

# Happy Holidays!



**Hello to Sammie's Friends friends -**

I'll start with the most important part - **we love you; we appreciate you, we admire you.** As I open our last holiday letter that I will be writing, I want to say what matters most, first. As most of you know Curt and I will be departing from Sammie's Friends on June 30, 2023, after **22 years of non-stop working for the animals of our community,** inspired by our Shar-pei, Sammie. We have very good people in place to carry on with Sammie's Friends. Leaving gives us cognitive and emotional dissonance. We have put everything we have into this endeavor, but Curt will be 80 and I will be 77 years old next summer. We must leave Sammie's Friends to others; **younger others.** I'm asking anyone who can to **give it all you got this campaign round;** that will make the transition easier for those following us. When we came out a little short, Curt and I dug into our personal coffers and saved the day. We will not be there to provide this support any longer. **All of this makes me cry and makes me smile.**

Sammie's Friends **has changed the lives of and the belief about animal lives in Nevada County.** **WE** is all of us who have contributed to **saving 35,000 lives.** I call that an amazing miracle. Thanks to you all for being part of the miracle. I truly mean that is a miracle. I know we all participate for our own reasons, but we all come together and contribute, and it makes an enormous difference for the animals. We do what we do as a legacy to Sammie, the most amazing dog. His trainer said, "I have trained about 7,000 dogs and Sammie is the most interesting dog I've ever met." We think so too, after meeting 1,000's of dogs. **We do this because we wanted to make a difference in this world and feel that the planet is just a little better because we were here once upon a time.** We feel that and we're proud of it.

We wish, we pray, that all of you have a **Happy Holiday Season,** both Thanksgiving and Christmas or whatever holiday you and yours celebrate or none. This is a nice time of year to count our blessings and just chill and take stock of things for the coming year. **There's nothing sweeter than to know others care about us, so tell those important to you how much you care.** Remember to include your four-legged friends, finned and feathered and even the slitherers (if your pet of choice is a snake).

**We love you!** Please contribute as much as you can. If you can't, just send us your good thoughts and good will and we will appreciate that too.

**Lots of Love and Hugs and Blessings to You All,**



**We love you and look forward to the future with great hope and inspiration,**

**Cheryl Wicks and Curt Romander  
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## **HOW TO DONATE**

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(you'll receive a text message back with a link to a donation form)

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