Dear Friends,

In spite of the quarantining and closures this year, things seem to be going well for FAS, thanks to all of our volunteers, fosters, and all of you who have been donating so consistently. It has also taught us that sometimes doing things differently can be better.

We had to do adoptions by appointment to limit the number of people in house. I believe it has had the good effect of our being able to really focus on each adoption. Sometimes moving slower has the advantage of making the best experience for everyone involved.

All of our cats and dogs can be viewed online when they are ready for adoption. You can make an appointment to meet your new best friend by emailing your request for an appointment to info@fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org

It seems that there is light at the end of the tunnel and things are getting better slowly. We look forward to better days ahead.

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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 4500 lost and abandoned pets.

The Sanctuary is currently closed to the public.
Adoptions are by appointment only until further notice. Send an email to info@fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org or contact us through social media.

Dovey Update

As many of you know, on the night of January 20, FAS experienced a devastating loss. Beautiful new mama Dovey was hit by a speeding truck while on a walk in front of the sanctuary. Despite the best efforts of the injured volunteer who was with her, Dovey did not survive. However, we are so happy to report that all of her babies have now found their forever homes.
“Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms.”

George Eliot

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.

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**Christmas Store 2020**

Despite a few COVID-generated hiccups, the Christmas Store was once again a huge success for FAS. It remains our biggest and most profitable fundraiser.

The possibility that we might not be able to have the store at all because of coronavirus was nerve-wracking to say the least, but we opened as planned in early November and were moving along nicely. We did have to close the store for a week and implement more safety measures to keep our shoppers and volunteers safe as the San Diego county numbers climbed. And then in December when California entered a new lockdown, we were resigned to closing the store for good until a handful of volunteers offered to keep it open at greatly reduced hours.

As always, massive thanks go to all the volunteers – those who run the store and those who prepare for it throughout the year. We couldn’t do it without you. Thank you so much to everyone who donated articles to be sold in the shop, and to the shoppers for choosing to buy your Christmas items from us. We know you could shop elsewhere and we greatly appreciate your business. In your various ways, you all have helped us help the animals who come into our care at FAS. Finally, our eternal gratitude goes to the Gerrity Group who has allowed us to use the space free of charge for many years. Thanks to you, the FAS Christmas Store has become a Fallbrook fixture!

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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:

- Pearson Animal Hospital, San Marcos
Last September our dogs (and the sanctuary) got a gift and her name is Alice. We honor her love and devotion for all our dogs both big and small. She’s forever going above and beyond, whether it’s running dogs to the vet on the spur of the moment or taking a needy dog home and sitting up all night with it. We’re so fortunate she and her husband chose to retire in Fallbrook. We at FAS and our dogs are very blessed she chose us to share her time and her big heart.

2020 Year in Review

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The Boxer was used to determine the DNA sequence of dogs, as it was found to be a breed with the least amount of genetic variation.
Top Reasons to Keep Cats Indoors

Although many believe that cats should be given the opportunity to run free in the outdoors, indoor cats are safer for a number of reasons.

1. You can better monitor your cat’s urinary tract/bowel health in order to respond quickly to possible medical problems.

2. An indoor cat is relatively safe from many diseases that can be transmitted by casual contact with other outdoor cats, such as feline leukemia.

3. Indoor cats do not get hit by cars.

4. Indoor cats are safe from wildlife dangers such as owls, coyotes, rattlesnakes, and dogs running loose.

5. Indoor cats don’t create neighborhood problems, such as using gardens as litter boxes.

6. Indoor cats can get plenty of exercise with interactive toys, climbing towers, and play time with their favorite human.

7. Indoor cats are not a danger to local wildlife, such as birds, rabbits, and lizards.