

# PAW PRINTS



**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:**

<b>Monday</b>	1:00-4:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Closed
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00-4:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Closed
<b>Friday</b>	1:00-4:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	1:00-4:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed

## **A Note from FAS President, Janet LuCore**

We are very happy to share that as we approach the end of this year, we are still working hard for Fallbrook and North County pets. We have been able to rescue some from certain euthanasia in different shelters when we had available space. As supporters, you have been a part of this success.

As always, of significant concern, is our vet bills. On average they run from about \$8,000 to \$10,000 per month. We often take in animals who are injured, sick, or just haven't been taken care of very well. Too often people are surrendering their pets because there is a medical problem and they just can't afford the needed veterinary care. When they come to us, our first thought is, what will happen to this pet if we can't take it on? Too often we have no other solutions for them and we end up taking their pet because we know that all they need is some veterinary treatment and then they can have a second chance.

A good example of this is Odin, whose story is also in this issue. He had a fixable heart problem. Certainly it was not a reason to put him down. It is a challenge to raise the money to cover veterinary costs in a climate where a lot of folks are trying to raise money for a lot of reasons. A donation of just \$10.00 per month can make an enormous difference! To that end, we are asking our supporters to sign up for a recurring donation each month. If we have enough people make this ongoing commitment, then we can help even more of these wonderful companions in need.

Please know when you support the FAS, your entire donation goes to the care and feeding of the animals. We are ALL volunteers, from the Board of Directors to all of our animal care people. They all contribute to finding solutions for supporting the animals in our care.

Don't forget to come by our Christmas Store and check out all the wonderful things for sale. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and goes a long way to helping with our finances. We will be open from November 13 through December 23. It is even bigger and better this year! We have a lot of beautiful new items.

In bringing this to a close, I want to say to you all, thank you for supporting us this year and I hope to see you soon...perhaps to adopt a new friend or maybe to become a part of the sanctuary as a volunteer. We have a lot of different areas that could use your help! Also, please think of us in your 'year-end' giving. We make every dollar count for the animals in need throughout Fallbrook and North County.

*Happy Thanksgiving and  
Happy Holidays from all your friends  
at the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary.*



*The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong in the world.*

*Anonymous*



The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary is run entirely by volunteers. Without the help of each individual, we could not achieve our mission of helping every animal who comes into our care.

Please consider joining our crew of dedicated volunteers. Even an hour or two each week makes a huge difference. Whether you prefer to foster kittens, walk dogs, clean cat enclosures, help with events, or stuff envelopes, we have a job for you.

Stop by the FAS to learn more about volunteer opportunities and to complete an application.

## Tequila Tasting Fundraiser Filled with Good Spirits

Supporters, friends, and volunteers from the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary came together on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Mariscos El Pacifico in Fallbrook for a tequila tasting fundraiser and traditional Mexican food. Tomas Estes, Tequila Ambassador to Europe and one of the owners of Tequila Ocho, facilitated the tequila tasting of 6 samples including blanco, reposada, and anejo varieties with various brands including Patron, Sauza, Fortaleza, and Estes' own Tequila Ocho. Attendees enjoyed the differences as guided by Estes including smell, appearance, and taste. During the event, Janet LuCore presented Judy Forbess with a surprise award as Volunteer of the Year. Many thanks to the Planning Committee, which included Julia Routh, Karen Estes, Fiona Urquhart, Elaine Tedrick, Ruthie Harris, and Janet LuCore, as well as our gifted event pourers Monty, Joe, and Isabelle. A very special "thank you" to the Event Sponsors which include:

- ◆ Brad Tedrick, CFP
- ◆ Patrick Marelly, Realtor
- ◆ Lilac Hills Ranch
- ◆ The Red Eye Saloon
- ◆ Rock Solid Stone
- ◆ Jane Cartmill
- ◆ Hatter, Williams, & Purdy Insurance



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](https://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.

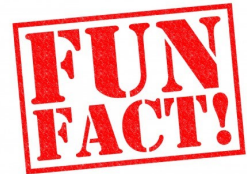


As of October 25, 2019, FAS has taken in 242 kittens. This is our biggest year yet and it has only been possible because of the 21 Foster Families who have stepped up to help care for them until they are ready to find their forever families. 168 of these kittens have already been adopted, but there are still many more to come. The cost to FAS to prepare these kittens for adoption, which includes spay/neuter, vaccines, microchipping, flea treatments, and deworming is an average of \$150 per kitten. We have had quite a few medical cases this year as well, like Arya and Johnny, who both lost an eye due to severe infection, and Nemo who arrived with a broken leg. It is only with your support that we are able to save these precious kittens and give them the happy and healthy life they deserve. If you would like to help, please contact us to foster, volunteer, make a monthly recurring donation, and/or shop from our Amazon Wish List.

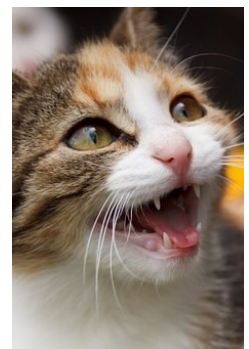


**IT'S KITTEN SEASON**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



*Cats can make over 100 different vocal sounds, while dogs can only make about 10.*



FAS recently received a quarterly donation of \$273.38 thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com. To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of \$2,125.60 to the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary. Sign up today !!!



**Volunteer of the Year 2019**

**Judy Forbess**



During the summer of 2017, after retiring as a teacher with FUHS, Judy walked through the door at FAS and became a key asset to the Volunteer Team. Judy started by volunteering one day a week doing cat care, which meant cleaning many cat cages and enclosures. She then started coming an extra day, usually Saturdays, bringing students with her who were working on their Community Service hours. Then, kitten season hit FAS and hit hard! Judy not only made herself available whenever she could when extra help was needed at FAS, she also signed up to be a Foster Family and started caring for orphaned kittens and mom kitties with their babies. Judy wasn't done yet. The next project was the annual FAS Christmas Store. Judy spent many days alongside all the other wonderful volunteers working very hard to make the Christmas Store a great success, all while still fostering kittens and being a Lead Volunteer at FAS. Judy's hard work, dedication, resourcefulness, and love for FAS and its mission is beyond measure. On behalf of FAS, the volunteers, the Board of Directors, and most importantly, all the 4-legged residents, we thank you Judy for all you have done and continue to do for FAS.





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You may have asked, with so many expenses, how does FAS stay afloat financially? The short answer is largely due to investment accounts established as a result of generous donations from donors' living trusts. Some of these have been specifically designated for animal care; others for projects such as the upgrading of our heating and cooling systems, and the installation of solar panels to reduce electricity bills. Although these accounts are closely managed, we still rely heavily on fundraising and other donations to keep the doors open. With some advance planning, you could help provide FAS with significant financial assistance for many years to come. Is your property in a trust? If something should happen to you, a trust is a tool that will allow your loved ones to avoid court and expensive fees. By putting your assets in a trust, you are ensuring that your family's time is saved and they avoid unnecessary expenses, also avoiding probate upon your death. Please consider the possibility of adding the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary to your living trust. You can add a percentage or a dollar amount that will be donated to our organization. All funds received would go towards the care of the animals in need within our community. Please speak with your financial adviser for more information on how to set up a trust.

### Animal Statistics from January 1-September 30, 2019

	Cats	Dogs
Intake	300	57
Adopted	242	46
Spayed/ Neutered	169	16



## Holiday Hazards



### Bones are bad



Avoid giving bones to your dogs or cats, particularly turkey bones. Poultry bones easily splinter and can cause intestinal blockages or lacerations.

### Toy watch

Avoid purchasing pet toys with small or soft pieces that can be chewed and swallowed. Be sure to inspect pet toys regularly and discard deteriorating ones.



### Poisonous plants

Many popular holiday plants are poisonous to animals including mistletoe, holly, ornamental pepper and Christmas rose. Remember to keep these plants out of reach of pets.

### Thoughtful treats



Chocolate and other sweets should not be given to animals. Chocolate contains theobromine, a chemical that can be deadly to cats and dogs. The best thing you can do for your pet over the holidays is to keep them on their regular diet and look for healthy animal treats.

### Tinsel is trouble

Having a Christmas tree and pets can be troublesome. Ensure the tree is well-secured and place the decorations above paw height. Use string to hang decorations instead of hooks and use non-breakable ornaments. Avoid using tinsel or angel hair which cats and dogs can ingest.

