President’s Message

We kicked off our new year with a great program on local birds presented by the Fresno Wildlife Rescue. It was fun to see old friends. Thanks to all who show up every year and support the SPCA, you are the backbone of our organization.

I’m happy to report that both the shelter and the SPCA as a whole are in great shape. Many thanks go to our past-president, Ruth Catalan, and the board who served during 2009. Dorothy Nielson, Jim McGee, and Ruth left the board after serving their full three-year terms. Their consistency and hard work are greatly appreciated.

A lot has changed since I was first elected president in 1981. That was the year we began plans to build a shelter. During the ‘90s, after that shelter facility was built, we barely kept the dogs and cats fed. Thirty-three years is not a long time for a non-profit organization to exist, but the first years are definitely the hardest.

When I look back on what changed to make survival possible, I am reminded of our first bequest in 1996 from the estate of Dr. Pearl Hannah. This woman’s generosity allowed us to function professionally for the first time, paying employees and bookkeeping/accounting fees. Her gift meant more than she could ever have guessed.

Many members are aware that in 2003 we received the benefit of another estate from Juanita Moore. Her bequest gave us the property on Bullion Street. Recently, the estates of Betty Cochrane and Olive Louise Hudson have left sizeable donations to the SPCA. We are tremendously grateful for this kind of help from women who loved animals all their lives. These kinds of donations not only sustain us, but allow improvement in our operation that would not otherwise be possible.

Thank you to all our members, past and present, that have allowed the good we do for animals and our community to continue through the difficult years, and now into a bright future.

Pat Stacy, President of the Board

General Meeting

SPCA celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with a Hoot and a Holler

by Pat Stacy

On March 17, Fresno Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation presented the program for the SPCA’s Annual Meeting. Cathy Garner brought the repertoire of rescued birds that she uses for demonstrations, consisting of a vulture, falcons, and two owls. The very lively owls hooted during the entire program, constantly interrupting the speaker with the question, “WHO?”

Cathy and her husband Dave use their home in Fresno to rehabilitate wild birds brought to them from California’s Central Valley. They are just one part of a group that makes up the Fresno Wildlife Rescue---ordinary people who have become experts in wildlife rescue through their years of devotion. All of the rescued birds are released back to the wild, if possible, exactly where they were found. The birds the SPCA saw Wednesday night were unable to be returned because of an injury that would make survival impossible. For more information, visit http://www.fresnowildlife.org/
NEW SIGNS

The new signs at the shelter were donated by Joe and Linda Gast in Memory of Petey a long time SPCA Spokesdog. He is fondly remembered for his love of rocks and his loving disposition. He was a Therapy Dog and author of a book. At one time he even had his own column in the newspaper with the help of Rochelle Frank.

NEW BOARD

Left to right Linda Gast, Shirley Corbin, Pat Scheel Pat Stacy, Linda Turgeon, Rebecca Hutcheson and Sarah Windsor (Janet Shoff not present)

This year’s board of directors include those already serving: Shirley Corbin, Linda Gast, Pat Scheel, Janet Shoff, and Sarah Windsor, and the newly elected: Rebecca Hutcheson, Pat Stacy, and Linda Turgeon. The elected officers are: President, Pat Stacy, Vice President, Linda Gast, Secretary, Rebecca Hutcheson, and Treasurer, Janet Shoff. Sadly, sitting board member, Kathryn Heth, resigned this month because of a move to Santa Cruz. We thank her for her many years of service.

Look for our Pet of the Week on Sierra Sun Times www.goldrushcam.com

Check out our on going Pet for Adoption display at the Mariposa Library.

These little cuties will be ready for adoption in about 7 weeks.

The SPCA has an on-going project with Pioneer Market that was started by Board Member, Sarah Windsor, in April 2009. There is a jar at the shelter where you may put your Pioneer Market receipts. Each month the receipts are tallied and the Market gives us a donation. Don’t forget to bring your receipts to the shelter.

We have a similar relationship with Save Mart. You can pick up cards, at the shelter, that can be used at check out, and the store will make a donation to the SPCA.
JT GOES TO SEATTLE

This is a log of JT’s trip to a new life. Elerick and Ron Palmieri, Creatures Great & Small, arrived at the shelter at 12 noon to pickup “JT”. They had lunch with the SPCA staff and then were off to Fresno with JT in tow in the front cab. JT was scheduled for a Vet appointment at 3:30 and from there he went to the Creatures Great & Small facility. He was pampered, shampooed, fed and watered. He slept in the Palmieri’s home that night. Friday at 4:00 PM, after a ton of paper work, he boarded Alaska Airlines for his flight to Seattle.
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This is an e-mail from JT’s new friends in Seattle.

Thanks you all so very, very much! JT arrived safely in Seattle last night. There were two other pups on the plane with him. All three were so sad and sweet when they arrived. We took him home and introduced him to our elderly dog, who is being a great stoic mentor at the moment.

My husband Jason & JT went on a big walk with some friends and their pups today. They met lots of people and JT seemed wildly amazed with everything. He’s a good looking and ridiculously smart dog! We took him to a dog friendly cafe today for lunch. He was so well behaved and polite! We’re are so impressed! He picks up stuff so fast and walks on the leash beautifully. He is like walking a helium balloon! We are so incredibly happy. I can’t begin to express how much Jason and I appreciate your help. We are so lucky to have found him and had so many people involved to make it happen for us. Even the folks at Alaska Airlines were so happy and helpful. It all went so smoothly. We’ll be sure to send you all some pictures of his adventures soon! Please let us know if you ever need a reference, written or otherwise!

Thanks so very. very much! Jennifer and Jason

Muriel Nevin

We at the SPCA were sorry to hear of the recent passing of Muriel Nevin. Muriel was instrumental in founding the society in 1976 and a frequent member of the board in the early years. When her mother died in 1981 she donated part of her mother’s estate to the SPCA, and before retiring to Mariposa Pines Villa, she presented the SPCA with a check for $10,000. “For paying the bills,” she said as she gave the envelope to Jeanette, our shelter manager.

Muriel was a talented artist, creating paintings and greeting cards---many with an animal theme. She used her gift to help design plans for both the shelter and grounds. A good friend to Leah Rosenfeld, the two of them worked tirelessly for animal welfare during our early years. They were the face of the SPCA in the community.

While we mourn the passing of a great lady, she will always be with us through her gifts.

We need a Home!
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.mariposaspca.org/membership.html
using Pay Pal.

You can drop it by the Shelter.

You can mail it in.

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