

Fall/Winter 2024

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 or contact us through social media.



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A Note from FAS President, Dr. John Daly

Summer has passed, and the holiday season is at our doorstep. A lot has happened at the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary this year. In January we opened our Whiskers and Tails retail shop and due to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers it has had a successful year. Whiskers and Tails is an expansion of the Christmas Store that FAS had operated during the holiday season for the past several years, and 100% of the profit from the store goes to the animal sanctuary. Come visit us and look around, there are many wonderful treasures to be found.

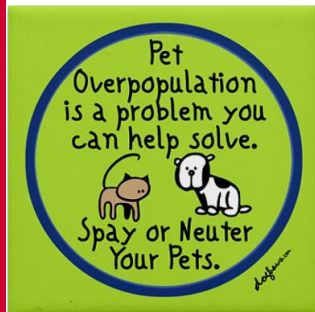
There has been a lot going on at the sanctuary this year as well. A new dog exercise area has been added and construction has been completed on a new cat housing area. These projects were funded by contributions from donors specifically designated for infrastructure improvements and will help improve the health and wellbeing of the cats and dogs that come under our care for many years in the future. We are very thankful for the kindness and generosity of our donors, and the cats and dogs approve of the improvements.

The sanctuary still has many challenges we must face in the coming months and years. Our operational expenses are increasing, most importantly the cost of veterinary care has increased substantially in recent years and is a major portion of our operational budget. Many of the animals that come into the sanctuary have medical problems or injuries that require veterinary care. FAS has two programs to raise funds to meet these expenses. One is the Winslow Warriors fund which raises money for emergency veterinary care and surgeries. The other is our Giving Tuesday appeal to raise funds for spay and neuter clinics. This year we brought in about 400 cats and over 50 dogs and there is no sign of a decrease in the numbers needing care and placement in the future. If you want to help, please consider donating to one of these funds or making a donation to our general fund for operational expenses. In the coming holiday season, there are many other ways you can help with our mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome homeless dogs and cats. You can return the envelope accompanying this newsletter with a donation, or you could shop at Whiskers and Tails for your holiday needs such as Christmas ornaments and trees, gift items, or other holiday novelties. There is also the option of making a legacy gift from a will, trust, or estate.

In closing I wish to say happy holidays and thank you to all the supporters, donors, volunteers, foster families, and the community of Fallbrook. I am proud to be part of a community that shows so much kindness and generosity. Thank you for all you have done for the thousands of cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies that have found their way to Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary.

"It's just the most amazing thing to love a dog, isn't it? It makes our relationships with people seem as boring as a bowl of oatmeal."

John Grogan



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 unsplayed female cat and her offspring in seven years. Spaying significantly reduces pet overpopulation.

Giving Tuesday

As the holidays quickly approach us, we are making our list and checking it twice. At the top of our list is free and affordable spay and neuters for all pets. Shelters and rescues are in crisis with an overpopulation of dogs and cats. Whether they are abandoned, relinquished, or stray, we have never seen intake numbers like this before. FAS has rescued over 350 kittens alone this year. That is in addition to the countless dogs, cats, and puppies. The top two reasons we hear are that either the kittens were found or it was an accidental litter. There are no accidental litters. If your pet is not spayed, you can absolutely expect a litter. We may not be able to change the past but we can change the future and that starts with reducing the amount of animals that are entering our shelters everyday. The only way to do that is by spaying and neutering your pets.

In 2023, your generosity raised enough funds to provide 13 FREE spay and neuter clinics with SNAP (Spay Neuter Action Project) this year. That is approximately 400 pets who will not add to the overpopulation of dogs and cats who suffer needlessly in shelters, on the streets, sick and injured, and being euthanized by the thousands daily simply because there is not enough space.

This Giving Tuesday, please help us save thousands of more lives by donating to our Spay and Neuter Campaign. Our goal is to provide 6 FREE clinics in 2025. That represents almost 200 pets receiving the ultimate gift of spay and neuter. Once again this year, an anonymous donor has graciously offered to match every dollar donated up to \$10,500 to help us meet our goal of \$21,000. By spaying and neutering up to 200 cats and dogs in 2025, we are saving the lives of thousands in the years to come.

Donate today by check, PayPal, Venmo or Zelle and note "Giving Tuesday" to have your donation doubled!



KAHOOTS



Vax@Home
Mobile Pet Vaccinations
Jane Koepcke, 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:

Whiskers & Tails Resale Gift Boutique

It's a joy to announce that FAS's Whiskers & Tails (now open year-round), has brought back everything that you have always loved for the holidays, from the trees and trimmings, to festive and fun décor for the home or table. We also have some very rare and unique pieces in our collectibles areas this year. Gift giving can be easy with our pre-wrapped gift basket selection.

Can you grant a wish? Purchase an ornament from our WISHmas Tree to grant a wish for items most needed for animals (and local families) in need. Our website WhiskersAndTailsShop.com offers online shopping for selected in-store items, special items only seen on eBay, special sales, and events. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Google, and Yelp.



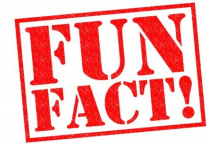
746 S. Main Ave, Fallbrook

**Open Monday-Saturday from
10-3 and Sunday from 11-2**

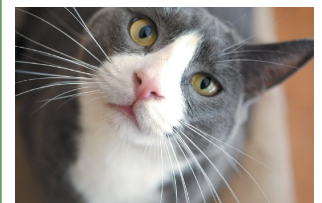
WhiskersAndTailsShop.com

November is the symbolic month of gratitude...when every family comes together and gives thanks for all their blessings. Our family of FAS volunteers would like to take this opportunity to stop and thank you for all that you do to support FAS in our efforts to support the animals in our care. Everything makes a difference.

Thank you and Happy Holidays to you and yours.



Cats use their whiskers to “feel” the world around them in an effort to determine which small spaces they can fit into. A cat’s whiskers are generally about the same width as its body. (This is why you should never cut their whiskers.)



Whiskers & Tails Volunteer Spotlight



It takes a village...a friendly volunteer village. Meet Bonnie Amick, Kerri Moore, Jeanna Kirby, and Judy Forbess. These dedicated volunteer leaders are our hard-working superstars. Behind-the-scenes, or out front, there's always work to be done. These ladies can be found lending their paws 24/7, and always with a smile. Why work so hard you ask? It's the unspoken reward of helping the animals, and the added benefit of bringing a joyful experience to our community. When you stop by the store and say hello, it fills up their golden hearts. Thank you, Whiskers & Tails Team Leaders.



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REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS



INVEST YOUR IRA
FOR GOOD



At the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, we are dedicated to making a positive impact. We are incredibly grateful to be the recipient of IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). These generous contributions not only support our mission but also reflect the deep trust and commitment our donors place in our cause. It is with heartfelt appreciation that we acknowledge the significance of these gifts.

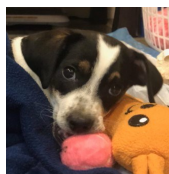
Donating IRA distributions to a nonprofit is a win-win scenario. It allows you to support a cause you believe in, while also potentially reducing your tax burden. As with any financial decision, it's essential to consult with a financial advisor or tax professional to ensure that this donation fits into your overall retirement and charitable giving strategy.

By planning strategically, your IRA can serve not only as a vehicle for your retirement security but also as a powerful tool for philanthropy.

Winslow's Warriors Medical Fund

Winslow's Warriors is the name of the FAS fund that helps us save cats and dogs needing emergency medical treatment. Winslow was a puppy who was brutally attacked by two much larger dogs. Please help us help animals in need. We cannot do this without your support.

**A few of the FAS residents saved
by the Winslow's Warriors Fund**



Winslow



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Millie

Volunteer of the Year 2024 Chris Zirbel

Chris joined our volunteer team a year ago and has made a huge impact on not just all of the animals lives, but ours as well. She has brought a wealth of information from her previous work and volunteer experiences. Chris is always happy to help with anything that needs to be done, and she is extraordinary with all of the cats and kittens. Chris always has a smile. When you stop by FAS to meet our adoptable kitties, chances are you will see her giving out treats, making sure they all have toys, fresh food, and water, doing the dishes and laundry...Chris does it all. Thank you Chris for your support and dedication to FAS and all of the animals in our care. Congratulations on being FAS's Volunteer of the Year!

