

**Fall/Winter 2025**

**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.**



**Adoptions are by appointment only. Send an email to [info@fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org](mailto:info@fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org) or contact us through social media.**



**PAW PRINTS** 



## **A Note from FAS President, Dr. John Daly**

We all get by with a little help from our friends.

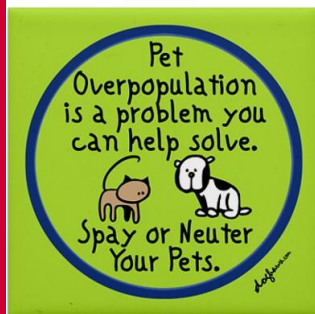
For the past 23 years, Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary has been a helping friend to thousands of homeless cats and dogs in the Fallbrook area. Our volunteers make sure that every animal that comes through our doors has food, a safe, clean place to sleep, medical care, exercise, and companionship. Some of the cats and dogs stay at the sanctuary until they can be adopted, and some live with foster families that help socialize them in a home environment. All of them will receive complete immunizations and be spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary also gets by with a lot of help from its friends. We cannot exist without the dedication of our volunteers, the foster families, and the generous donations from the community of friends of the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary. It takes a lot to keep the doors of the sanctuary open and the lights on, and the kindness of our community has kept us going through the years. This holiday newsletter is an important fundraiser for us to continue our mission of helping homeless dogs and cats find loving homes, and I hope you will be able to help in that mission. I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, a merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

**Happy Pawlidays**

"There are two means of refuge from the misery of life – music and cats."

Albert Schweitzer



Puppies and kittens can be spayed/neutered as young as 8 weeks old. Don't delay.

## Advantages

- Spayed females won't experience the physical and behavioral issues associated with going into heat.
- Neutered males are generally better behaved and less likely to roam away from home.
- The risk of certain cancers is lowered and, in some cases, eliminated.
- Over 32,000 kittens can potentially be born from one unspayed female cat and her offspring in seven years. Spaying significantly reduces pet overpopulation.

WE LOVE OUR  
**VOLUNTEERS**



*Thank You*

It definitely takes a village. FAS would not exist without the help of dozens of amazing volunteers. Join us today!



Robert and Lisa Thielke  
Katie and Anthony Kearns

We'd like you to meet our Sunday morning dog volunteers. The Thielke family and the Ellenwood family drive up every Sunday morning from Temecula to clean, feed, play, and give love to all of our dogs.

The Thielkes have been volunteering for 14 years and the Ellenwood family joined them 9 years ago. Their children grew up volunteering with FAS and still are.

We are so fortunate to have these two dedicated families amongst our FAS family and we are very grateful for them



Jackson, Dan, and Kris Ellenwood



Mobile Pet Vaccinations  
Jane Koeppke, DVM  
(442) 248-7254



The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary can only fulfill its mission with the support of our community. In addition to the many individuals who have given generously to keep the doors open, FAS would like to give special thanks to the following business sponsors for their ongoing partnerships:

## This Giving Tuesday Help Us Give Hope to Paws in Need

As we approach the season of gratitude and giving, we're reminded that kindness comes in all forms — a wagging tail, a comforting purr, or a helping hand from someone like you. This Giving Tuesday, December 2, we invite you to make a difference right here in our community by supporting the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary.

Our sanctuary is powered entirely by the generosity of donors and volunteers who believe every animal deserves love, care, and a chance at a happy life. But this year, our medical and food costs have climbed higher than ever, and our furry residents continue to need daily care, nutrition, and medical attention.

Your gift — big or small — helps us:

- \* Provide veterinary care for injured and senior animals
- \* Keep bellies full with nutritious meals
- \* Offer safe shelter and a loving environment while pets await their forever homes

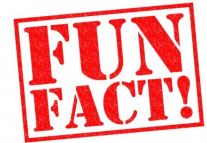
Wouldn't it feel wonderful to know your compassion is helping a local pet find their forever home?

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together as a community....  
one filled with kindness,  
wagging tails, and second  
chances.**



Tuesday, December 2, 2025

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Your dog's feet smell like corn chips due to a normal combination of bacteria and yeast on their paws. This smell is more noticeable when moisture from sweat or after the dog grooms itself creates a breeding ground for these microbes. While a mild smell is harmless, excessive odor, redness, or your dog constantly licking its paws can indicate an overgrowth or infection that needs a vet's attention.



## Whiskers & Tails Volunteer Spotlight

*"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." — Elizabeth Andrew*

Fallbrook is such an amazing community of people with the biggest hearts. We not only recognize our own volunteers from FAS/ Whiskers & Tails, but our volunteers will often meet and spontaneously collaborate with other non-profits, events and even stopping to help a random person or animal in need. The mutual respect, appreciation and acts of kindness that unfold often explode into a giving moment that is so powerful and uplifting for all of us. So today, we want to send a big THANK YOU to volunteers everywhere!

Pictured right - Judy Schuch Forbess, Patti Cota, Deborah Knodel, Loretta Samaniego at the 1st Annual Fallbrook Wine Festival





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## The Power of Giving: Helping Our Local Fur Friends

At Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, we see the power of compassion every single day. It shows up in wagging tails, soft purrs, and grateful eyes that say “thank you.” But behind every happy adoption story lies the constant need for food, shelter, and medical care — all of which are at an all-time high.

As a small, local nonprofit, we rely on the generosity of our community. Every donation helps us continue our mission, whether it’s a one-time gift or an ongoing monthly contribution that helps us plan and provide consistent care for our animals.

For those age 70½ and older, there’s also a special way to give back. By donating your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary. These qualified charitable distributions go directly from your IRA to the sanctuary, helping animals while reducing your taxable income. It’s a wonderful way to make a meaningful impact and enjoy a potential tax benefit.

You can also leave a lasting legacy by including the sanctuary in your estate plan. Imagine knowing your love for animals will continue for generations, ensuring our local fur friends always have a safe place to land.

Every act of kindness — from volunteering to financial gifts — helps us continue this vital work. Thank you for believing in what we do and being part of our sanctuary family.

**Because every paw,  
whisker, and wag  
matters.**



### 2025 Statistics (year to date)



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|------------------|-----|
| Feline Intakes   | 458 |
| Canine Intakes   | 80  |
| Feline Adoptions | 435 |
| Canine Adoptions | 85  |
| Spayed/Neutered  | 425 |