President's Message
Ruth Catalan

Fall is here! I can’t believe how fast the year has gone. We have weathered the temporary loss of our shelter manager due to illness last spring. She has been back with us since the beginning of August. My thanks to all who helped to fill the very big gap she left. A special thanks to Linda Turgeon. She was there constantly.

It has been a very productive year at the SPCA. The shelter has a fresh coat of paint and a new sorting area in the front. Improvements continue to be made on a daily basis.

We have a new website and look forward to many innovations in the future. Animal adoptions are holding up. We are adopting all the animals we take in and are hoping to institute a low cost spay and neuter program for the public in the near future. More on that to come.

Please come out to see us. Shop at the yard sale (our main source of income), visit with the cats and kittens, walk the dogs, visit with the friendly staff in the office.

Become a member. Your membership contributes to the well being of our furry friends. It is only $25.00 dollars a year. We count on everyone to support us. The SPCA of Mariposa County is supported by the generosity of the public. We do not receive funding from any other organization or public entity. We appreciate your help.

Winterize Your Pets
Dorothy Neilson

The seasons are changing and winter is approaching quickly. Now is a good time to start thinking about your pets needs before the cold arrives. Cold weather can be as deadly as hot weather for pets. Dog’s and cat’s in particular need protection from the cold, wet days and nights of winter.

Both dogs and cats can suffer from hypothermia and frost bite that can lead to death, just like their human counterparts. If possible, bring your pets indoors during cold, inclement weather. If that is not possible, then please use the following suggestions as a guide to help them through the winter.

Provide a warm dry place they can escape to. A raised dog house is preferable, but any type of solid structure that has a floor and is without drafts is great. A rubber flap on the entrance helps to keep heat inside and straw makes an excellent insulator for dogs to lie on. Blankets and rugs hold moisture when they become damp and should be changed frequently.

Always make sure there is a fresh supply of water available. Water freezes and animals can become dehydrated if none is available. A well hydrated animal is a stronger animal and better able to deal with the cold.

Cats will look for warm places in cold weather so make sure to honk your horn or bang on the hood of your vehicle before starting the engine.

Anti-freeze is very inviting to animals. It has a sweet taste and smell and only a few laps can become deadly so make sure to wipe up any spills or leaks, wipe off bottles after use and properly dispose of the empty bottles.

And finally, the happy, healthy pet is the one who receives all the love and protection its owners can provide.
Carole McElligot breaks things for fun. It’s her therapy to come home from work, go into her family room, and start breaking dishes. She then turns those pieces into beautiful mosaics.

In the spring of 2008 she presented the SPCA with the beautiful mural that hangs on the front of the shelter kennel. It’s a mosaic of a dog, a calico cat, and a rat in front of a heart. She used animals at the shelter for models, and the material for the art came from dishes and crockery donated to the yard sale. She said she began visiting the shelter looking for supplies for her hobby and decided to give something back to the SPCA.

She has donated other pieces to Habitat For Humanity and Kids First, but this one meant something special to her. She wanted to dedicate it to the memory of her uncle, Doug McElligott, a wonderful man and a real lover of animals.

To turn trash into art, she first breaks up the pieces with a hammer. After that she uses nippers to get pieces of a certain shape to fit the figures she’s building into the piece. The SPCA mural took her about a week to complete. The mosaic is proudly displayed on the front of the building, showing love for all animals. Thank you, Carole, for a real gift from your heart.

Chris Burnett spent the last year painting every inch of the SPCA shelter and kennel. He noticed the walls were in danger of falling apart, mentioned it to the staff, and it became his project to save them. Some places took four coats to restore. The colors are a match for the colors inside the kennel. The Navajo White is the wall color and the trim matches the tile, giving the whole plant a seamless, clean look. Thanks Chris for a beautiful job.

We also have a brand new metal shelter for our Yard Sale volunteers to sort items. It is the same color as the trim on the buildings.

I am a good mouser.

Warm and fuzzy. We come with puppy kisses.
HALL OF FAME

DARLENE ROSE

We are proud to induct Darleen Rose into the SPCA Hall of Fame. Darlene has been volunteering at the Shelter for 20 years. She is here, rain or shine 5 days a week.

She works the desk and prices the merchandise so that we get fair prices for everything and keeps the customers happy too.

Darlene has an unwavering love of animals and entertains us with tales of pets past and present. She is devoted to her wonderful family. Jerry, her helpmate, of over 60 years, often comes to the shelter with her.

We thank her for 20 years of dedicated service.

JEANETTE LOZANO

Jeanette began her long journey with the shelter in 1995 when she was hired as a kennel worker. Jeanette stepped into the position, a move that would prove to be extremely beneficial to the shelter.

She took on the responsibilities of the position of Shelter Manager with a single purpose that has guided her through years of challenges, trials, and decision making, and that was and continues to be “Whatever is best for the animals.”

Jeanette’s bartering skills would challenge a team of U.N. negotiators. She has traded trash bin pickup for sodas, negotiated propane deliveries at company cost, and arranged for free weed eating, yard cleanup and tree pruning. She has a lineup of regulars for repairs of washers, dryers, water coolers and heaters and she manages to get this labor donated freely and happily simply with her approach to individuals.

She manages a workforce of volunteers that is awesome. From foster parents to everyday workers at the shelter, she keeps them all busy. Her volunteers are a loyal group that will do the impossible for her.

To put it all together, Jeanette is a caring, generous, intelligent and successful individual with one goal in mind. “Whatever is best for the animals”.

DEWEY The Small Town Library Cat

Review by Rebecca Hutcheson

My first response upon seeing the cover of this book was think, "Oh! Dewey looks just like my Jammer Cat!" All the well-loved books about animals are ones which remind us of our animals, past and present, who have made our lives fuller, happier and more meaningful in myriad ways.

You follow Dewey's experiences through his frightful and cold arrival in the library book-drop and his "great escape" to the outdoors, and all the times he touches people, seeming to know who is sad, lonely, or needs someone caring as he becomes an important part of the library staff. On the surface you have a cat and books; it doesn't get much better than that for some of us.

As you continue you realize that you are seeing Dewey's love and affection through the author's eyes as she lives her life which includes difficulties with her teen-age daughter, a broken marriage, losing a brother and the death of her mother. Of course, Dewey is always there.

It is poignant when others begin to question Dewey's worth as a proper representative for the library as he ages. We feel indignant, but we also relate to Dewey's situation (if we're old enough, that is.) If our hair also has lost its luster and fullness and we don't bounce to our feet as we once did, if we're not the playful kitten or tomcat we once were, have people found us less worthy as friends, less valuable to have on their arms, less decorative?

In reading this book we have the opportunity to think about what is important to us, about life and living and the animals and people who are our friends. Dewey is the friend we all want, and the friend we wish we could be.
TVYL Super Bowl came to Mariposa on November, 7th and the SPCA was part of it, with a booth and raffle.

Ruth Catalan and Sarah Winsor made the rounds of the merchants to gather the raffle prizes. Joe and Linda Gast, Ruth Catalan and Jeanette Lozano set up the booth and different board members took shifts through the day and evening. Pads, bookmarks and dog bones were offered to the Guests. The handouts were all tagged with SPCA information.

Those who helped were Janet Shoff, Dorothy Nielsen, Sarah Windsor, Ruth Catalan, Linda Gast, Jeanette Lozano and Cristal Daniel.

**MERRY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Saturday December 12, 2009

The SPCA Dogs will be walking in the parade. If you would like to help walk one of the shelter dogs in the parade let Jeanette know at the office by December 5th

**SPCA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DECEMBER 19TH FROM 10 TO 1

BRING A GIFT FOR THE ANIMALS AND ENJOY THE GOODIES. IF YOU CAN’T COME ON SATURDAY YOU CAN BRING A GIFT ANYTIME THE WEEK BEFORE

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Cristal Daniel is a welcome addition to the SPCA. She worked at Dr Ritter as a Vet Assistant for 3 years before coming to the SPCA.

She volunteered at the Shelter for the last 6 years. She and her husband Bob worked 24-7 during the Telegraph Fire.

She is taking courses on line to further her Vet Tech education. She should be finished in about 6 months. She came to the SPCA when the Shelter Manager was out on sick leave. She pretty much knows how to do everything with her schooling, employment with Dr Ritter and everything Jeanette has taught her.
HOPE FOUNDATION SHUTTLE

The SPCA of Mariposa County will be offering a pick up place for people to send their animals to Fresno for a low cost spay or neuter. Hope foundation sends a truck to pick-up the animals early in the morning and returns them the next day.

Please contact the SPCA office for more information on times and procedures. 209-966-5275

Hope foundation web site www.hopeaf.com

Please become a member of the SPCA

We really need you! It only costs $25 a person.

You can do it on our web site www.mariposaspc.a.org/membership.html using Pay Pal.

You can drop it by the Shelter.

You can mail it in.

P.O. Box 671, Mariposa, CA 95338

The Animals need your support!

Pink toy included if you adopt me

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