

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.



2026 Statistics (year to date)

Feline Intakes	399
Canine Intakes	46
Feline Adoptions	228
Canine Adoptions	54



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The History of the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary

The origins of Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary (FAS) can be traced to one of the most difficult periods in recent American history. Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the deployment of military personnel to Afghanistan had an unexpected impact on the Fallbrook community. As service members stationed at Camp Pendleton left on short notice, many family pets were abandoned or surrendered. Both the Camp Pendleton animal shelter and the San Diego County animal shelter quickly exceeded capacity, leaving countless animals to fend for themselves on the streets.

For Fallbrook residents Janet LuCore and Monte Thompson, the situation was impossible to ignore. "Every time we drove through town," Janet recalled, "there would be the bodies of dead cats and dogs that had been struck by cars." Convinced that the community needed to respond, she decided to take action. "Somebody had to do something," she said. "I wanted it to be a community thing."

Janet placed an advertisement in *The Village News* inviting residents to a public meeting to discuss the growing crisis. Although only a handful of people attended, the meeting marked the beginning of what would become the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary.

In the beginning, nearly every rescued animal lived with Janet and Monte. As more animals arrived, however, they were forced to search for larger facilities. Janet described those early years as operating "hand to mouth." Community donations kept the organization alive, while weekend adoption events held in the Major Market parking lot helped raise funds and find homes for rescued pets.

A significant milestone followed in 2008 when Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary officially received its nonprofit status, providing a stronger organizational foundation for future growth. Around the same time, an unexpected bequest made it possible to relocate to the sanctuary's current home on Aviation Road—a property properly zoned for animal care and one that finally offered long-term stability.

Countless community members have volunteered over the years to assist FAS with everything from caring directly for animals, to organizing fundraising events, to financially supporting monthly spay/neuter clinics. Foster families have welcomed animals into their homes, not only freeing up valuable space at the sanctuary to increase the number of animals FAS can support, but also providing a safe and loving environment where these animals can learn socialization skills that increase the likelihood of adoption.

FAS was honored as a 2022 Nonprofit of the Year by the California Legislature. The sanctuary has also achieved recognition as an Adopt-a-Pet Gold Certified Partner. Candid, a service that provides information about non-profit organizations to potential donors, awarded FAS with a Gold Transparency designation.

Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary stands as a testament to the power of local volunteers, generosity, and determination. What began with a small public meeting has grown into an enduring institution dedicated to protecting homeless and abandoned animals throughout the Fallbrook area.



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

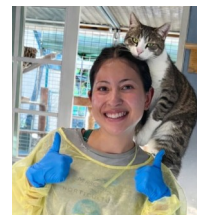
Advantages

- 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!



Magical Merlin

When Merlin arrived at FAS in early April, he was underweight and suffering from a foul-smelling ear infection. After a round of antibiotics, followed by a culture test and x-rays of his right ear, it was discovered that Merlin's infection had developed into end-stage ear disease. This irreversible condition occurs when chronic, repeated ear infections lead to permanently calcified, scarred, and completely blocked ear canals. It causes severe chronic pain and hearing loss.



Despite this, Merlin maintained a sweet and happy disposition. After consulting different veterinarians, it was recommended that Merlin undergo a major surgical procedure which would completely remove the diseased ear canal. Not wanting to give up on Merlin, we decided to launch a fundraiser to "Help Merlin Heal!" We set a campaign goal of \$5,000 to cover the cost of the surgery and medical care and amazingly reached it in just one week! Merlin underwent surgery on June 29. To add insult to injury, the doctor found a large foxtail deeply embedded in his ear. We cannot even begin to imagine the level of pain and discomfort poor Merlin endured.

Today, Merlin continues to heal and is making great progress. He wears his "Cone of Shame" very proudly and has been a total trooper—taking his medication and resting as much as a happy, energetic spaniel can. His tail is always wagging, he is finally pain-free, and he is always waiting for a belly rub. One day soon, he will make a very loving companion for a lucky family. We look forward to Merlin finding his forever home where he can finally live a happy, healthy life in safety.

All of us here at FAS are deeply grateful to our community of volunteers who have helped care for Merlin during his recovery, and to the many donors who supported our campaign. We could not have done this without your generous donations. Thank you!



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:



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



Celebrating 25 Years by Preventing the Next Litter

For the past five years, Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary and SNAP (Spay Neuter Action Project) have partnered to provide free spay and neuter clinic days for local pet owners. Thanks to our supporters, hundreds of pets have received life-changing surgeries at no cost to their families.

As we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we're expanding that impact.

Instead of funding a limited number of free clinic days each year, we're raising funds to provide **\$25 spay and neuter surgeries** year-round for Fallbrook families. For many families, the cost of surgery is the biggest barrier. With our \$25 Spay & Neuter Program, families pay just \$25 instead of \$70 for a cat or \$225 for a large dog through our SNAP partnership, making responsible pet ownership affordable for more people in our community.

The need has never been greater. Through June, Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary has already brought in **445 animals**, including **120 more kittens** than this time last year. While rescue will always be at the heart of our mission, preventing unwanted litters is the most effective way to reduce animal homelessness.

Together with SNAP, we're removing one of the biggest barriers to spay and neuter: cost. Every surgery means fewer unwanted litters, fewer animals entering shelters and rescues, healthier pets, and a stronger, more compassionate Fallbrook.

This is more than a fundraiser—it's an investment in the future of our community's pets.

Please join us. Scan the QR code or visit our website to make your gift today. Together, we can celebrate 25 years of saving lives by preventing thousands more animals from ever needing rescue.



Help make \$25 spay & neuter a reality.

Every donation gets us closer to providing affordable spay/neuter surgeries.

 MORE PETS HELPED Affordable care means more pets get the care they need.	 FEWER LITTERS Preventing litters today means fewer homeless pets tomorrow.	 STRONGER COMMUNITY Supporting pet owners creates a healthier community.	 HEALTHIER PETS Spay & neuter helps pets live longer, healthier lives.
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Join us
IN SAVING LIVES. DONATE TODAY!



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **SNAP** SPAY NEUTER ACTION PROJECT

Please join us in congratulating Saffron-Micaela Camacho on her new role as Feline Director at Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary!

Mic's journey is a perfect example of what makes FAS so special. She started as a foster mom, became our Feline Adoption Lead, joined the FAS Board of Directors, and now steps into this leadership role alongside our Canine Director, Vicki Caldwell.

Together, Mic and Vicki will continue building the high standards of compassionate care that every animal at FAS deserves.

Congratulations, Mic.
We're so grateful to have you leading the way!





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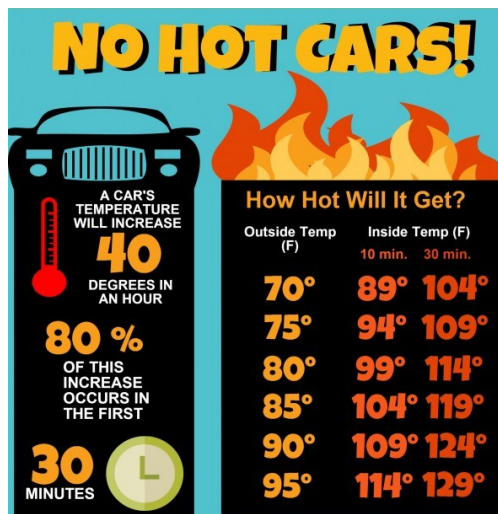


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HOT SURFACES FOR PETS			
AIR	GRASS	CONCRETE	ASPHALT
85°	88°	105°	130°
90°	99°	120°	140°
95°	105°	134°	150°
100°	114°	145°	160°



A Legacy of Love That Lives On

Every day at Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, we witness the incredible bond between people and animals. We see frightened cats become loving companions, neglected dogs learn to trust again, and homeless animals of all ages receive the care, compassion, and second chance they deserve. None of this happens by accident. It happens because caring people choose to make a difference.

While many supporters generously give throughout the year, one of the most meaningful gifts you can make is one that continues your compassion well into the future. By including Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary in your estate plan, you create a lasting legacy of love for homeless dogs and cats who will need our care for years to come. Whether through a will, trust, retirement account beneficiary designation, or life insurance policy, a planned gift helps ensure that every animal who comes through our doors receives food, shelter, medical care, and the opportunity to find a forever family.

A gift of any size can help provide lifesaving veterinary care, nutritious meals, safe shelter, enrichment, and hope for countless dogs and cats in need. Perhaps you've adopted a beloved pet from the sanctuary. Maybe you've volunteered your time, donated supplies, or simply believe every animal deserves kindness and compassion. Whatever your connection, your legacy can reflect the values that have guided your life.

Imagine knowing that your love for animals will continue long after you're gone. Your legacy can provide comfort to a frightened dog, healing to an injured cat, and a second chance to animals who have nowhere else to turn.

If you've already included Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary in your estate plans, thank you. Your generosity helps ensure that homeless dogs and cats will always have a safe place to land. If you've been considering a legacy gift, we'd be honored to have a confidential conversation about how your future gift can make a lasting difference.

Together, we can build a future where every dog and cat has the opportunity to experience the love, safety, and care they deserve.

Adoptions are by appointment only.

Send an email to info@fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org or contact us through social media.

