The last quarter found us preparing for kitten season. So far, we have rescued 154 kittens and 14 moms, and they are still coming. As of right now, we are at maximum capacity. Fortunately, adoptions have been continuing. We thought we would be hampered by the coronavirus, but we have been able to transition smoothly to new ways of doing things. Volunteers stepped up and fostered all of our small dogs and some of the larger dogs. All have now been adopted by their foster families! Thanks to all of the volunteers who have been fostering cats and kittens, we have been able to avoid needing groups of people working at the sanctuary. We have been successful at doing adoptions by appointment only. Things seem to be continuing in a fairly normal fashion. So far 98 of our kittens have been adopted and 4 of the mom cats. The kittens find homes very quickly because they are not only cute, but they are healthy and well socialized.

Having said that, we do seem to be living in strange times. Changes we thought were temporary could end up being a new normal. We will continue to follow county guidelines. For the foreseeable future, we will remain available by appointment only.

If you are interested in adopting a new furry family member, you can follow the links on our website to find all of our available dogs and cats on adoptapet.com. Kittens are posted on Facebook and Instagram as soon as they become available for adoption. Send us a message through social media to schedule an adoption appointment, or call us at (760) 685-3533. All adoptable dogs and cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, and treated for fleas/worms. Obtaining veterinary care has also been challenging due to COVID19, so please be patient. Leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Please remember we are all volunteers, and sometimes we are short-handed.

If you would like to make a donation to help us with our regular expenses, or support Winslow’s Warriors (our medical fund for animals that are sick or injured when they arrive at FAS), visit our website and click the “Donate” button on the Home Page. (FallbrookAnimalSanctuary.org) We also accept Venmo (@FallbrookAnimalSanctuary), or you can mail a check to FAS at 230 West Aviation Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028. If you would rather purchase items online and have them delivered directly to the Sanctuary, check out our Amazon Wish Lists on the website. Remember to use Amazon Smile and choose FAS as your charity. It really is a huge help!

When visiting FAS, please always wear a mask. Stay healthy and safe.
The Importance of Spay/Neuter

Another kitten season is upon us and thus we come back to one of the foundational principles of responsible pet guardianship - spaying and neutering your pets. In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can potentially produce 420,000 cats, as cats can have up to 3 litters a year and can become pregnant as early as 4 months old. Dogs can have 1-2 litters a year, and become pregnant as early as 8 months old, which could result in 67,000 dogs in just 7 years.

Spay/Neuter is Good for the Community

Spay/neuter dramatically reduces the number of stray animals on the streets and in shelters, pet-related public health and safety risks, and law enforcement costs. Intact male dogs are involved with 70-76% of reported dog bite incidents. (A Community Approach to Dog Bite Prevention, American Veterinary Medical Association) A spayed/neutered pet will be less likely to bite unprovoked and will be friendlier with other pets.

Spay/Neuter is Good for Your Pet

There are numerous health and behavior benefits associated with spaying and neutering. Spay/neuter eliminates sexual frustration and reduces the incidence of cancers, especially reproductive cancers since spay/neuter removes reproductive organs. Spayed/neutered pets also have a longer life expectancy, as it greatly reduces the incidence of injury and disease.

Spay/Neuter is Good for You

The cost of a dog license reduces by half in most areas of San Diego County for spayed/neutered dogs. Unaltered dogs are commonly surrendered to shelters for behavior problems such as roaming, barking, and urine marking. Additionally, spay/neuter decreases the urge to fight with other pets, making your pet easier to live with and allowing you to enjoy your pet rather than be distracted by unwanted behaviors.

Spay/neuter is the most important thing we as guardians can do for our pet’s health, safety, and wellness, while also being responsible community members. Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary is committed to education about spay/neuter. All pets adopted from FAS have been spayed or neutered so that you and your new best friend can have a long and healthy life together.

If you need assistance with local low cost spay/neuter, there are options available: https://www.sdhumane.org/services/spay-and-neuter/

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.

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

Mahatma Gandhi

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.
FAS has the best volunteers around. The hard work and dedication from all of our volunteers are beyond measure. When COVID19 forced FAS to close its doors back in March, our main concern was the care of the animals, and the health and safety of our volunteers. Most of our regular volunteers continued to come in and care for the animals but one volunteer in particular went above and beyond. Jose Lopez, a long-time FAS volunteer and true cat whisperer, was laid off from his job at a local casino due to it also closing its doors. Since Jose was not working, he dedicated almost every day to FAS. He not only did Cat Care, he also helped with the many other tasks that are required at FAS on a daily basis. You name it and Jose was ready to help. Since we are not accepting new volunteers at this time of quarantine, Jose was instrumental in keeping FAS up and running every day. Jose is now back to work at the casino and he is missed by all at FAS, mostly the animals. He continues to volunteer on his days off and is always willing to do anything he can for FAS when he is able to. Thank you, Jose. You will forever be the behind-the-scenes heartbeat of FAS.

FAS Kitten Class of 2020

Some dogs instinctively follow you to the bathroom in order to protect you when you are most vulnerable.
**Make a Gift to FAS in 3 Easy Steps**

Not everyone wants to commit to making a gift in their wills or estates. Some prefer the increased flexibility that a beneficiary designation provides by using:

- IRAs and retirement plans
- Life insurance policies
- Annuities

It only takes three simple steps to make this type of gift. Here's how to name the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary:

1. Contact your retirement plan administrator, insurance company, bank, or financial institution for a change-of-beneficiary form.
2. Decide what percentage (1 to 100) you would like FAS to receive and name the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, along with the percentage you chose, on the beneficiary form.
3. Return the completed form to your plan administrator, insurance company, bank or financial institution.

For additional information, contact FAS Financial Adviser Brad Tedrick at (760) 758-3702 or brad@vantedgewealth.com.