Rescue, ADVOCACY, Sanctuary, Special Needs, Networking, and Forever Home





THANK YOU!

To everyone who has been so very, very kind, compassionate, and caring to all the special and homeless animals that make their homes with us, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness, help, and special words of encouragement.

Just a voice on the phone, email, or note, has meant so very much.

From all of us, and especially the animals in our care, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and the happiest of all holidays.

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## A Gentle Safe Place.... We are all they have!

## The animals we care for are in critical need of a miracle!

Most of our lives have been dedicated to helping all animals. Along with fighting for their welfare through legislation (a number of bills signed into law, and a statewide ballot initiative passed), networking, advocacy, sharing and volunteering, we have rescued, cared for, and provided refuge and a forever home to countless abused, injured, handicapped, and unwanted animals and birds. We are always taking on, cherishing, and finding hope in the most helpless, and the worst of the worst, that no one else wanted. They just broke our hearts.

**RESCUE IS NEVER EASY!** Like getting a halter on an injured wild horse, taping up a duck's broken leg, hand feeding a baby bird or feral kitten, treating the wounds on a brahma bull, building a prosthetic limb for a pony, making a little cart for a paralyzed puppy or kitten, or trying to drag a dying new born baby calf out of the alley way of a filthy rain drenched auction yard. It has NEVER been easy, but it is what we do. It has truly been a journey ......

#### But ...

### The animals in our care are in critical need of help!

We need to purchase food, medicine, medical supplies, vaccine, and provide vet care. It is the kindness and support of others that makes their lives possible. They are hoping for a miracle and are asking for your help!

<u>Please consider helping them.</u> No amount is too small and is so very <u>much needed.</u> On behalf of the animals in our care and the many others we help, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness and compassion. You can make the difference!



# Long Tail Behind! One little paw reaching out for help.



**Long Tail Behind** 

We are home to many different animals including a number of homeless kitties that somehow found their way to us. Some are very tame and some are feral, but they are all welcome, fed, cared for, and <u>all</u> are spayed or neutered.

So when a litter of five tiny newborn kittens were found this summer, dying in the blazing hot bed of an old farm trailer, I told myself over and over again that if they survived, I wanted them to be loved and part of someone's life, and have great forever homes.

I worried, though, about their chances, because they were <u>NOT</u> pretty, just very plain tabby kitties with little white markings and long, long tails. They really had little chance of being placed, but I hoped!

They were all funny little characters, fighting over bottles, and playing and climbing out of every box I put them in as they grew. Then weeks of caring for them were coming to an end, and at over two pounds, they were ready to start on their journey of finding a loving home. They HAD to be spayed or neutered before they left, which was done.



I knew I would have to say goodbye very soon and hand them over to strangers. It was hard to believe that I would no longer be part of their lives as I drove them across town to the clinic for their operations.....

My heart was breaking as a tiny paw reached out to me from one of the crates. I reached over and held it as I drove. Then I thought about all the desperate paws (and hoofs too) that reached out asking for help, comfort, and a kind word. These are the forgotten helpless ones, who had no one to reach out to or even care.

The next morning as I picked them up, one of the vet techs told me how much they all loved each other. *That did it!* I knew then that these homely little ones (with the long tails) already had a loving forever home and would stay with us for the rest of their lives. They were not going to have to compete with so many others that needed homes. They are all so funny and happy to be together, and Long Tail Behind still wants her paws held. (That is her name because of her long, long tail, and we're sticking to it).



Boss (also known as Turtle Wax) the giant Sulcata tortoise is a traveling man! So much so that he has red paint, reflectors, and phone numbers written on his shell as ID, and a warning as he travels.

He had been the target of two huge dogs and then he came to stay with us. He is now safe here.



We also helped 25 unwanted mamas and kitties to be feed, transported, spayed/neutered, and placed in good homes.



Thank you Clovis Pack & Ship (Clovis, CA) from the bottom of our hearts for all your help over the years and for donating the mailing of our Summer 2015 Newsletter in memory of your beloved Cassie.



All rescued and found new homes.