

The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary is a no-kill, non-profit, safe haven for animals, staffed entirely by volunteers.

FAS receives no government funds, relying on donations from the public.

Since 2002, FAS has saved and re-homed over 3000 lost and abandoned pets.

Adoption Hours:

Monday	1:00-4:00 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	1:00-4:00 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	1:00-4:00 PM
Saturday	1:00-4:00 PM
Sunday	Closed

FAS Quarterly



A Note from FAS President, Janet LuCore

As we start a New Year, I want to say thank you to all of the volunteers who have made this last year a huge success. We are all volunteers at the sanctuary, from our Board Members to the Hands On Caretakers and Administration. It took all of us working together!

This year we have taken in 91 Dogs and adopted out 75. We have taken in 346 cats, 345 have been adopted. 200 of those were kittens. So many lives saved! When I started in 2002 I had no idea that we could come this far. I knew the need was here but I didn't know that with the great help over the years we would be able to come this far!

In 2019, I would like to see a huge effort on Spay and Neuter. We have been able to raise money to bring the Spay/Neuter bus to Fallbrook on 2 separate dates. It would be wonderful if we could double that to be 4 times! It is only through spaying and neutering that we will be able to get a handle on homeless pets.

Some of the other wonderful things coming in the New Year include solar

panel installation thanks to a large donation from a family trust. This will serve to save us money on our electrical bills that can then be used for more spay and neuters, along with other veterinary expenses.

We will also continue to make improvements on our cat adoption area. Because we are a sanctuary that offers a home until adoption, we will automatically have some that will be here long term. We strive to continually improve the quality of life for those who are here for the long haul.

The biggest contributions anyone can make, to quote a friend, is "boots on the ground" and money to maintain their lives. Whenever anyone purchases items on our wish list, it frees up money for veterinarians, vaccines, medications and good healthy food.

If you have any time that you can donate, come and join our great team. There are several ways you can help. Just 2-4 hours a week can make a difference and it feels so good to be a part of a team effort that saves lives.

Support FAS Without Spending a Dime

Wishing you could make a financial gift to the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, but it just isn't in the budget? There are two programs you can participate in that allow you to make regular monetary donations to FAS at absolutely no cost to you.

 Major Market will donate 1% of the total amount spent on receipts that are returned by FAS. Submit your receipts to us through the mail or drop them off directly at the sanctuary.



 Visit smile.amazon.com to select the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary as your designated charity. FAS will receive a donation from Amazon with every purchase you make.



**FUN
FACT!**

*Depending on
the breed, your
dog's sense of
smell is 1,000 to
10 million times
better than
yours.*



Christmas Store 2018

Each year the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary opens the Christmas Store as one of our largest fundraising events of the year. Every cent of what is made in the store goes directly to caring for the many animals at FAS. This year was one of our most successful ever! A strong core team of volunteers took on the challenges involved in setting up and staffing a retail store during the busiest season of the year.



Every customer who came in made an impact on us. Along with the many festive shoppers came some heartfelt, touching stories...

- ◆ The gentleman who bought a book for \$5 but paid us \$100.
- ◆ A 104 year old woman who impressively drives herself and gets around town with only the aid of a walking cane. She was shopping for decorations to make her house festive, as she was hosting her children and grandchildren in her Fallbrook home for Christmas.
- ◆ The new business owners in town who came in to buy all of their Christmas trees and decorations for their new store.
- ◆ The beautiful woman who is a retired horse trainer and now a fulltime caregiver for her husband. She came in every other day to see what we had new. She saves money all year long so that she can come into the store to shop and help the animals.
- ◆ A grandmother who brought her granddaughter in to shop. The girl was choosing gifts that they would deliver to kids in foster care later that day. It took a while to check them out, having bought more than 50 items - and other customers were patiently waiting in line. The grandmother paid for her items *and* for all of those things being held by the customers waiting behind her. On top of that she left a large cash donation for the animals.
- ◆ A woman who came just to make a \$100 donation in her husband's name. He had just passed away and was an animal lover. This was her first Christmas without him.
- ◆ A lady who came in the last day and bought over \$100 worth of stuffed animals to take to a local senior living center as gifts for those who wouldn't be getting any other gifts or visitors.
- ◆ Grateful pet owners and generous customers all made extra donations (from 25 cents to \$200) saying "it is all for the animals".



Animals Adopted in 2018:

Dogs = 75

Cats = 345

Volunteer Spotlight



Kitten Season 2018 started out with a bang in early March 2018 with the arrival of 2 pregnant cats. Since their arrival at FAS, 11 more pregnant cats arrived at our facility and in total these 13 cats gave birth to 53 kittens. During this time, 151 additional orphaned kittens had also found their way to FAS.

This has not only been the biggest kitten season for us but it has also been the most successful. 194 kittens have been adopted and 8 of the Mom cats have also been adopted. Our success and the health and happiness of all these cats and kittens is all because of the 22 wonderful foster families who answered our plea for foster homes. Because of everyone who stepped up to be a foster family, the kittens were healthier, happier, and socialized.

One foster family in particular has gone above and beyond. They have fostered 21 kittens to date and are currently fostering a pregnant cat who is due to have 4-5 kittens any time now. Amy Billburg and her daughter Sophia have been volunteering with FAS since July of 2017. They started out spending their Saturdays at FAS caring for the many cats and kittens in residence. Soon they were fostering kittens as well and became our go-to volunteers in emergency and last minute cases. Amy and Sophia have taken many kittens who arrived at FAS tiny and sick. They bottle fed them and made sure they got their medication. Amy even took the little ones who needed round the clock care to work with her. Those who have adopted one of the Billburg Fosters are certainly blessed with the sweetest and most loving pets.

We send our thanks to Amy and Sophia Billburg and all of the amazing foster families who selflessly gave of their time and love caring for the 200+ cats and kittens. We could not do what we do without each and every one of you. Fostering saves lives!



Sophia with her new forever fur baby, "foster failure" Tom

FUN FACT!

*Female cats
are typically
right-pawed
while male cats
are typically
left-pawed.*





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2018 Volunteers of the Year

Every year in November we start thinking about who really stands out for their service here at the sanctuary. It is always difficult because all of our volunteer family members are very committed to doing their best for the dogs and cats who live at the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary.

This year, after much pondering, we have finally settled on two ladies that have always gone above and beyond. Meredith (on the left) who has been giving it her all since 2012 and Terry (on the right) who joined her in 2013. Both have been consistent and dedicated. Our canines and felines have benefitted greatly from their loving care.



They set a great example of selfless service. Thank you both.

TOP 3 REASONS TO SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET

- 1 They make better, friendlier companions because they are less likely to roam, run away, get into fights, or bite.
- 2 They are less likely to get certain types of cancers.
- 3 When you prevent unwanted kittens from being born, you help reduce the number of cats who end up in shelters.

If a male and female cat and their offspring are left to breed, they will quickly multiply!

* Based on two litters a year at a survival rate of 2.8 kittens per litter.

1 UNSPAVED FEMALE AND 1 UNNEUTERED MALE CAN PRODUCE:

