Spring Newsletter 2024

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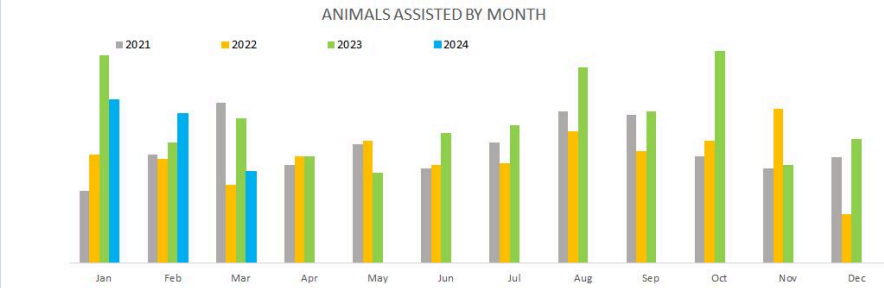

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Paws In Need programs are off to a strong start in the first quarter of 2024 with 265 animals assisted!

We extend our thanks to those of you who participated in our Spring See's Candies fundraiser, and hope that you, your family and friends enjoyed these delicious chocolates.

We are pleased to report that our annual curbside pick-up Crab Feed fundraising event was a huge success. Many of those who purchased their dinners commented that they liked this take-out style format, so it is more than likely to be repeated next year.Thank you to all who partook in this popular event and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Sweet Jessica

Her owner called many organizations and groups seeking assistance for both low-cost spay options and an irritating, ongoing skin condition. Read more...

Beautiful Tali

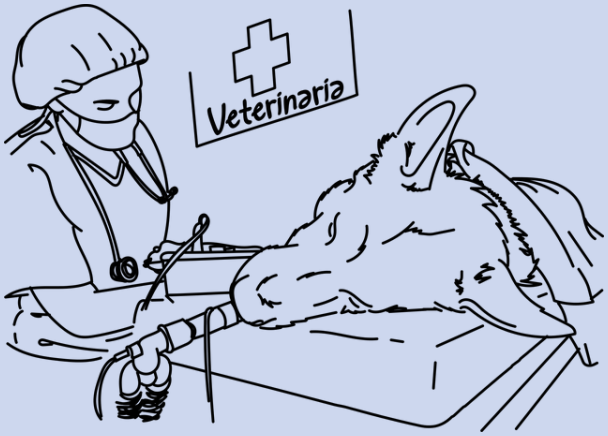
Meet Tali, a gorgeous female Siamese who came to us via a very sad and unfortunate story. Read more...

Delmonte

This 15 year old senior dog found himself in a shelter after being unfairly surrendered. Read more...

Success for Max!

You may remember Max from a previous story. This is an update to share a wonderful success story for this handsome boy. Read more...



Should I spay my dog before or after her first heat cycle?

That is a frequent question heard by veterinary providers from new dog owners. There are two schools of thought regarding this issue. We have included an excerpt from the Hastings Veterinary Hospital website in order to give pet owners some insights. We hope that this explanation will address the key question, namely, why spaying your dog before the first heat cycle is so important? In fact, reading the information provided below could not only save pet owners from spending thousands of dollars to treat a life-threatening condition, but also, prevent against the worst-case scenario: losing their beloved companion.

What is **Pyometra**?

Pyometra is an infection of the uterus. The infection is most commonly caused by E. coli, a type of bacteria which enter the uterus either due to a mild urinary infection, or from the normal bacterial flora of the lower reproductive tract. **The condition is most likely to occur within 4-6 weeks after the female dog has been in estrus (heat cycle), which is why it is so important to spay female dogs before their first heat cycle.**

Pyometra can be classified as open or closed. Closed Pyometra means that the entrance to the uterus is closed, so pus and debris is accumulating in the uterus, causing it to massively swell. Open Pyometra are cases where the infection is draining out through the vulva. This is less serious, as the uterus is not swelling up as pus can escape. **Pyometra is life-threatening** as the infection may become so severe it is fatal, and in closed Pyometra the uterus may rupture, causing severe bleeding and shock.

Symptoms

- Lethargy
- Increased drinking and urination
- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting
- Discharge from vulva

Treatment

<u>The message is clear - The best way to treat and prevent Pyometra is to spay your female dog</u>. During the spay procedure the ovaries and uterus are removed, and therefore dogs that have been spayed cannot develop Pyometra. **<u>Spaying is the only guaranteed way to prevent Pyometra</u>** – any non-spayed female dog is at risk of developing it. The spay operation on a young, healthy dog is much safer than surgery on an ill dog suffering from Pyometra. Also, elective spaying has the benefit of reducing the risk that a female dog will suffer from mammary tumors later in life. Therapy using appropriate antibiotics is required if a dog develops a Pyometra infection.

Steps for training your dog (Courtesy of the Seeing Eye").

1. **Sit.** It's the first command a puppy should learn.
2. **Stay.** Move one step away at a time.
3. **Come.** Watch them run to you.
4. **Down.** Use a gentle pull to reinforce.
5. **Go to your place**. Every dogs needs to learn this.
6. **Wait.** No bolting out of open doors.
7. **Nipping.** Correct with gentle scolding, and praise when it stops.
8. **Barking.** A quick pull or tug, and "quiet" gives them the message
9. **Jumping.** Correct with a push to the chest and "Off".
10. **Pulling.** Use a stop-and-sit correction until the dog adjusts to your pace.

Worried about what is in those store-bought dog cookies? Well now you can bake your own. Here is a recipe that you can modify to your liking by, for example, adding sweet potato, peanut butter or pumpkin to the mix.

2 ½ cups Whole Wheat Flour
1 Tsp White Sugar
¼ Tsp Salt
6 Tbsp Margarine
1 Whole Egg
½ Cup Non-Fat Powdered Milk (mixed with ½ cup of cool water)

- If desired, add one cube or chicken or beef bouillon to recipe for flavor.

Mix all ingredients. Knead for 3 to 5 minutes or until dough forms a nice ball. Roll about ½" thick and cut into desired shapes. Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet for thirty minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

And remember those cookies are for your dog!

Grant awards are highly competitive. So, amidst a number of deserving nonprofit candidates and for the second time in 3 years, Paws In Need was extremely grateful to be a recipient of grant awards from both Rotary Clubs of Pleasanton.

Paws In Need is thrilled to be the recipient of an extremely generous grant award as a result of the "Share the Spirit" annual holiday campaign run by the Bay Area News Group. This campaign is one of the important ways that East Bay Times readers can show their support for non-profits in Alameda and Contra Costa counties that provide critical services to members of these communities in their time of need. As part of this campaign, an article was published in the East Bay Times last November as well as information posted on their website to share the success story of Max --a young German Shepherd abandoned at a neighborhood park and rescued by a loving family who then sought the aid of Paws In Need for low-cost neuter services.

In all, 20 non-profit groups participated in this campaign, and of those, Paws In Need was one of the top stories for raising funds to help meet its goal. The Board of Directors met earlier this March to decide upon the overall disbursement of funds to each group based on evaluating several criteria. Not only did Paws In Need surpass its goal but also the "Share the Spirit" campaign Board unanimously agreed that our organization was worthy of receiving additional funds to support our life-saving animal welfare programs. This outcome was totally unexpected and so greatly appreciated! These grant funds will go a long way towards assisting so many dogs, cats and struggling pet owners in need like the family who fell in love with Max!

Vehicle Donations are Tax-deductible.

Turn your unwanted vehicle into something more productive! We accept vehicle donations as a form of support. The tow is free, and donating is easy! Fill out our secure online form by visiting https://www.careasy.org/nonprofit/paws-in-need or call (855) 550-4483) to speak with the vehicle donation support team.

Vehicles are not limited to cars or trucks; it includes RV's and motorcycles.

We are also offering a real estate donation program.

Similar to vehicle donations, you may have land or property you no longer wish to own due to inconvenience or expenses. Our program, Giving Property, will evaluate, list, and sell the donation so Paws In Need can receive the proceeds. Call (855) 550-4483 for more info.

Don't know what to do with all the unwanted stuff? No worries, you can contact our volunteer, Linda Gray, if you have any items you would like to part with, such as jewelry that you no longer wear, gift cards that you just cannot use, that figurine just collecting dust, or anything that can be sold on eBay to generate proceeds for PIN.

Please contact Linda to arrange for pick up or drop off of items. Your donation will help us cover the costs of our vital programs to keep pets healthy and together with their loving families.

You can reach Linda at 925-243-1225 or e-mail her at lgmmattner@sbcglobal.net

Paws In Need has a new opportunity for you to help us raise funds.

MyGivingCircle is distributing $1,000,000 in grants and donations to charities and not-for-profits this year based on nominations received by members of the public.

Vote once a week and donate to support Paws In Need whenever you want – MyGivingCircle add an extra vote for every $1, even more for regular giving.

Please help us reach 1000 votes by clicking on the link below and choosing “Paws In Need, San Ramon CA”.

CAUTION: There are several “Paws In Need” on the site, so please use the full name “Paws In Need, San Ramon CA”.

https://mygivingcircle.org/leaderboard?iv=share_H5lCQJi5EU

Thank you for your support!

In Honor of People

In Honor of Bettie Folkers, Arlene Folkers, Susan Folkers Bernstein and Nancy Folkers Lemcke from Glen Martin, Merri Martin Voelker and Paul Martin

In Memory of People

In Memory of Chuck Folkers from Mary Inouye
In Memory of Charles “Chuck” Folkers from Lorraine Mann
In Memory of Chuck Folkers from Jeanette King
In Loving Memory of Charles Lincoln Folkers from Glen Martin, Merri Martin Voelker and Paul Martin
In Loving Memory of Dr. Sue Marshall from Sharon Durant

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

Scan the QR code to quickly connect to our website.

Volunteer: Call (925) 551-1877 or info@Paws-In-Need.org
Consider lending your talents by becoming a member of our volunteer team.

Employer Giving Campaigns: If you are an employee of a company that has a giving campaign, please consider giving to Paws In Need. Most companies allow a change to

your allocation throughout the year - you don't have to wait for the annual enrollment period.

Network for Good: Use this site to contribute to Paws In Need - https://www.nfggive.org/home. Network for Good makes giving to charity easy and convenient, anywhere online through their trusted charitable fund.

Click here to see all the choices!

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