A Note from FAS President, Janet LuCore

It’s Spring and with the coming months there will be some changes coming to FAS. I’ll start by saying that, for personal reasons, I am stepping away from my position as President of the Board. I will be replaced by Dr. John Daly who has been on the Board of Directors since 2020. He will be able to facilitate our organization in a more timely manner than I am able to right now.

This change has also brought up reviewing and putting in place policies and procedures that need to be updated. This will take place over the next few months and will make sure that we are in compliance with any new laws or changes needed and in agreement with our mission statement. A type of spring cleaning!

We are gearing up for another season of kittens and puppies. Sadly, even with all the spay neuter programs, we still have a lot of stray and abandoned dogs and cats. Sad for them and heartbreaking for us. Nevertheless, they will be taken care of and find new loving homes. As always, we can use donations of kitten food and supplies. Stay with us as we head into summer by following our website, Instagram, and Facebook page.

When I started FAS in 2002 it was with the intention of providing more timely care for Fallbrook animals that found themselves in need of care and a second, better chance at life. I feel that I, along with friends, have met that goal as much as we can. Yet while the numbers may change, there is still much to do. I hope we can continue to provide a better quality of life for the ones that find their way to our doors. Thank you for your support and for being a part of FAS!

Volunteer Spotlight

We would like to acknowledge one of our very dedicated dog volunteers. Gail Prizzi has been sharing her time and skills with us for about 3 years. Gail is very patient and teaches our dogs basic leash skills and some obedience when possible. She gives many hours a week to help improve their lives so they can find their forever homes. Thank you Gail. We appreciate all you do.
"I stayed in show business to pay for my animal business."

Betty White

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.

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:

Christmas Store 2021

We are immensely grateful to everyone who made the 2021 Christmas Store a roaring success. It was our best year ever! Shoppers came out in droves to support us every day from November 15 to December 27.

We were, once again, incredibly fortunate to have the same space donated for our use, despite the fact that the store’s ownership changed in the middle of our “tenancy.” We extend our heartfelt thanks to both the former and the new owners and to the management companies who represent them for making it possible for us to use the store for the eighth year in a row. We know how incredibly lucky we’ve been and we appreciate beyond measure the beneficence of the past and present owners.

Huge thanks go also to our valiant volunteers who manned the store every day of the week while it was open and who participated in the herculean task of setting it up and tearing it down. But the Christmas Store isn’t just a six or eight week enterprise. Volunteers are kept busy throughout the year gathering and storing donations. We are thankful for all your hard work. Thank you so much to everyone who donated articles to be sold in the shop, and to those who bought them, as well as to those who brought monetary donations – your generosity was overwhelming.

The Christmas Store truly has become a much-loved and eagerly anticipated annual event. We are thrilled that you love it, and we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for helping us to care for the animals at FAS.

Thank You!
FAS-Sponsored SNAP Programs

Kitten season is once again upon us and as we prepare for all the homeless cats and kittens, we are so grateful for our partnership with the Spay Neuter Action Project (SNAP). Last November, we participated in Giving Tuesday and raised funds to provide a free spay/neuter/microchip/vaccination clinic through SNAP for the Fallbrook community. Our first clinic was a huge hit with 30+ pets getting spayed/neutered. We are currently planning our second free clinic which will take place in May during Be Kind to Animals Month.

SNAP provides FAS with all of our spay/neuter needs so that all of our adoptable animals are happy, healthy, and ready for their forever families. If your pet needs to get “fixed up”, SNAP is there to help. They have a north county bus which services Fallbrook every month, as well as in Escondido and Oceanside. For more information on SNAP, please call (866) SPAY BUS, or visit their website at www.snap-sandiego.org.

According to the Guinness World Records, the largest litter of domestic cats was 19 kittens born to a Burmese/Siamese mix mom in 1970 in Oxfordshire, England.

A viral fundraising effort to honor the legacy of Betty White encouraged donations to benefit shelters and rescue organizations throughout the country. The beloved actress, a lifelong animal lover and outspoken advocate for animal welfare, died on New Year’s Eve, 2021. On January 17, which would have been White’s 100th birthday, $12.7 million was raised through Facebook and Instagram alone. FAS was the recipient of over $8,000 in donations given in her name. We are so very grateful for the generosity of our supporters who make it possible for us to continue assisting animals in need.

During the first quarter of 2022, FAS received a donation of $994.29 as a result of qualifying purchases made through Amazon Smile.
FAS is preparing for the arrival of a downpour of kittens. Supplies are needed to care for them, both at the sanctuary and with their foster families. Please check out our Kitten Wish List on Amazon at amzn.to/3t5GQ0i.

“I found a litter of stray kittens near my house. What should I do?”

Spring brings an explosion of new life, including litters of kittens born outdoors without loving families to care for them, vulnerable to predators such as coyotes, stray dogs, and even owls. If you should encounter young stray kittens, consider fostering them (and their mother) until they are old enough to be adopted. There are many online resources to assist you with everything from bottle-feeding orphans to socializing frightened ferals. FAS can assist you with supplies and putting the kittens up for adoption when they are 8 weeks old.

The Kitten Lady (www.kittenlady.org/)

Best Friends Kitten Resources (resources.bestfriends.org/kittens)

Dallas Animal Services (www.bedallas90.org/home/found-kittens/)