



# The Poop Scoop

Tails and Tidbits for Team Sammie, Volunteers, and the Animal Lovers of Nevada County and Beyond . . .

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## THE STORY OF SAMMIE'S FRIENDS

As of June 30, 2023, after 22 years, Curt and Cheryl will be departing Sammie's Friends. Fran Cole will become the Executive Director, leading the parade. Evan Walsh and Phil Yonge, two home grown talented guys, operate the Animal Shelter. Heather Adams manages Sammie's Nifty Thrift. All are talented, amazing people with the best team reporting to them. We (Cheryl and Curt) are so happy all will be in good hands. We, with the memory of our beloved Sammie, can depart with comfort and know we gave it all we had to make a difference. Sammie's Friends began with the inspiration of a dog named Sammie - the Shar-pei; and his faithful servants Cheryl and Curt picked it up from there.

**March 23, 2001** - Cheryl was the first volunteer at the animal shelter - 68% of animals were being euthanized. No vaccines, spaying/neutering or medical care was provided.

**Summer 2001** - Cheryl started a volunteer program to walk the dogs and provide kitty care.. This alone helped bring down the euthanasia rate. People talk and share with friends.

**From 2001 to 2004** - Cheryl, Curt and other volunteers pooled their money to provide medical care when severely needed. Cheryl and Kathleen O'Sullivan took animals to the Auburn Clinic for s/n, paying for it up front and getting reimbursed by the adopters - this saved more lives.

**April 2004** - Curt got a Nolo Press book and followed it and did what was necessary to make Sammie's Friends a non-profit. We began to raise funds and provide more s/n and medical care for the animals at the shelter (eliminating a reason for euthanizing injured or sick animals).

**April 2005** - Expanded our program to help animals, belonging to those with limited funds, receive medical care.

**By 2006** with the volunteer program and the medical program funded by the non-profit Sammie's Friends the euthanasia rate went down to 2%.

**2006** - Started a food program for animals in North San Juan and the little town of Washington.

**2008** - Began helping horses who had no one to care for them.

**2010** - Contracted with Nevada County to operate the animal shelter and ensure that no animals would ever be killed for reasons of space or lack of medical care.

**2011** - Began spay/neuter program for animals in the community to help end the suffering and unwanted puppies and kitties.

**2013** - Opened Sammie's Nifty Thrift to provide resources for our shelter animals and the many animals we help in the community.

Our Thrift Store has sold \$5,000,000 worth of merchandise with a net of \$2,000,000 going to our many animal programs.

**2015** - Through a generous grant from PPASTS we were able to create the Kitty Kove so our precious kitties no longer had to listen to all the noisy dogs.

**Today** - All animals at the shelter are spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated. Those needing medical care receive it. We take in approximately 1800 animals a year. Although we mostly take in cats and dogs, we

have received many horses and smaller numbers of donkeys, mules, cows, goats, sheep, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, snakes, iguanas, tortoises, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, pet rats, emus, ostriches, parrots, parakeets, doves, macaws, parrots, fish and more. Even had an alligator for a few hours (yikes). We provide veterinary care for about 600 community animals every year and pay for s/n of about 1,000 animals in our community every year.

**Today** this entire community (individuals, businesses, veterinarians, media) has rallied to make Sammie's Friends what it is. We are forever grateful! We could never have done all of this without immense help from so many

**Sammie** has passed the Rainbow Bridge but this fabulous animal will live in our hearts forever.



Heather, Fran, Cheryl, Curt, Evan, Phil

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## Sammie's Friends has The Ulti-Mutt Volunteers

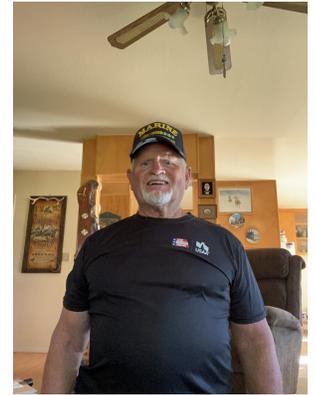
Alan Katje is truly one of a kind! We are proud to be one of his regular stops every week. Multiple times a week to be exact. A fit and often smiling 72-year-old Marine Corps Vietnam veteran with a fishing habit has been going to Sammie's Friends Animal Shelter to walk dogs for over 5 years.

He shows up on wet days. Dry days. Melt your face off days. Oops, stepped in poop days. Brrrr . . . Cold days. Ouch! Dog wants to eat you days. I don't want to get out of bed days. Gas is over \$6 a gallon days . . . and alllll the days in between Alan continues to show up consistently. 5 to 7 of our difficult-to-walk dogs, get walked each time Alan shows up for duty.

What he does matters. It matters because a lot of these dogs are afraid, anxious, and not used to being confined in such a small space. Some of them hold bodily functions all night, awaiting that 8:30 AM walk. Ahhhh, sweet release. It's not just the kenneled canines that eagerly await Alan and the team of dedicated walkers. All of us at Sammie's know that volunteers are an important part of why this whole operation can do what it's doing with what it's got.

Alan does things that matter to him. So if you see him around give him a high 5 or maybe even a hug. Recently, he completed a 100 mile run challenge and fundraiser in support of an organization very close to his heart – Stop Soldier Suicide. Sadly, 22 veterans commit suicide every day, and this doesn't count active duty who take their lives. Living with severe PTSD, Alan understands the need for support, and so he shows up and gives to causes such as Stop Soldier Suicide.

Oh, and a little something we do here at Sammie's to help veterans pair up with awesome animal companions is that we waive the Adoption Fee.



## “HELP, HELP ME RONDA” Yes she does!

After relocating from the Truckee area a few years ago our volunteer Ronda Shaw was looking for a way to meet new people and had a desire to be of service to the community. Her love of cats brought her to Sammie's Friends. Ronda hit the jackpot; volunteering at Sammie's Friends is a great way to meet people with similar interests, definitely a needed service and lots of kitties to play with. Win, win, win!

She started here at Kitty Kove in January of 2020 and loved it right away. Sadly, the pandemic shut us down a few months later. Ronda was “on hold” until volunteers were allowed back to the shelter and was one of the first to “jump aboard” again when permitted.

On March 17th 2020, while on pandemic break, Ronda took home a kitty named Checkers, a beautiful female about 15 years old (best guess). Ronda gave Checkers a wonderful home for 2 1/2 years. Sadly, Checkers passed over The Rainbow Bridge just recently, September of 2022.



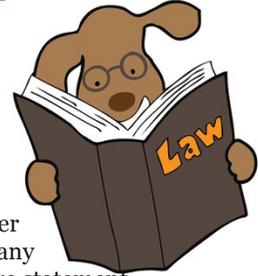
Being an animal lover, Ronda has adopted four other Sammie's Friends kitties since volunteering. She is also a “Foster Extraordinaire” and at this writing is currently housing three little kittens. Ronda is a dedicated volunteer who gives herself tirelessly three mornings a week. She is hard working and never leaves until all work is done, somehow squeezing it all in around her full time job as a Realtor, working predominantly in Truckee.

Ronda is married and has three adult children who have gifted her over the years with many cat and dog “grandchildren”! She loves her family time, reading, hiking and traveling in her RV. She's also a crafter and enjoys wreath making and macrame.

We are thankful to have Ronda as one of our extra special volunteers at Sammie's Friends and can't thank her enough for her dedication to our fantastic kitty population!

## ANIMAL LAW CHANGES

California animal legislation recently enacted into law and currently in the pipeline covers a wide range of animal topics. A summary of some of these changes and proposed changes follows:



### 1. AB 1901

This bill signed by Governor Newsom last month require a dog trainer to disclose in writing to a purchaser of dog training services at the time of purchase, any civil judgments related to the trainer's services, and any animal cruelty convictions against the trainer or its employees. Both parties must sign a written disclosure statement acknowledging this, and a civil right of action is created for damages resulting from a violation of these requirements.

### 2. AB 468, the new Emotional Support Animal law

California has always been at the forefront of states in offering protections for emotional support animals ("ESAs"), and last month the Governor signed a new law that became effective at the beginning of this year. This law was enacted to address the problems caused by the misrepresentation of selling emotional support animals as service animals. Any business that provides emotional support animals will now be required to provide a statement acknowledging that the ESA does not qualify as a service animal, and that knowingly and fraudulently representing an ESA as a service animal is illegal. Any business that sells equipment for service animals must provide the same information in a written notice. The other changes affect licensed mental health professionals ("LMHPs") who write ESA letters, including that they must hold a legitimate and active state license and that they establish a relationship with the ESA client at least 30 days before providing the ESA letter.

### 3. SB 879, the PET (Prohibiting Extraneous Testing) bill

Also signed by the Governor last month, this law prohibits toxicity testing on dogs and cats for pesticides, chemical substances, testing which often does not advance scientific research on toxicity in humans.

### 4. AB 1648

This law also signed in September, requires kennel owners seeking a permit to create a natural disaster evacuation plan.

### 5. AB 1290

This recent law clarifies that stealing someone's companion animal is a theft.

### 6. AB 1881, the Dog and Cat Bill of Rights

While this bill recently failed in the State Senate, it deserves a mention, because this controversial bill would directly have affected animal shelters. The bill was based on the premise that shelters are doing a poor job of educating adopters and would have required posting of a notice stating certain enumerated rights of animals in shelters not to be exploited. Many animal welfare organizations opposed it, because it only applied to dogs and cats, and it didn't apply to breeders, pet stores, puppy mills and private shelters. Animal welfare organizations opposing it felt it was punitive to shelters and wouldn't accomplish anything beneficial to animals.

### 1. Proposition 26

If enacted by voters this fall, horse racetracks in California will be allowed to accept sports wagers at their facilities, propping up the California Horse Racing industry which has been declining in popularity and tarnished by the death of more than 1600 horses in the last ten years. This measure subsidizes the horse racing industry and is opposed by a number of animal welfare organizations.

## Animals Want Happy Holidays Too!

The Holidays are coming and that's always a great time to be grateful for what we have and give what we can to help others less fortunate. We will soon begin our fall campaign to solicit donations from the community and beyond. We are so very grateful for all the support and love that has been given to our precious animals, who cannot help themselves. They do pay us back richly with their affection, their antics and their love.

With all that everyone has been through over the last couple of years the animals continue to need your help more than ever. If you would like to be on our solicitation list let us know at [cheryl.wicks@sammiesfriends.org](mailto:cheryl.wicks@sammiesfriends.org). If you would like to donate, you can go to [www.sammiesfriends.org/donate](http://www.sammiesfriends.org/donate) and see the many ways you can do that. Through our Thrift Store, donations, grants, events, and estates we raise \$500,000 annually to pay for the veterinary care for the many animals we help, because they can't help themselves. That seems like a lot of money but it only averages around \$200 per animal. We wish everyone a very happy holiday season.



## Duffield Grant Update

In October 2021, Sammie's Friends was awarded a grant from the Dave and Cheryl Duffield Foundation to help animals affected by the River Fire that had occurred in August that year and to provide preparedness for future wild-land fires in our area. A search of fire records and a few phone calls resulted in locating and paying vet bills for three animals injured in the fire.

A thorough evaluation of the needs and responsibilities of volunteer organizations tasked with seeking out and rescuing animals in future fires became the focus of the Grant. In discussions with the Nevada County Veterinary Disaster Response Team, it was clear that they were in dire need of a new Command Trailer. With the help of Brad Peceimer, volunteer extraordinaire, we located and purchased a trailer for this important evacuation team.



Then, a family that had much of their property and outbuildings destroyed in the River Fire contacted us. We were able to compensate them for their out-of-pocket expenses for a barn and fencing destroyed in the fire. It was a rewarding experience to give them this assistance.

We also consulted with the Nevada County Animal Control leadership to formulate plans for helping them in future fire situations. This included providing 1,000 large aluminum pans to provide food containers for shelter-in-place instances where animals could safely be left in the field but needed to be fed daily. We also provided over 20 large water jugs to provide for watering these animals. These supplies were carried by the evac teams supervised by Animal Control in searching out threatened animals. We also provided veterinary resuscitation units to help animals suffering smoke inhalation.

Finally, during two fire incidents (Rice's Crossing and the Mosquito fires), we were able to purchase over \$3,500 worth of gas cards to help volunteers pay for the heavy expense of bringing in threatened animals. In the end, we were able to purchase 10 radios for the evac teams to communicate in areas where there is no cell phone coverage.

This has been a rewarding experience and we hope the Duffield Foundation will extend the grant into this next year.

## Sammie's Nifty News

Lots of changes at Nifty's so far this year, a lot of Goodbye's and a lot of Hello's. June was the month for most of these changes. Joanne Castles and Stacie Hart retired. Joanne was the founder of the Thrift Store and Stacie started out as a volunteer which led to retiring as the store Manager. Austin Witt also left us to pursue an adventure in Austin TX. All will be missed!

Some of our Hello's...Kristin Sylvia came to us in June as Assistant Manager focusing on the back end of business. Kristin is a home-grown girl with 30 plus years in Warehousing. She has made a huge impact with the intake of donations and the organization of the back area. Heather Adams also started in June as the Manager. She has 10 years' experience as a Thrift Store Manager.

Diane Fornasier, Janice Lukenbill, and Cheryl Lund joined our team as well in June. All three started out as volunteers and now support areas where needed; cashiering, pricing, and intaking donations.



Vintage Stove - Isn't this a beauty!

In July, two more employees came on board, Gabe Corral and Nick Pasciuti. Both are driver/receivers. Kristin graduated with Nick's dad from Nevada Union. Small World! Tami McVay also had a title change from Clothing Supervisor to Assistant Manager for the front end of business. Along with our Amazing volunteers, Nancy and Ryan we have an Amazing Team!!!

We have two resident kitties and one office dog: Aurora, Lola, and Kenzi. Aurora is more dog like, loves to sneak outside, comes to a whistle, and enjoys her belly rubs. Lola is a talker, will take on a dog, and loves to be petted on her head. Kenzi is quiet, sweet, and fluffy, loves snacks, and most do not even know she is here. All these fur babies are loved by customers, volunteers, and employees!

Christmas is just around the corner and will be in the store November 7th! If it's any indication from our Fall Holiday Sales, Christmas will be EPIC!!! The Holiday Volunteers literally work all hours of the day!

## \*\*\*Prince Charming\*\*\*

OK, seriously y'all I wanna give you the long and the short of it regarding our boy Prince.

He simply doesn't show well in his kennel, and so he gets passed up a lot. It seems that folks are intimidated by him. Sometimes, he just lays there and won't even get up, and other times, he barks all jerky jerk like. People come in looking, and they want a dog that's calm and doesn't bark excessively and who slowly but surely (and dramatically) approaches the kennel door with huge sad eyes that light up the more they talk to them. Well that isn't Prince. Ask to take him out of the kennel and get to know him. Living in a kennel is not really a very good indicator of how a dog will be when (s)he is in a home and feeling secure.

Prince's kennel is typically quite clean. Occasionally we don't get him out and he can't hold it. That's our fault, not his. He is well potty trained.

I sure don't want you to get the wrong idea about Prince because he has so many fine qualities. He walks ok on a leash. He loves being in the yard during social time. He is confident and he will run around playing chase or just check things out.

He has a really neat Brindle coat of browns and his eyes are golden. He's a total love bug and happy to lick your face if you'll let him. We don't have a couch at Sammie's Friends so I haven't tried but I think he'd be down to cuddle.



It's time for Prince to embark on a new journey. He's been here a long time and he deserves a new leash on life. Ideally someone into adventures and chilling (ideally with some tacos). Just kidding about the tacos because Prince can't have a lot of salt and is on a special diet. If you or anyone you know are looking for a rad dog I encourage you to come check out this guy. Go to [www.sammiesfriends.org](http://www.sammiesfriends.org) and complete a quick pre-adoption questionnaire. Then call 530-471-5041 to set up a meet and greet. Then fall in love, and then ADOPT PRINCE.

## BRING BACK TINKERBELLE'S SPARKLE

All was bright and sparkly in Tinkerbelle's kingdom until one day when it all turned upside down. The departing of Tinkerbelle's beloved left her alone causing much sadness and fear, her home disrupted. Tinkerbelle was removed from all that was familiar and safe and brought to Sammie's Friends. Her heart and her trust broken.

Lonely and afraid Tinkerbelle retreated to the back of her cage and wondered where her "magic" had gone. She tucked herself away hoping not to be seen. Maybe if she couldn't see any of us the scary situation might just go away. She did however, long for the gentle touch of a loving hand but didn't know who to trust. She desperately wanted to find love and happiness again.

With time and patience, she's slowly learning to trust her caregivers here at Kitty Kove. After a slow and easy approach she enjoys gentle chin rubs and the soft touch of a pet. She has a darling squeaky voice when she is acknowledging attention and a gorgeous, deep purr when she's being petted. She loves her treats and is highly motivated by them!

As we would love to see the magic return to Tinkerbelle's life, Sammie's Friends is searching for a new home for her. Somewhere quiet with few demands. Tinkerbelle would love a nice cushion on a chair or a couch with a comfy pillow. Her "purrfect" person would have a quiet home and willing to give time and be patient as Tinkerbelle adjusts.

Are you the gentle soul that will bring the sparkle back into Tinkerbelle's life?

Tinkerbelle is a lovely adult, spayed female. Her lovely facial markings are an accent to her exotic green eyes and long beautiful whiskers. We believe Tinkerbelle to be approximately 12 years old. She has been with us since Nov. 15, 2021. That's almost a year!



## WINTERIZING OUR FURRY FRIENDS



It's beginning to feel a lot like fall; indeed it is fall. I am thinking about the animals and what they need to be happy and comfortable during the shorter, colder days of winter. Here are some things to think about:

There are many stray and feral cats in this county doing their best to stay alive with no human to care for them, to feed them and to keep them warm. Kitties often crawl up under the hoods of cars to take in the heat from the previously running engine and since there is a hood on the car it keeps warm air inside the engine space. Please, before you turn on your engine, on these cold days, honk your horn a time or two to ensure the cat can escape and not get eviscerated in the car's fan belt. I have seen too many of these sad situations.

If you know there are unowned cats in your neighborhood leave food and water out for them if you possibly can. Most domesticated cats cannot find enough mice and other varmints on their own to sustain their life. Many people feel fine about feeding a few homeless cats, but don't want them reproducing and finding themselves trying to feed dozens of cats. Sammie's Friends will pay for feral cats to be spayed/neutered through our Cat Crisis Program. (Info on [www.sammiesfriends.org](http://www.sammiesfriends.org)).

All animals that are outside in the cold need some warm and dry shelter that they can go into to protect themselves. Short hair dogs like pitbulls, short haired pointers, etc. should never be left out in the cold without shelter. If you have an igloo for your dog or cat please put plenty of blankets or some type of bedding they can snuggle up in. Without that an igloo is a cold icebox to sleep in. Even going for a walk many dogs feel more comfortable with a jacket on.

If your horse does not have a barn or stall to go to for cover, a light weight rain proof horse blanket can keep your horse warm when it is extremely cold and/or raining. Of course a covered stall or barn is better, but a blanket will be helpful. Horses and other livestock also need to be protected from wind; some kind of a structure with sides on it will help keep the wind off your animals. It is important to provide an area where your livestock won't be standing in mud; it is very bad for their hooves. You can buy stall mats or even building a pad out of straw is helpful. Just keep adding straw until there is a nice pad protecting the animal from the mud.

Often herds of cows can get enough protection by huddling together underneath some trees, but if you only have one or two head of cattle you need some kind of wind barrier and structure to protect them. Big piles of straw are great for pigs to huddle in for warmth.

When animals are outside where it is cold they often burn more calories in the winter, so increasing their food during these months is important. In particular, older horses often have a hard time keeping weight on during the winter months.

If you feel cold there is a good chance your pets feel cold too. Care for them accordingly. Don't forget the barn yard animals. They need shelter, plenty of food and water to maintain throughout the winter. If you need advice on what to do to provide for your animals during the winter months call Animal Control (530-265-1471) Stefanie Geckler, the Sr. Animal Control Officer, says they are available and always prefer providing education before enforcement.



Happy Fall and Winter to all, two and four-legged, finned and feathered.



### WE LOVE SUBARU - WE SURE DO!

Gold Rush Subaru in Auburn has done so much to support Sammie's Friends. We love them, because they care so much about the animals. Currently Subaru is helping Sammie's Friends in 3 ways!



1. Gold Rush Subaru in collaboration with Incredible Pets has provided Sammie's Friends with \$100 gift cards to be given to adopters of select dogs who are either seniors, been at the shelter a long time or is an Underdog in some way. The adopter can use the card at Incredible Pets to buy food or whatever is needed for their new adoptee.

2. Subaru of America's "Share the Love" event is entering its 15th year. During the "Share the Love" event, for every new vehicle sold or leased, Subaru donates \$250 to the purchaser's choice of participating charities. Over the past fourteen years, Subaru and its retailers have donated more than \$227 million to a variety of national and local charities. Subaru retailers are able to select a Hometown Charity to receive donations, in addition to the national charities, to increase the impact Share the Love is making in local communities. The event runs from November 17-January 3, 2023. For every new vehicle sold, Subaru of America will donate \$250 and Gold Rush will donate \$50. The purchaser can allocate their donation to one of four national charities or the local charity. Sammie's Friends has the good fortune to have been chosen as the local charity. We were also chosen in 2019 and received \$15,000 in 2019.

3. October is "Subaru Loves Pets" month. Subaru of America, Inc, and the local Gold Rush Subaru partners with local shelters by donating \$100 for every pet adopted during October. Sammie's Friends will be having an Adoptathon at Gold Rush Subaru on October 28. Check our facebook and/or [www.sammiesfriends.org](http://www.sammiesfriends.org) for more information.

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and Incredible Pets

Join in the fun and adopt an animal. If you really want to be good to yourself and the animals go buy yourself a Subaru at Gold Rush. What an amazing organization. They walk their talk.



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## Autumn Kitten Update

The Kitty Kove has been doing spectacularly! The past few months have been busy managing and welcoming all the new kittens to the clowder! We have had a whopping 130 adoptions through July and August; this could not have been achieved without the excellent support of our staff, volunteers, Animal Control, and our great community. Our new kitten adoption event September 2nd and 3rd was a great success in finding forever homes for nearly two dozen lovely babies. Hurry while we still have kittens! You know you have room for one or two more...

Some of our more ensconced purring residents have also found their forever homes; this is special to us and proves that every animal has a great place out there waiting for them. Take Mason: a bulky, beautiful snowshoe cat with a voice as big as his body, and a personality bigger than both. Mason had a complex past of neglect, and until our shelter gained custody of his case the poor guy couldn't be adopted out. For excruciating months he paced in his cage. After 219 days in a kennel, he is neutered and happy in a single-cat home! There were tears of joy all around!



Wait until you hear about Holly. Had she stayed at our shelter for two more days, she would have hit the one-year mark. Her beloved owner and friend, an elderly man, lost ability to care for her and in a matter of hours the life she knew was clawed to shreds. Our hearts melted when she finally began creeping out of her shell, and currently we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the woman who decided to give Holly a true home. Shortly after the adoption, we received a phone call: "Holly is on the bed with me, she's PURRING, and she is just absolutely in heaven."



Then there's Louie. Sweet Louie. A handsome long-haired gentleman who never forgets to put on his tuxedo. Health challenges can be major hindrances to adoption, but fortunately Sammie's Friends is willing to coordinate long-term care for such patients. A generous man fell in love with him, and after a whopping 614 total days in our building he found his forever home. Who will be next? Come see for yourself, we have many lovely companions!



*"Cats choose us; we don't own them" -Kristin Cast  
Written by:  
Stephen Huiting & Cole Stockton*

### SEPH - "A TRULY GREAT VOLUNTEER!"



We would like to recognize one of our outstanding volunteers departing the team, Joseph "Seph" Schwinn. Seph volunteered for the Kitty Kove for a staggering fifteen years, providing help and support in numerous ways. He was a caring foster for many of our babies, an unofficial handyman who knew a little about everything, and an amazing volunteer all-around. For many of us at Sammie's Friends, we consider Seph family. It's hard to see family leave; we are more than appreciative for the time he devoted to us.

In 2018 there was a Board of Supervisors meeting for the community to speak for or against Sammie's Friends continuing to operate the shelter. Seph, being someone who said he couldn't speak in public, spoke that day, among many others, on behalf of Sammie's Friends. He said "Sammie's Friends and the cats mean that much to me". What he had to say was amazing - the best speaker of the day!

Thank you Seph for all the love and devotion you gave us. You are a great volunteer and a great human being! We also wish Seph a Happy 80th Birthday, which he celebrated on October 11.



YES, I want to make a difference in the lives of the animals in Nevada County! Sammie's Friends is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization that was created to raise veterinary funds for the animals at the Nevada County Animal Shelter and other disadvantaged animals in our county. Our work is made possible by the generous donations of individuals like you. All donations, big and small, are greatly appreciated. Checks may be submitted to the address below. Please visit our website [www.SammiesFriends.org](http://www.SammiesFriends.org) to donate by credit card or text SAMMIE to 41444 for a link to our donation form. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Did You Know...**

Lack of funds is not a reason to leave your cat or dog unspayed/ unneutered.

There are two low cost clinics you can use:

*Animal Spay and Neuter Clinic:*  
530-889-8800

*AnimalSave:*  
530-477-1706

**For additional financial support you can call:**

- For pitbulls, huskys, chihuahuas, and malamutes:

*Melise at Pound Puppy Rescue*  
530-272-1716

- For cats and other breeds of dogs:

*pick up a voucher at Sammie's Friends*

**NC Pets In Need**  
530-802-3666  
will also provide help



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CATS: 530-274-1955  
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[info@sammiesfriends.org](mailto:info@sammiesfriends.org)  
Community programs  
530-913-4810

**Let's Make a Match!**

We take placing our animals in good homes seriously. We want to feel confident that the adopter can provide for the animal. Even the healthiest animals will need some veterinary care over the years. This can be expensive. There is the option of buying pet health insurance in case your pet has extensive veterinary bills for serious injuries or illnesses.

We want the adopter to adopt with the intention of keeping the animal for the course of its life; not until going away to college, getting a job, moving, marriage, a baby, a divorce. Animals pretty much need what humans need: love, safety, good nutrition, exercise and veterinary care. There needs to be a match between the adopter and the animal. There is a saying "People adopt animals for how they look, they bring them back for how they behave."

The energy level of the animal and the adopter should be compatible. A young energetic dog is not a match for an older person who wants a companion to watch TV with. It is possible to hire someone to exercise your dog or to provide doggie day care where the animal can play, if there is a mismatch of energy. Sammie's Friends employees can always provide guidance in the adoption process.

We know adoption is a two way street: the human and the pet must get their needs met in the relationship in order for it to be successful. We will help make this possible. We are always interested in a happy adoption. We do not decline many people who want to adopt our animals.



Monkey finds his love match!

In the limited instances that we do, it 100% has to do with our sense that the animal will not get what it needs to live a happy life. It never has to do with the appearance of the adopter, the personality of the adopter, the political persuasion of the adopter. Let us know that the animal you want to adopt will be happy healthy and safe and we absolutely love that you want one of our pets for you and your family.



Salty and her dog Mama and Papa

**More than 35,000 animals saved since 2001!**

If you would like us to email you a pdf version of the Poop Scoop in the future, send an email to [info@sammiesfriends.org](mailto:info@sammiesfriends.org)

Sammie's Friends is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization founded in 2004 by Cheryl Wicks and Curt Romander to provide veterinary aid to the animals at the Nevada County Animal Shelter. Today, Sammie's Friends provides medical assistance to shelter animals and other disadvantaged animals in the community, and works closely with the Volunteers who help to socialize and find forever homes for the unwanted dogs and cats of Nevada County.

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