

Spring 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

It's springtime. Do you know where your pet is?

Yes, it's spring, when everyone gets wanderlust and our beloved pets are no exception. Social media is brimming with lost pet alerts and "Is this your fur baby?" posts. While our pets look longingly from behind their windows and gates hoping for a romp in the grass or a walk in the woods, the world beyond the fence is a dangerous place. There's a multitude of risks for our wandering dogs and cats, including injury or death from vehicle encounters, attacks from aggressive stray animals, coyotes and other wild predators, rattlesnakes, and the possibility of neglect and abuse in a hostile environment. The risk is even greater for unneutered dogs and cats.

What can we do to protect our pets? Firstly, prevent escape from the home. Make sure doors, windows and gates close securely, and that fences are in good repair and free from tunnels underneath. If your pet does manage to escape, make sure you've taken steps to ensure its rapid return. Microchips that have been properly registered with the appropriate agencies and collars with identification and phone numbers help immensely when we are trying to return a cat or dog to its proper home. Make sure the information is up to date. At the sanctuary we have scanners that read microchips and if we have a phone contact number we can promptly notify the owner to come pick up their animal.

Finally, please make sure your dog or cat is spayed or neutered. This will help to reduce wandering when a pet comes into heat. We at FAS are trying to address this problem through our partnership with the SNAP program and the free spay and neuter clinics funded by donations from our generous patrons and donors. It is a program we are very proud of and hope to be able to expand upon.

This is a challenging time for all shelters, sanctuaries and rescues, which are overrun with found pets, abandoned pets, and strays. The problem is huge, and we are certainly feeling it here at FAS. Expenses for food, medications, and veterinary care are at an all-time high. We are a completely volunteer-run organization and without the dedicated work of our volunteers and foster families, and the ongoing generosity of the community and our many donors, we would not be here. I thank you all and hope that we can count on your continued support.

Happy Spring! Plant a seed and watch it grow!

“You can trust your dog to guard your house but never trust your dog to guard your sandwich.”

Unknown



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.

SNAP Community Events

FAS is continuing our partnership with SNAP this year with 13 sponsored clinics for our Fallbrook community. These sponsored clinics are made possible by the generous donations made to our Giving Tuesday 2023 campaign. Every month, the SNAP Neuter Scooter pulls up to our facility and performs up to 30 spay and neuters daily. The "Dream Team" of SNAP North does 4 clinics every week, reducing the number of unwanted cats and dogs entering our shelter system and rescue organizations like FAS. Thank you to the SNAP Dream Team, Joseline (KA), Majda (KA/VA), Dr. Paris (DVM), Dorell (Director), Brittany (RVT), and Tristan (VA/Clinic Manager).



SNAP is a purpose driven 501(c)(3) charitable organization: EIN: 33-0517862

To schedule an appointment for your pet with the SNAP Dream Team, contact SNAP directly by calling (866) SPAY BUS or online at www.snap-sandiego.org.



How do you save the lives of hundreds of unwanted dogs and cats?

Spay or neuter just one!



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:



Vax@Home
Mobile Pet Vaccinations
Jane Koepcke, DVM
(442) 248-7254



Whiskers & Tails Resale Gift Shop

We at FAS have long dreamt of a permanent shop that would benefit the sanctuary. In January that dream became a reality. Inspired by the success of the Christmas Store, two of our board members designed a concept for a year-round shop in the same location we've used for the Christmas Store for the past two years. Between Christmas Day and January 2nd, we were hard at work transforming the space into its new incarnation: Whiskers & Tails.

The new shop is not a typical thrift store selling everything from socks to silverware. Rather we styled it as a "resale gift shop" in which we sell virtually anything that could be considered giftable, including new and gently used housewares, decor, and jewelry. We also accept donations of clothing that could be worn for a special occasion, items pertaining to holidays such as Easter and Halloween (as well, of course, as Christmas), and anything with a pet motif. We also have a large stock of items for your pet, such as crates, beds, collars, leashes, toys, and clothing.

The response from the community has been wonderfully positive. Many supporters came to join in the festivities at our grand opening and ribbon cutting on February 23rd.

The success of the shop depends entirely on the support of the Fallbrook community. Please continue to bring us donations to sell, and to stop in and enjoy a fun and fulfilling time browsing for that perfect must-have gift for a loved one. We also would love to welcome you to volunteer! Come interact with our customers, create beautiful displays, organize donations, and enjoy the fun at the shop.

Whiskers & Tails is located at 746 S Main Ave and is open from 10 am to 3 pm Monday-Saturday. Donations are accepted during shop hours. Call Mary Jane ("MJ") at (760) 468-4082 should you have any questions.



Celebrating the official ribbon cutting on February 23



FUN FACT!

When Isaac Newton was working on his experiments at the University of Cambridge, he was constantly interrupted by his cats scratching at the door. So he called the Cambridge carpenter to saw a hole in the door. Isaac Newton is believed to have invented the first cat door!



HAPPY Spring!



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Elaine Perrine

Almost 5 years ago, Elaine walked through our door wanting to join our volunteer team. Ever since that day, Elaine has been a dedicated, caring, and loyal volunteer. Elaine is one of our Lead Volunteers whose primary role is Cat Care but is always willing to go the extra mile. Whether it's covering shifts for other volunteers or staying late to make sure that puppies and kittens get lunch and the extra TLC they need, Elaine is always someone that we can count on. Thank you Elaine for all you do and for your love and dedication to FAS and all the animals in our care. It's volunteers like you that are the backbone of FAS and we couldn't do what we do without people like you.



Mix up this do-it-yourself pet and people friendly weed killer:

- 1 gallon white vinegar
- 2 cups Epsom salts
- ¼ cup Dawn® dish soap
(the original blue works best)

Spray in the morning after the dew has evaporated, and by dinner time...weeds are gone!

—from "Springtime pet safety," by Denise Fleck at <https://www.petsit.com/spring-pet-safety-tips>