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To Our Supporters

We are very sad to announce the May 15th passing of Warren Booth, President of Paws In Need, at the age of 68. He will be missed by all who loved him. Our thoughts are with his spouse and Paws In Need co-founder Leslie Haas and her family at this time.

Our **Tips For Change** fundraiser at Gianni's excellent Italian Restaurant in San Ramon is Monday night, June 8th from 5-9pm. Paws In Need volunteers will be your servers and all tips will go to our non-profit organization. Bring your friends and family as reservations are still available through <u>opentable.com</u> or by calling Gianni's directly at <u>925-820-6969</u>. There will be many great opportunities to win raffle prizes. Hope to see you there! See flyer below for more information.



Monday, June 8, 2015

5-9pm Gianni's italian bistro

2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 925-820-6969 · giannissanramon.com

Come for dinner at this great Italian bistro and be served by Paws In Need volunteers! All tips go directly to support Paws In Need. Guests will have opportunities to win great raffle prizes too! Reservations suggested; for reservations call 925-820-6969 or go to opentable.com.





Questions? Call Paws In Need Coordinator Lisa Williams at 925-216-1621

Help Us Help Them

Paws In Need is dedicated to keeping our community's pets healthy and works to prevent animal overpopulation in the Tri-Valley. P. O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583; www.Paws-In-Need.org or contact us at info@Paws-In-Need.org or 925-551-1877

#### Shop AmazonSmile to Donate to Paws In Need

Remember to Shop AmazonSmile! Bookmark the following link so all your eligible shopping will benefit Paws In Need as Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase when this link is being used: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-5391297.

#### **Heartwarming Tails**

#### Lyla's Upstairs-Downstairs Story

by Maureen Reschke



Lyla

Lyla was on her own. Young and defenseless, she struggled daily to stay alive. She had wandered off in November. It was now February. Her only good fortune, finding a warm attic to call home. Once upon a time, she had a home. She even wore a collar, but after months on her own and dramatic weight loss. it drooped loosely around her neck. One day on her return, it caught in the opening of the attic, and in her struggles to free herself, her front left leg wedged in the collar. Trapped and panicked, she flailed, attempting to break free. With each attempt, she injured her leg further.

Alexandra and Mark had on different occasions heard noises coming from their attic, but repeated inspections found nothing. Then one day, they heard different sounds, sounds of a struggle and desperation. Up they went again,

and this time they met Lyla for the first time.

The young couple immediately brought Lyla in for medical treatment. She was clearly malnourished, her leg wound gaping and raw. She would need many stitches, and because her injury was located where her leg rubs against her body, recovery would necessitate limited activity. She also would require antibiotics and nutritional care to regain her body weight and muscle tone. While Lyla 's collar did not have a tag, she did have a microchip that could reconnect her to her family. The family, however, was not interested in her return, and so Alexandra and Mark happily adopted her, renaming her Lyla. Thanks to Alexandra and Mark's compassion, Four Paws Veterinary Center's skills, and Paws in Need's Just Like New program which helped with medical costs, Lyla is recovering. She now has a bright and healthy future in her new home with her new family, downstairs!

Listo by Lisa Williams



Listo

This handsome boy was once roaming the streets. He was unfortunately being

used as a stud by the person who found him. That person also cropped his ears with scissors and docked his tail. When they needed cash, they decided to try and sell the dog. A Good Samaritan decided to pay the price to get him to ultimate safety so that he wouldn't be sold to someone who would continue to use him for breeding or worse, fighting. The new adopter paid for the vaccinations and check-up visit at the vet but reached out to Paws in Need for assistance with our low cost spay/neuter program. At Paws in Need, we are happy to assist in cases like this. Listo means "ready" in Spanish. Listo is very "ready" to start his new life in his safe new home.

# Austin's Success Story: Up and Away to the Vet! By Maureen Reschke



**Austin** 

Austin is a beautiful five year old Bengal cat with a very outgoing and charming personality. He also is particularly patient, so much so, he permits mom to dress him in an occasional Halloween and holiday outfit. Recently, he grew impatient with the family's playful puppy which failed to understand repeated messages that "playtime is over! " So Austin did what cats *can* do: he leapt up and away, landing on the wine rack. As bad luck would have it, he caught and broke his front left leg in the opening. Fortunately, x-rays showed Austin sustained a clean break, but he still will require continuing veterinary care

including weekly bandage and splint changes. As the costs mounted, his family grew concerned as to how they would meet the expenses of Austin's treatment. Thanks to Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center and its association with Paws in Need's *Just Like New* program, Austin is receiving the care and management he requires to make a recovery. Austin's is another success story demonstrating how the *Just Like New* program comes to the aid of animals and their families in difficult times. Now, Austin needs to be patient once again as his leg heals. Wonder what mom has chosen for him to wear on the 4th of July?

### **Happily Ever After**



Once upon a time a pup named Princess was found by her Prince in an abandoned barn. Brought home with the intentions of trying to find a home for her, the handsome prince fell in love with her and couldn't live without her. Living on a very fixed income, Paws in Need was contacted to utilize our low cost spay neuter program and we were oh so happy to assist. This Princess has found her kingdom and it is a happy ending for both adopter and adoptee. They really will live "happily ever after......"

Little Lincoln is Looking for a New Home

by Maureen Reschke

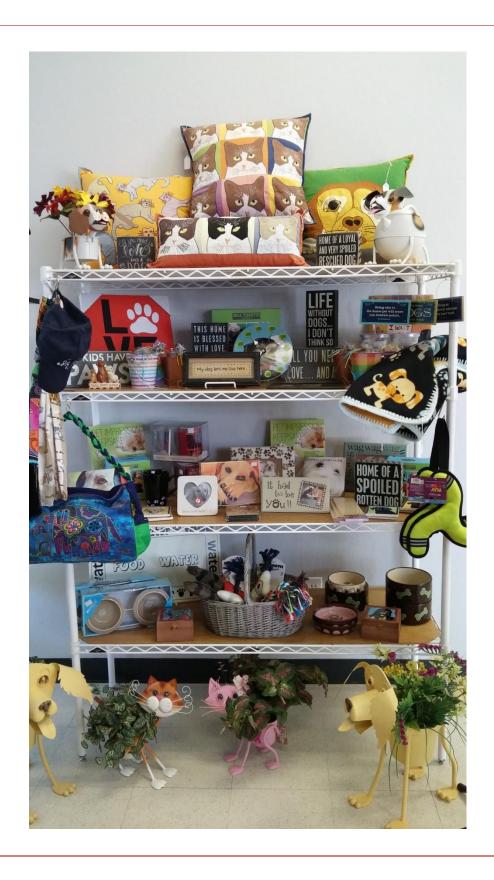


Lincoln

Finding a new home is hard. It's even harder for a little cat, but Lincoln has been lucky in life before. Three years ago, when found as a feral kitten, he was tiny, frail, and suffering from a collapsed pelvic bone. Drs. thought he might have been hit by a car. It was Lincoln's lucky day when Patrick found him and when Paws In Need's *Just Like New* program came to the rescue to help with medical costs. Lincoln has been with Patrick every day since and today is happy, healthy, and totally recovered. Now, because of his own health issues, Patrick in unable to take care of Lincoln and is looking to find him a loving new home. Lincoln is curious, playful, social and affectionate. He is neutered, current on all vaccines and microchipped. He has been an indoor cat and may be most comfortable as an only cat. Lincoln is a lovable little guy- who now needs to roll the dice one more time and come up a winner. If you think you have a home and a place in your heart for Lincoln or know of anyone who is looking for a loving little companion, please call Patrick at 510-364-5813. Lincoln is in the San Ramon, Ca area. You may also reach Patrick at: patrick gutierrez2000@yahoo.com to learn more.

Looking for that Perfect Gift for a Cat or Dog Lover?

By Sharon Alvarez



Visit Animal Lover's Boutique at Feline Medical Center 3160 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton for that unique gift for cats and dog and the people who love them. Recent additions to the inventory include cute cat print note pads and new cat and dog toys.

All proceeds benefit the Just Like New program that helps animals with a onetime medical need.

One of the requests from the Spring Fling sale was about selling animal print gift bags. Since larger animal organizations usually send them when requesting a donation, if you won't be using them, we would love to have them for the Holiday Boutique sale on November 7th. Contact Sharon Alvarez at <a href="mailto:salvarez3@comcast.net">salvarez3@comcast.net</a> if you would like to donate your new gift bags.

#### **Yard Sale Happenings**

May 2nd found many volunteers helping with our annual Paws In Need Yard Sale. Each year, Terri Carlson of Milfleur gift store who is so supportive of our group, allows us to take over her side yard at 200 Ray St. in Pleasanton for this event. It is truly amazing to watch someone's no longer needed item become someone else's treasure! A big thanks to coordinators Ellen Magnie, Kathryn Abdalian and Dana Daley along with Karen Caldwell who allowed us to store so many items at her business location prior to the sale. We couldn't do this event without those who donated so many items and all of the volunteers who sorted, priced and sold the items. This event netted nearly \$3,000, half of this amount to be spent on our Spay/Neuter program, and the rest on our Just Like New program (one-time medical care). Next year's event is scheduled for April 30, 2016 so thanks for thinking of us when doing your "spring" cleaning. The animals say Paws Applause.

**Danville's Downtown Doggie Night** 



Volunteer Maureen Reschke at Danville's Doggie Night

Each May (this year it was held on May 21), Tina Wong owner of Molly's Pup-Purr-ee, sponsors an annual *Downtown Doggie Night in Danville.* 

This year the theme was Walk to Rescue. This is traditionally a big night in Danville as Hartz Avenue is completely closed off. There was food, wine, music and all the dogs are out to walk with their owners. There were many rescue organizations attending as well as lots of dog and cat vendors. The turnout annually for this event is close to 2,000 people and 600 dogs. Thanks to volunteers Maureen Reschke (arranged for Paws In Need to be at this event) and Karen Simon, many new people were really touched and amazed to hear about the work Paws In Need is doing. People walking by our booth were drawn to the beautiful photos of animals (taken by Maureen) and were amazed that these animals were able remain in their homes thanks to our Just Like New program (provides one-time medical care for those with a financial need). This was the first time Paws In Need had been at an outreach event in Danville and the response was really wonderful.

#### 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.
- 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.
- 4. Through payroll deductions plans (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia's HOME campaign, United Way, Visa).
- 5. Through the Lutheran Church's Thrivent Choice program. For more information, call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) or <a href="https://www.thrivent.com">www.thrivent.com</a>.
- 6. By donating a vehicle through our Car Donation program, call <u>866-332-1778</u>.
- 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: <a href="http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-5391297">http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-5391297</a>.
- 8. By becoming a Consumer Learning Center Product Tester. Go to <a href="www.theclc.com">www.theclc.com</a> 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 <a href="www.escrip.com">www.escrip.com</a>. 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: <a href="http://www.networkforgood.org">http://www.networkforgood.org</a>. Select Paws In Need as your charity.

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