As every small business owner or family budget manager knows, bringing in sufficient income to cover expenses is critical to keeping a business open or a family afloat. Unexpected costs can tip the scales unfavorably. No matter how carefully you plan, life happens, and it frequently hands you issues that weren’t in the plan.

The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary is no exception. While some expenses are predictable (rent, insurance, utilities, etc.), many surprises await the FAS budget each month. An influx of tiny kittens that require special supplies for their foster families, or a puppy who arrives at the shelter with catastrophic medical needs, can offset months of fundraising efforts.

As a no-kill shelter, the FAS strives to support every animal who comes into our care until their forever family takes them home. For some, this may only mean a few days of meeting their basic needs. For others, thousands of dollars of veterinary treatment and months of specialized care may be necessary. We will do whatever is needed to keep the dogs and cats at FAS happy and healthy.

Adoption fees may seem expensive to some, but every animal leaves the shelter vaccinated, microchipped, dewormed, and spayed/neutered. The total cost of these procedures is often higher than the fee charged to the adopter. FAS makes a substantial financial investment in every puppy, kitten, dog, and cat. In addition to finding them the perfect family to join, FAS is committed to ensuring that every animal leaves our care fully prepared medically to lead their best life.

From January through June of 2019, FAS spent $74,591.20 for veterinary expenses alone. By comparison, facilities expenditures (rent, utilities, maintenance, etc.) totaled $24,661.28 for the same time period. As a non-profit organization receiving no government funding, these expenses can be staggering.

We know that we frequently come to you with our hands out hoping for a donation. Please be aware that the unpaid volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of the animals would love to spend more time on critter care and less on fundraising. But that balance sheet will still be there. Without your help, the doors could close forever.

Please consider setting up a recurring monthly donation. Even $5 per month, multiplied by the numerous kind folks who support FAS, can make a substantial impact. You can set this up through PayPal on our web site or call the sanctuary for assistance. Thank you so very much in advance on behalf of the animals in need who call the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary their home.

(Please note - Amounts reflect typical costs and procedures provided at some shelters.)
January 1 - July 15:

Animals Taken In = 262
Animals Adopted = 177

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.

Sage Yoga Studios offers Kitten Yoga classes throughout the year that benefit the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary. Several kittens join each class for some laughter and cuddles. All kittens present are available for adoption.

It costs FAS an average of $150 per kitten to spay or neuter, microchip, and vaccinate each one. As the average adoption fee for kittens is $100, additional funds are always needed to help prepare these precious babies for their forever families.

You can help by registering for these yoga classes and making a suggested donation of $25, $35, or $45. Space is limited, and these classes are almost always fully booked in advance. Contact Sage Yoga Studio to register today.

Next class: Friday September 13, 6:00-7:00 PM
Location: 115 North Main Avenue, Fallbrook
Reservations: 760-451-8771 or www.sageyogastudios.com

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.**
Dogs curl up when they sleep because of an ancient instinct to protect their vital organs, as well as to keep warm.

In this edition we feature a family of long-term sanctuary volunteers AND an outstanding foster family. Robert and Lisa Thielk have been volunteering with their family at FAS for almost seven years, driving over from Temecula every week to help out. They also foster dogs, many of whom have been elderly or have had medical issues. This fits well with Lisa’s career as a Registered Nurse. Robert uses his skills in the kitchen to prepare homemade dog food for the fosters. We are very thankful for their ongoing commitment to FAS and their tireless dedication.

On June 8, students from the DaVinci Middle School Academy Leadership Team at River Springs Charter School hosted a Kitten Shower at the Temecula Kahoots to promote kitten adoptions and collect donations to support FAS.

Visit the FAS Wish List on Amazon to purchase needed supplies online.
Tequila Tasting Event to Benefit the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary

$75 per Ticket
21 and older only

Saturday, October 5, 2019
4:30-7:00 PM
Garden Center Cafe
1625 South Mission Road, Fallbrook

Limited to 60 People
Contact Karen Estes or Julia Routh for Sponsorship or Ticket Information
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