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

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**FAS Quarterly**

A Note from FAS Founder and President, Janet LuCore

Now that we have daylight savings time behind us again I guess we can officially say it is spring. It is also evidenced by the number of kittens coming in (48 so far this year) and we have also had a few puppies. Thank goodness we still have great fosters who are willing to do it again this year!

We have also had some with serious medical issues.

First, we had Coffee (10 months old) who fell and broke a leg, resulting in a trip to Veterinary Specialty in San Marcos at a cost of $5,500.

Second, we had Odin, a beautiful 2 year old black German Shepherd with a heart defect. He has been referred to UC Davis Department of Cardiology for surgery. He was rescued from a high kill shelter in Riverside County. He was then dumped at another kill shelter a few months later. The last shelter called us to see if we could take the dog. After having him seen by a cardiologist at UC Davis, it was determined that he would need surgery to open a valve in his heart. He has now been adopted by a wonderful man that is going to see that he gets his surgery. Our costs - $1,500 for tests.

We also have Winslow whose story has been posted on Facebook. He has survived being mauled by large dogs ending with 10 broken ribs, deep lacerations that were infected and a broken leg. Thanks again to the wonderful staff at Veterinary Hospital in San Marcos he has been given an all clear. Check him out on our Facebook page! Costs to date - $8,500.

Then a young girl found a cat under a dumpster with a broken leg. After looking for the owner with no luck she brought the kitty to us. This time we were able to make it to Dr. Pearson’s where they were able to repair the leg. Stella is still recovering.

This weekend our latest pup was brought in by the owner and relinquished. His name is Oso, a beautiful German Shepherd puppy that was accidentally run over by the owner. He did not have the money to repair the damage. After being evaluated by the doctor it was determined that the leg could not be saved. He underwent amputation surgery this morning and is expected to have a complete recovery. He is an extremely sweet puppy despite what has happened to him. If you have been looking for a German Shepherd puppy you can’t go wrong with adopting Oso.

As you can see, some of our vet bills are very high even after all the breaks and discounts are given. Add to these all the spay or neuters we do and the costs are sometimes breathtaking. Somehow we manage, thanks to all of you who donate on a regular basis. You have been a large part of saving a lot of lives! The best part is a majority of those saved are being adopted and making room for others.

If you haven’t and would like to make a donation to help with medical expenses, please go to our website and click on the donate button. Be sure to indicate that it is for the ongoing medical fund, Winslow’s Warriors. Once Winslow’s bill has been covered we will use any other funds received to help other animals. It will be much appreciated!

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Coffee

Odin

Winslow
FAS Quarterly

Animals Adopted
Since January 1:
Dogs = 15
Cats = 66

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 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.

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.
Owning a cat can reduce the risk of stroke and heart attack by a third.

The little furry bundles of love have begun to arrive. Kitten season is officially here and FAS would like to invite you to a virtual Kitten Shower. We are registered online at Amazon.com and gift cards from Kahoots and Chewy.com are always appreciated. You can also make a cash donation through our web site or drop off an item from the wish list below. No RSVP required.

- KMR (Kitten Milk Replacer)
- Wet and dry kitten food
- Yesterday’s News cat litter
- Small litter boxes
- Kitten nursing bottles

FAS once again participated in the annual Bark in the Park event to benefit the Live Oak Dog Park. In addition to volunteer artists offering puppy makeover packages for younger guests, three fuzzy FAS residents were in attendance. Arwen, Poppy, and Bosco all attracted lots of attention and all three found their forever homes not long after the event.

Bosco won 2nd Place for Smallest Dog

Arwen
All the rainfall this last winter and spring has brought a boom in local wildlife. Unfortunately, in Southern California, this includes the local rattlesnake population and rattler sightings have been alarmingly frequent, even in residential areas. While cats are generally instinctively cautious around snakes, dogs much more commonly let their curiosity get the better of them. Rattlesnakes are venomous and their bites can be deadly if not treated quickly.

Rattlesnakes can be found just about anywhere in Southern California but there are certain areas where they prefer to live. Areas with tall grass and high brush are often hunting grounds for rattlers and should be avoided during dusk and after nightfall when rattlesnakes are most active. During the daytime, snakes usually burrow under rocks, leaves, logs, and piles of dead brush.

To avoid bites in the first place, it is advisable to keep your dog on a leash that is at least 6-feet or shorter when walking or hiking through areas with brush or grass. Keeping your pup on a shorter leash gives you the opportunity to hear the rattle or see the snake and avoid it before your dog can get close enough to be bitten. Most dogs who are bitten by snakes while walking are off-leash or on a retractable lead and their owners were not able to keep them from running up to the snake in time.

If you live in an area where rattlers are common, a great tool for avoiding snake bites is “snake training.” This is a service offered by many dog trainers in which your dog is taught how to recognize and avoid rattlesnakes on their own.

Dogs investigate everything with their noses, so most bites occur on the snout or face. Other symptoms of rattlesnake bite include muscle tremors, lethargy, whining, diarrhea, seizures, or labored breathing, depending on the progression and type of venom. If you are able to, carry your dog to the car. If not, walk it slowly and calmly to the car in order to minimize its movements. Staying relaxed slows the venom’s progress. Drive to the nearest vet hospital and call ahead to ensure that they have the antivenom on hand.