

Spring 2025

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.



PAW PRINTS 



A Note from FAS President, Dr. John Daly

As I sit down to write this letter I am saddened by the news of the death of Christa Wirtz last night. Christa was a longtime volunteer at Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary until her illness prevented her from continuing the work she so loved here. She was generous, kind and had a deep love for the animals she helped care for. In remembering Christa I want to honor all the dedicated and devoted volunteers who do the hard work required to keep the sanctuary functioning. It requires a lot to keep this place up and running, and all of that work is done by our volunteers. Our volunteers are a community, a family, and we grieve the loss of any of our members as a family does. We will miss Christa just as we miss Spiro and all the members of our family whom we have lost over the years. We will honor them by continuing to do the work they so loved and were committed to.

Spring is here and kitten season will soon be upon us, and the sanctuary will be overflowing with abandoned and found litters of kittens. Our days will be filled with feeding, bathing, de-fleaing, medicating, spaying and neutering, and cleaning up after dozens and dozens of litters of kittens. Our volunteers and foster families will be up to their eyeballs in kittens. Plus we know we will have an unending flow of puppies and dogs finding their way to us looking for a home. We are here and will continue to care for as many as we can as long as long as we can. Christa would have wanted that.

To continue to do the work FAS does for the community of Fallbrook we need your help this spring. FAS is 100% volunteer operated and community supported; we receive no government grants or assistance, and without the support of individuals like Christa and all our volunteers and donors, we would not exist. We have been part of the Fallbrook community for over 25 years and are here because of the generosity and kindness of Fallbrook. I would like to invite all of you to be part of the FAS family. You can do this by becoming a volunteer, a foster family, a donor or a legacy member. There are many ways to donate. You could return the enclosed envelope with a check to Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, donate on line at fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org, or bring a donation to Whiskers & Tails, our resale shop on Main Avenue in Fallbrook.

I thank you in advance, from the bottom of my heart, for your support.

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

"There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats."

Albert Schweitzer



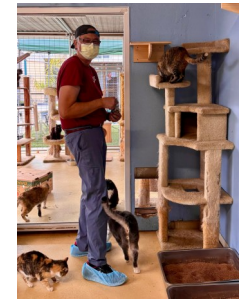
Puppies and kittens can be spayed/neutered as young as 8 weeks old. Don't delay.

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.



Spring is here and our volunteers are gearing up for kitten season. Volunteers like Ed, who comes every Friday along with Christine and Laurie, make a huge difference in the lives of the cats that have found themselves here at our facility. Our volunteers not only clean the cats' enclosures and ensure that they have fresh food and water, they also socialize with them, playing and cuddling and always ending their shift with yummy treats for all their furry friends. Do you have one or two mornings available for about 2-3 hours? We would love to have you join our Volunteer Team and so would all the kitties and doggies. For more information send us an email at volunteer.fas@gmail.com



FAS and SNAP (Spay Neuter Action Project) have kicked off 2025 with a bang, spaying and neutering 351 pets so far this year. Every month, SNAP backs up alongside our building and spends 3-4 days fixing community pets. Every month FAS sponsors a FREE clinic which provides spay or neuter, vaccines, and a microchip for up to 30 pets. This is all made possible by the generous donations made to our Spay/Neuter Fund during our Giving Tuesday campaign in November of 2024. If your pet needs to be spayed or neutered, contact SNAP at 866-772-9287 for more information. Remember, there are no accidental litters...if your pet is not spayed there is a high likelihood that they will have a litter. How can you save the lives of hundreds of dogs and cats? Spay or neuter just one!



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



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:

Whiskers & Tails Resale Gift Boutique

We're not just a Christmas Store anymore! Did you know that the resale store is open year-round? We are now in our second year of offering new and gently used boutique-quality giftables for EVERY holiday, EVERY season, and EVERY gift-giving reason.

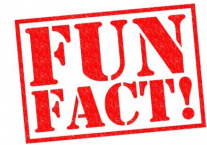
We are continually adding items to our store website and our FAS charity eBay page. Special sale notices are sent to the email list. Be sure to visit the shop or our website to sign up and for all the latest news and specials.

Stop in often to check out our specialty rooms for the best prices and unique finds in pet supplies, home decor, kitchen and dining, gift wrap, crafting supplies, kids' toys and plushies, jewelry, and collectibles.



Easter baskets waiting for somebunny special

746 S. Main Ave, Fallbrook
Open Monday-Saturday
from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
WhiskersAndTailsShop.com



Did you know that your dog has three eyelids? The third lid is called the 'haw' or nictitating membrane, and it's responsible for keeping the eye protected and lubricated.

Whiskers & Tails Volunteer Spotlight



Retired ER doctor, Loretta Samaniego moved to Fallbrook in 2018 and became familiar with FAS when she adopted a dog named Henry who was listed as "6 months to live - not available for adoption". After convincing FAS she could give him the best last few months of his life, he lived 14 months, happy and loved! After that, she was committed to helping the Sanctuary in whatever way she could. The re-sale shop turned out to be perfect for her and she has been a valuable volunteer for 3+ years now. You can find Loretta managing the store every Wednesday, assisting with online sales, and setting up all the beautiful jewelry in the store.



Mountain Mike's Fundraiser



In December, Mountain Mike's in Fallbrook hosted an event where the sanctuary received a portion of proceeds from food sales for one day. Thanks to the Fallbrook Newcomers Club for not only bringing many people to this event but also manning a table highlighting our adoptable pets, we were able to raise just under \$800.00 for the day! Thank you so much to Mountain Mike's, the Fallbrook Newcomers Club, and the community for supporting FAS.



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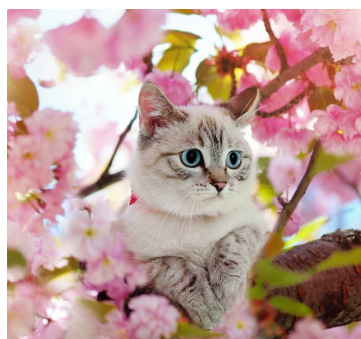
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2025 Statistics (as of March 30)

Feline Intakes	50
Canine Intakes	27
Feline Adoptions	84
Canine Adoptions	20
Spayed/Neutered	54

Ensure Your Legacy of Compassion with Planned Giving

At Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, we are dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming animals in need. Our mission relies on the generosity of our supporters, and one of the most impactful ways you can help is by including FAS in your trust or estate plan.

Why Planned Giving?

Planned giving allows you to leave a lasting legacy of compassion and care for animals. By designating a portion of your estate to the sanctuary, you ensure that vulnerable animals continue to receive the love, medical care, and shelter they deserve for years to come.

Ways to Give:

- **Bequests** – Include Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary in your will or trust as a beneficiary of a specific amount, asset, or percentage of your estate.
- **Retirement Accounts** – Name us as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), or other retirement plan. If you are 70.5 or older, these donations can reduce your future tax burden and help you fulfill a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
- **Life Insurance** – Designate Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
- **Charitable Remainder Trusts & Annuities** – Establish a charitable trust that benefits you and the sanctuary.
- **Stock Gifts** - Avoid the capital gains taxes and receive a federal income tax deduction for the current market value of the gift.
- **Donor-Advised Fund Grants** - See immediate tax benefits from your contributions and then pass them along to organizations like ours.

The Impact of Your Gift

Every planned gift helps us continue our vital work: rescuing abandoned animals, providing medical treatment, and finding loving forever homes. Your legacy will ensure that countless animals receive the second chance they deserve.

Let's Talk

If you are considering including Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary in your estate planning, please consult your financial advisor or estate attorney, or visit freewill.com or LegacyEndowment.org.