A Note from FAS Founder and President, Janet LuCore

We are slowly creating a new normal at FAS. We are still doing adoptions by appointment only and we have lots of wonderful dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens to choose from! If you are interested in adopting, please go to our website, FAS social media (Facebook and Instagram), or adoptapet.com to see our current available pets. Send us an email at info@fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org to schedule an appointment.

As of July 1st, we welcomed our 4th litter of puppies, as well as over 130 kittens. I would like to talk about the importance of spaying and neutering. When you spay/neuter your pet you are literally saving lives. Not just by preventing potentially unwanted puppies and kittens from being born, but also by helping to keep unwanted animals from entering the already overcrowded shelters. Thousands of pets are euthanized annually just due to overcrowding.

There are a number of low-cost spay/neuter options available locally. FAS is very grateful for the Feral Cat Coalition and SNAP (Spay Neuter Action Project) which have allowed us to spay and neuter our adoptable pets at a lower cost. SNAP now offers a North County mobile unit in Fallbrook (at Fallbrook Fertilizer and Feed), Escondido, and Oceanside.

Thank you everyone for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.
“Some people talk to animals. Not many listen though. That’s the problem.”
A.A. Milne

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.

**Kitten Season 2021**

Every year, hundreds of kittens arrive at FAS in need of care. Some are healthy and just need a bit of time with a foster family before they are ready to be adopted. Some come to us seriously ill or injured. No matter what their needs...FAS is there for them. 2021 has been no different. To date, over 130 kittens have come through our doors this kitten season and we know there will be many more.

Every now and then, a kitten arrives with very special needs. Pancake is one such little man. Found as a stray with his brother Waffle, the six week old baby arrived at FAS unable to use his hind legs. X-rays revealed that Pancake was born missing half of his pelvis and both of his rear knees are fused. That hasn’t stopped him for a second though. The little speed demon races around dragging his hind legs behind him. Amputation may be in his future, and he needs to wear tiny diapers for his incontinence, but Pancake has the heart of a lion and the energy of...a kitten. Thanks to his amazing foster mom and the support of everyone at FAS, this little dynamo has a bright future ahead of him.

The cost of caring for Pancake and all of the kittens at FAS ranges in the tens of thousands of dollars every year. Please consider making a financial donation or check out the FAS Kitten Wish List on Amazon.com and Chewy.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.
Those of us that were fortunate enough to know Sheila Osborne know how happy she would be with us honoring her in this particular way. Sheila had a deep passion for all animals but especially cats. She filled her home with rescue cats and had a soft spot for the ones at the sanctuary that mostly got overlooked for adoption. Sheila was a vital part of our FAS family and we miss her very much.

Sheila’s Pen

We honor our dear friend by dedicating our first ever KITTEN PEN in her name.

Puppy Mills

According to the Humane Society of the United States, “A puppy mill is an inhumane high-volume dog breeding facility that churns out puppies for profit, ignoring the needs of the pups and their mothers. Dogs from puppy mills are often sick and unsocialized. Puppy mills commonly sell through internet sales, online classified ads, flea markets, and pet stores. In fact, the majority of puppies sold in pet stores and online are from puppy mills.” Next time you see those adorable faces for sale, think of their mothers potentially still living in unimaginably inhumane conditions.

Elizabeth Oreck of the Best Friends Animal Society says “The way to eliminate puppy mills is to target their profits by encouraging people not to support this cruel industry.” By promoting proposed humane pet sale ordinances and spreading the word to “Adopt...Don’t Shop”, we can hopefully put an end to puppy mills once and for all.
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.

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