

Summer 2023

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.

January - June 2023

	Dogs	Cats
Intake	36	230
Adopted	38	164
Spayed/ Neutered	29	148



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

Well May gray has come and gone, and June gloom has faded away. FAS is now in high kitten and puppy season, and they just keep coming and coming. While they are cute and cuddly, the situation is very serious. The shelters and rescues are filled to capacity and faced with the desperate decision to have to turn animals away. If it were not for the dedication and hard work of all our volunteers and foster families, we would not be able to help all the animals that we do. Once again, I thank you for all you do, we would not be here without you. You are the backbone of FAS. We would collapse without you.

So how do we get in this situation? It often starts with a pet owner who neglected to spay or neuter their pet and ends up with a box of cuteness under a sign for "free kittens" or "free puppies" in a shopping center parking lot. Who can resist an adorable kitten or puppy? The new owner, overwhelmed by cuteness, doesn't think about the commitment to spay, neuter, immunize, feed, and provide veterinary care for the little bundle of joy, so the cycle starts over again with the first heat.

At FAS we take in abandoned, abused, neglected, or owner surrendered cats and dogs in need of a safe haven and rehoming. We provide shelter, food, immunizations, spay or neutering, medical care, and socialization until the right permanent home can be found. Our potential adopters are screened and educated about their new pet's needs and the responsibility of living with a pet. With our partnership with SNAP we provide access to low cost spay and neuter services, and, thanks to our generous donors, FAS is able to sponsor 6 free spay and neuter clinics this year. All of this requires funds for food, housing, medical supplies and veterinarian care and is only possible because of our donors, our dedicated volunteers and fantastic foster families, who are all a reflection of what a wonderful community Fallbrook really is. Together we can keep the mission of FAS going and hope for that summer when there are no more unwanted, homeless or abandoned cats and dogs. It is the dream we are all working for.

I wish you and all your animal family a wonderful summer.



“I am fond of pigs.
Dogs look up to us.
Cats look down on us.
Pigs treat us as equals.”
Winston Churchill



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.

“What can I do to help?”

Many FAS supporters have asked this question. While large cash donations or hours of time volunteering at the sanctuary may not be realistic for many people, some folks have thought outside the box to find creative ways to help. We would like to send a huge thank you to all those who have gone the extra mile to support FAS.



Dana Rollo, fur mom to FAS alum Peanut, coordinated a Pickleball tournament in the Rolling Hills community as a fundraiser for the sanctuary.

GEICO employee and FAS supporter Trinni Luong-Schreier connected with the community support division of her company which resulted in a generous donation to our Winslow's Warriors fund for emergency veterinary services. FAS was given the opportunity to participate in the recent GEICO Care Fair with other non-profit organizations supported by the company.



Susan Handel, another innovative supporter, recently organized a Poker Run for the North County Biker Community with proceeds going to FAS. We greatly appreciate all those who have turned their personal passions into donations that help the sanctuary continue with its mission to support animals in need.



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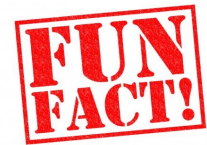
The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary can only fulfill its mission with the support of our community. In addition to the many individuals who have given generously to keep the doors open, FAS would like to give special thanks to the following business sponsors for their ongoing partnerships:

FAS at the Healthy Living Faire

The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary had a booth at the Fallbrook Healthy Living Faire on June 24th. Three members of the FAS Board (Mary Eadson, Janet LuCore, and Karen Estes) were at the booth educating attendees on how to provide care for their pets, including the importance of spaying and neutering pets, and preventative veterinary care. There was also information available for people on the positive advantages (both physical and emotional) of having a pet. For example, pets help children learn responsibility, respect, empathy, and compassion. For senior citizens, pets can help with loneliness, provide companionship, and can increase physical activity.



The Foundation for Senior Care sponsored this valuable event and FAS is proud to work in collaboration with them to support the members of our community.



Cats have the largest eyes relative to their head size of any mammal.



A Margay from the Amazon Rainforest

Protect Your Pets

Excerpted from <https://www.fetchpet.com/the-dig/tips-for-keeping-your-dog-safe-from-coyotes>

Part of the charm of living in Fallbrook is the beautiful country landscape. As much as we may enjoy communing with nature, our pets can be in danger from local predators. Here are some tips for keeping your fur babies safe:

- Keep your pets inside when you can't monitor them (especially at night).
- Pet food and trash cans should be stored indoors. If you keep your trash cans outside, ensure the lid is secured as trash welcomes rodents, which brings coyotes and owls.
- Predators don't like sudden movements or loud noises. Keep whistles or bells near your backyard (or with you while walking your dog), and consider installing motion-sensitive lights.
- Install a coyote-proof fence, which is usually over 6 feet tall and angled at the top.
- If your female pup is in heat, keep her inside or monitor her while outside, as her condition may attract male coyotes. (Better yet, spay your female.)





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Volunteering at the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary

1. If you are 18+, can dedicate 1-2 mornings a week, and would like to volunteer at the sanctuary, please send us an email at volunteer.fas@gmail.com. Include your contact information and one of our volunteer coordinators will get in touch with you.
2. A volunteer coordinator will contact you to schedule a two hour training session to cover the basic procedures of providing animal care at FAS. We train only on Sunday or Monday.
3. You decide what day or days of the week will work for you to volunteer. One or two mornings for two hours a week.
4. Animal care includes cleaning kennels, cages, and pens, in addition to sweeping, mopping, changing bedding, and refilling food and water bowls. Socializing and exercising animals, as well as giving lots of love, are also vital components of volunteering.

Volunteers play a critical role at FAS and are caring for all the animals that are waiting for their forever families 7 days a week. We do everything from animal care to laundry, dishes, and floors. You name it...we do it, because FAS does not have employees like the big shelters. We are all volunteers and we hope you will consider joining us.

You Too Can TNR...Here's How

In seven years, a single pair of cats and their offspring could produce a staggering total of 420,000 kittens. Did you know you can stop countless kittens from being born to a life of survival and danger on the streets? You can trap, neuter/spay, and release. (TNR)

It is quite easy: You make an appointment with SNAP or any other organization. (Department of Animal Services, Feral Cat Coalition, Humane Society) You may borrow traps from them or a rescue. You set the traps out at night before your appointment with food inside and cover the trap with a towel. Bingo...the next morning you have cats in the trap. You then take the trap with the cats inside to your neuter/spay appointment. Then you pick up the trap after the surgery. Let the cat recover a bit in the trap then release. No more kittens for those cats. The two ladies in the picture are cat heroes. They TNR the feral cats on their property and all are living a happy life without having litter after litter.

