**

*until 1/17; \$55 thereafter*

*Dinner includes:* Fresh Cracked Crab, Pasta, Caesar Salad, Bread, Dessert,  
and Coffee/Tea with a No Host Bar of Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks.  
Many Opportunities to Win Awesome Prizes!



**All proceeds go toward assisting with  
medical costs for Tri-Valley  
community animals**

Questions: Contact Coordinator Cindy Ferrin  
cferrin@pacbell.net or 925-323-8517

Purchase tickets at **Paws-In-Need.org**  
or send a check made out to:

**Paws In Need**

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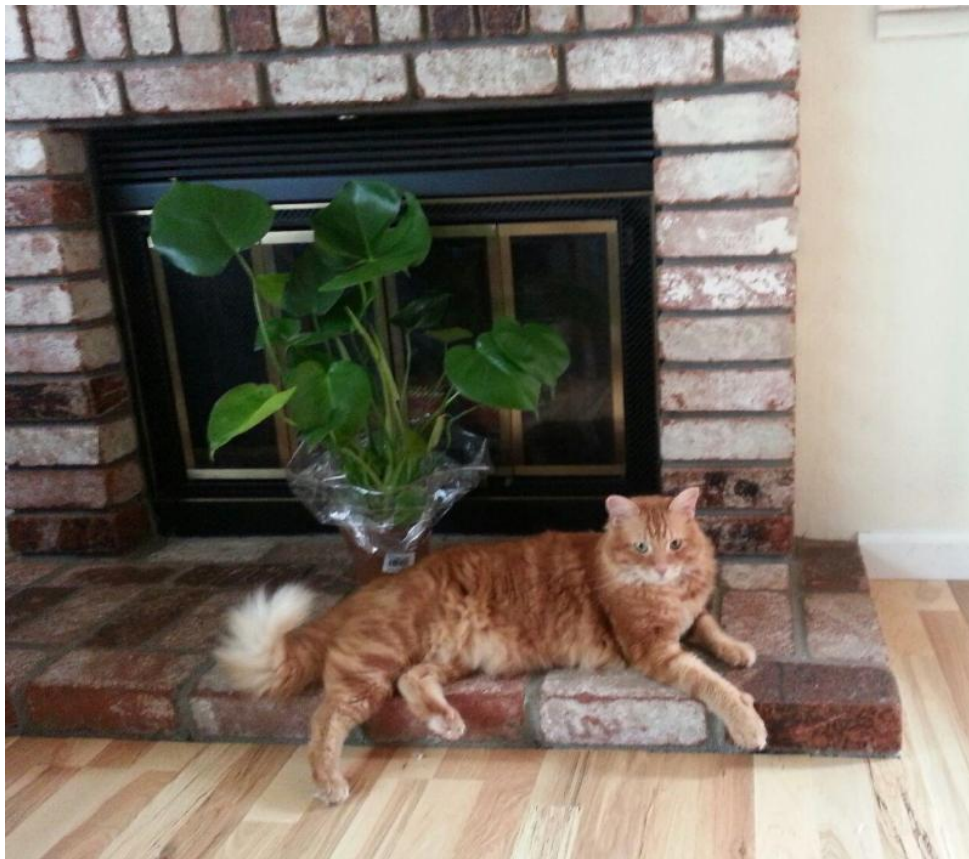
## **Yard Sale is Saturday, May 2, 2015**

Remember Paws In Need when doing your spring cleaning after the holidays! Our 3rd annual Yard Sale will be held on May 2nd in downtown Pleasanton. All proceeds benefit the animals in our community. See details in our next newsletter or contact Ellen Magnie, [510-305-2553](tel:510-305-2553).

## **Heartwarming Tales**

### **Help For A Domestic Tiger**

by Karen Simon



Maria is the owner of a beautiful orange tabby named Tiger. In the past Tiger had a problem taking care of his business, evidenced by straining while in the litter box. The last time she took him to the vet it turned out he had a urinary

tract infection. Tiger was treated but it cost Maria several hundred dollars, money she had been putting away for emergencies. So, when she saw Tiger straining again she became very worried. The vet had told her that if a cat cannot urinate for twenty-four hours or more it can cause death. But she knew the cost of treatment would again run into hundreds of dollars and by now her emergency money was gone from previously treating Tiger. She just didn't have the money.

She was frightened for Tiger and unsure what she could do to help him. One of her friends told her about Paws In Need and called us for help. We sent Tiger and Maria to Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center where he received fluid therapy, medication and an education on the prescription diet that will keep Tiger healthy.

Tiger has made a full recovery as you can see from his picture. He is a beautiful cat Maria is proud to own! And we are proud we could help Tiger and Maria. Happy New Year to both of you!

### [Update on Ginger](#)

by Lisa Williams



Many of you will remember reading about Ginger in our last newsletter. She and her kittens were taken from an overcrowded Pleasanton home. Her kittens were safely taken in by an adoption group after being altered while Ginger was being boarded at one of our veterinary resources. Out of family sadness comes a happy ending, as a longtime patient of the vet clinic had recently lost their senior cat. Having adopted from this veterinary office before, she looked to them as a resource for a new treasured pet. Ginger was a perfect fit and was brought home just in time for the holidays. After one week her new family informs us she has settled in very nicely. Welcome home Ginger.

[Freeway Rescue](#)

by Lisa Williams



A Pleasanton good Samaritan dog lover was driving southbound on highway 680 when she saw a dog running alongside the road. She pulled over and coaxed this skinny dog safely into her car. She contacted her vet and Paws In Need for assistance and the rest is history for this lucky girl! The vet fit this dog into her schedule, scanned her for a microchip and scheduled her spay through our low cost spay/neuter program. The good Samaritan has since fallen in love with her and after an exhaustive search to make sure she wasn't anyone's lost pet, has decided to adopt her! From running on the freeway, malnourished and scared to a safe, warm home, we'd say Lucky is a fitting name for this girl.

**Botched Declaw**  
by Karen Simon



Lilli had been declawed before Kathy rescued her. She had a toe that became infected and her vet found that the declaw surgery had been done incorrectly and therefore there was a bone re-growth. Kathy depleted her funds on the initial diagnostic costs. Dr. Marshall at Feline Medical Center had to redo the declaw surgery to remove a bone growth on two toes of her front foot. It was a difficult surgery. Post-surgery she required medication - Clavamox to fight infection, Buprenorphine for pain, and Xanax for anxiety. She spent the days in Kathy's office and at night Lilli had to sleep in a pet "playpen." It was so important and so difficult to keep her restricted to prevent her from jumping without driving her crazy. Cats just do not understand when they need to "chill." Lilli is doing well, but the recovery was lengthy and difficult.

Note from Kathy: "There are no words to describe my appreciation for your help for Lilli. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. My passion has always been to outlaw declawing of felines. And now, I have even greater passion about this because of poor Lilli's ordeal."

### [Second Chance](#)

by Karen Simon



Diana named her cat Second Chance because she had been rescued from a shelter just before being euthanized. Second Chance had a lump on the side of her face but due to finances, Diana could not afford to take her to the vet. After a couple of months the lump got bigger and began to ooze. She reached out to Paws In Need for help with Second Chance. We sent her to Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center and the lump turned out to be an abscess. She was treated under sedation and is now 'Just Like New' again!

[Painted Pumpkins at Milfleur](#)



In October, Terri, owner of Milfleur gift store in Pleasanton, came up with a great idea of painting and selling pumpkins with all proceeds benefiting Paws In Need. Terri and her very creative staff painted the cutest of pumpkins, some with dogs and cats on them. She used her contacts at Safeway, Trader Joe's and Raley's to get pumpkins donated and she provided the painting supplies.

Volunteer Traci Enos held a work party one October Saturday and 10 very creative volunteers, many of whom were teens, showed up to paint more pumpkins which Terri then sold in her store.

Overall, the painted pumpkins project at Milfleur brought in nearly \$1000. Awesome idea Terri.

Milfleur gift store has now moved to 728 Main Street near Oasis Restaurant. Come and check out her new location and thank her for being so supportive of Paws In Need. She has great unusual gifts sure to please!

[Santa Photo Event](#)





Santa Larry Stein and darling photo participant

Thanks to Pet Extreme, 4500 Arroyo Vista Road in Livermore for allowing volunteer Gay Maestas to coordinate this annual Santa Photo Event at their store.

Larry Stein was our perfect Santa (he usually is our bartender at our fundraising events) as he is a huge dog lover. Thanks to volunteer photographer Gina Bonanno who took the photos and emailed them to the

participants.

It is a fun event watching what pet owners do to get their pets' attention and to get them to "smile" for this photo opportunity with Santa.

Thanks Gay for arranging this fundraising event.

### [Gianni's Tips for Change Helps Non-profits](#)



Left to right: Owner Melanie Bartoletti, Coordinator Lisa Williams, Owner Gianni Bartoletti, and volunteer server Bea Bauerly

Nearly every Monday night, Gianni's Italian Bistro, 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd in San Ramon opens their restaurant to non-profit use. The non-profit invites supporters to dine at the bistro and their volunteers serve as waiters. The charity keeps 10% of the proceeds, along with the tips thus the name "Tips for Change."

On December 8th, Paws In Need was on the receiving end of this program. Six raffle prizes brought in a whopping \$1400, making the net amount made from this event \$3500.

The outstanding Blue House band [www.bluehouseband.com](http://www.bluehouseband.com) once again got rave reviews from those who attended.

Many thanks to Gianni's owners Gianni and Melanie Bartoletti for this program and their ongoing support, volunteer Lisa Williams who coordinated the event and arranged for raffle items, and the volunteers who were servers and raffle ticket sellers that evening.

## Wish List

We need the following items to complete our Crab Feed raffle baskets. If anyone can donate one of the following, we would much appreciate it. Please contact Bea Bauerly at [bb1727@att.com](mailto:bb1727@att.com) or at [925-216-3477](tel:925-216-3477) to arrange for pick-up.

- Fondue book
- Fondue set
- Starbucks gift card
- Gourmet ground coffee
- Home Depot gift card
- Lowe's gift card
- Armstrong Nursery gift card
- McNamara Steak House gift card
- Café du Monde (Cost Plus)
- Beignet Mix (Cost Plus)
- IHOP gift card
- Gift card for Tapas in the Blacksmith Square, Livermore
- Gift card for Nails
- Gift card to Blue Cave
- Waffle Recipe book

## Paws Applause

Thanks to the following veterinary offices which allow Paws In Need to help more animals by providing their services at a discount throughout the year:

1. Arroyo Veterinary Clinic, 4467 First St., Livermore
2. Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center, 2000 Bishop Drive, San Ramon
3. Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

4. Four Paws Veterinary Center, 4524 Dublin Blvd., Dublin
5. Parkway Veterinary Hospital, 6851 Village Parkway, Dublin
  
6. Alisal Pet Clinic, 5480 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton

**More Paws Applause:**

- Chevron grant in honor of Kathryn Abdalian's volunteer hours
- Chevron grant in honor of Linda Damonte's volunteer hours
- Those who made donations to Paws In Need throughout the year.
- The anonymous donor who made a \$10K donation that allowed us to receive matching donations at year-end.
- Those who volunteered their time to help with our fundraising events, Animal Lover's Boutique at Feline Medical Center, and outreach events.

## **Ways to Donate to Paws In Need (Tax ID #45-5391297)**

1. Online through PayPal or via credit card at [www.Paws-In-Need.org](http://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).
4. Through payroll deductions plans (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia's HOME campaign, United Way, Visa).
5. Through the Lutheran Church's Trivent Choice program. For more information, call 800-TRIVENT ([800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836)) or [www.trivent.com](http://www.trivent.com).
6. By donating a vehicle through our Car Donation program, call [\(866\) 332-1778](tel:866-332-1778).
7. By shopping at Amazon, using Amazon Smile since they donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Paws In Need when using this website to order: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-5391297>.
8. By becoming a Consumer Learning Center Product Tester. Go to [www.theclc.com](http://www.theclc.com) and click on "Register Now!" Say "Yes" to the Non Profit

question and use the pull down menu to find your charity. Check email and click on the link to confirm your enrollment. Paws In Need earns \$10 for your sign-up and earns \$25-\$150 for your product testing participation.

9. By signing up for ESCRIP at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to the organization of your choice (hopefully you will select Paws In Need).

10. By contributing to your favorite charity through this online site: <http://www.networkforgood.org>. Select Paws In Need as your charity.

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