



The Poop Scoop

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

Facts About Us & the Work We've Done:

- During Sammie's Friends' nearly 4 years of managing the Animal Shelter, 7000 animals have been placed.
- Sammie's Friends Animal Shelter has a euthanasia rate of just under one percent.
- In the 13 years since Cheryl Wicks went to the Shelter, over 13,000 animals have received veterinary care from Sammie's Friends.
- In 2013 Sammie's Friends spayed/neutered over 2000 dogs and cats in the community.

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Sammie Has A Dream

What's next for Sammie's Friends? We have an excellent volunteer program with over 100 volunteers. Sammie's Friends has paid for the medical care of the shelter animals since 2004 and animals in the community with veterinary needs since 2005. Sammie's Friends has contracted with Nevada County to operate the county animal shelter, now known as Sammie's Friends @ Nevada County Animal Shelter, beginning in 2010. Sammie's Pit Stop, in conjunction with the Canine Academy, has a rehabilitation center for dogs with behavior problems. In March 2013 Sammie's Nifty Thrift Store was opened to help support all the animals that Sammie's Friends helps.

So...what is Sammie's Friends up to now? **Our dream is to create a facility where our cats can live without kennels.**

Our current shelter was built in 1992 and is too small for our current operation. We have large medical bills because our cats become sick in such close quarters. On the other hand, our dogs are rarely sick. Why would this be? Dogs are pack animals and do much better surrounded by other dogs. Cats, who are not pack animals, are much more

affected by such close quarters with other cats. The barking dogs certainly do not help.

We have an outside enclosure where eight cats are free to roam as they please. These cats are rarely sick. We also have an outside feral colony where our cats run free and sleep outside and they are rarely sick. We are not happy that our cats get sick and have the accompanying suffering that entails. We also spend a lot of money on their illnesses, which we would rather spend on creating a better facility for them which would minimize their illness and enhance their lives during the time they must spend in the shelter.

Sammie's Friends would like to purchase some property and create a nice facility for our cats. We will keep you informed as we progress and hope that our community will support us in this endeavor.

Love, Cheryl and Curt



In Preparation for Kitten Season

We're taking donations needed for fostering these babies, such as KMR kitten formula, Friskies canned food, kitty toys and more!

To see our complete list of needs, go to SammiesFriends.org and on the front page, about half way down on the right, **click on the image "Kitten Season is Coming" and take the link to Amazon.com!** Ship direct to Sammie's or drop off at the shelter or at Sammie's Nifty Thrift Shop!

THANK YOU!

We're Expecting Kittens



It's an Itty Bitty Kitty Shower!



and You're Invited!

Saturday, May 31st
Sammie's Friends Animal Shelter
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm



Join us for fun, food, bubbly drinks and kitty cake!



Who's Who On Sammie's Board

Cheryl Wicks, President and Curt Romander, Vice President, and Treasurer

Beloved Sammie had made such a powerful impact on Cheryl and Curt that they wanted to give back to the animal community by creating a corporation dedicated to caring for and saving the lives of less fortunate animals. So they did just that! Starting in 2001 they made it their mission to completely change the lives of as many animals as they could. In that one year alone, they had created a volunteer program at the Nevada County Animal Shelter, and had spent over \$30,000 of their own money to provide medical treatment for the animals that would otherwise be euthanized. After Sammie's passing in 2007, they decided to make an even bigger impact to keep his spirit alive, and what better way to do so than run the shelter. They began the long journey and entered into negotiations with the county. In April of 2010, all of Curt and Cheryl's hard work had paid off and they were able to sign the contract allowing them to run the Nevada County animal Shelter. In 2013 alone Sammie's Friends has provided medical treatment for more than 3,000 animals, and the euthanasia rate at the shelter is less than 1%! When they are not putting in countless hours saving the lives of under privileged animals, you can find these two enjoying time together, along with their two dogs Teddy and Mon Mon.

Suesan Larsen, Secretary

After attending the University of Washington, Suesan obtained her Nursing degree from the Southwestern College in San Diego. Suesan is now a dedicated Registered Veterinary Technician at Mother Lode Veterinary Hospital in Grass Valley, after taking her Veterinary Technician courses at Purdue University. She has a deep passion for animals, and says, "Helping them is like a ministry to me. I am proud to be part of the board of Sammie's Friends". She is an avid runner, enjoys reading, and spending time with her family, and pets consisting of four dogs, Klondike, Dozer, Lilly, and Jack, six cats, Brie, Hope, Middy, Murphy, Angel, and Helen, two horses Rocket and Khrista, and don't forget the fish!



Board Members From Left to Right:
Joanne Castles, Board Member; Dr. Jon Peek, DVM, Board Member; Suesan Larson, Secretary; Curt Romander, Vice President and Treasurer; Cheryl Wicks, President; Janis Linfield, Board Member

Joanne Castles, Board Member

Over the past 11 years, Joanne has spent countless hours here at the shelter helping us and our animals, planning projects, such as the Escrip program with SPD, bringing multiple foster animals into her home, as well as helping to fund various large projects, including our voucher program which spayed/neutered over 1500 dogs and cats, she and her husband are also responsible for funding our Cat-O-Rama which is our very large outdoor enclosure for some of our wonderful cats. On top of that, Joanne is the main person responsible for getting Sammie's Nifty Thrift Shop up and running. When she is not at the thrift shop making sure it is in top shape you can find her staying active or spending time with her husband, two daughters, and pets consisting of three dogs, Mister, Otis, and Skiddie; and two cats, Cupcake and Tommy.

Janis Linfield, Board Member

After graduating from the University of Arizona, Janis spent the next 35 years in a career of higher education, at two California State Universities. After retiring Janis has been dedicated to being a huge part of our volunteer program here at Sammie's Friends, she has provided countless hours of her time for over 10 years! When she isn't here spending time with our adoptable cats, and training future dog walkers, you can catch her out on the golf course, traveling, relaxing at home with her husband Mike, and three foster failure cats, Rocky, Puff, and Squirt, or planning another large family get-together.

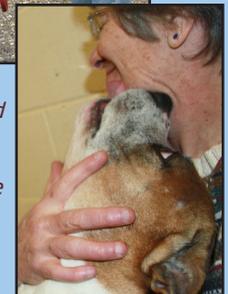
Jon Peek, D.V.M, Board Member

Originally from Claremont Dr. Peek graduated from the University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. After leaving a multi animal practice as an Equine Veterinarian, Dr. Peek started working for Grass Valley Veterinary Hospital in 1967. From 1975 until 2008 Dr. Peek owned and ran the hospital. He has been a CVMA member since 1966, CVMA president in 2001-02 and was a CVMA board member for eight years. Dr. Peek was also chair of the CVMA House of Delegates and has served on 20 CVMA committees or task forces, including the Agriculture Committee, Disaster Preparedness Committee, Finance Committee, Legislative Committee, and the Certified Veterinary Assistant Committee. He not only serves on the Board for Sammie's Friends but also on the Board for the Western Sierra Medical Clinic. In his spare time Dr. Peek loves spending time in the great outdoors on his kayak, traveling and spending time with his wife, Mary and cat named Lady Jane Grey, or as Dr. Peek likes to call her, "Kitty".

Our handsome Copper has been here too long!

Come to the shelter — get to know Copper — he might just be the perfect pooch for you!

See more of Copper and our other "pettable pits" on page 4!



Copper gives long-distance and close-up kisses! He's all about loving people. He has endless love for his human friends.

Sammie's Nifty Thrift Shop — Update!

Sammie's Nifty Thrift Shop continues to surpass all of our expectations! When this venture first started, we were amazed at the sales level we were achieving. We kept saying "this is too good to be true; things have to decrease and level out soon." Well, sales did go down a bit from our opening days, but the level they are sustaining is truly amazing

There are several things that make us so successful. First, our donors are spectacular! The quality and quantity of donations are mind boggling and we are so thankful for each and everyone of you that has donated. Secondly, our employees and volunteers. We have five



part-time employees and 30+/- regular volunteers. There is no way we could succeed without their dedication and hard work. The store has a friendly and inviting atmosphere because of them.

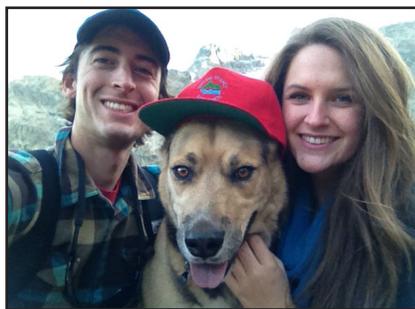
Fourth, our shoppers are phenomenal, and they are a joy to serve! Whether you are a regular or occasional shopper, you have made a difference and helped us succeed! After all this is said and done; the best part is how we are contributing to the health and happiness of our County animals!!!

We are now certain that the store will continue to succeed, and feel confident in moving forward with big plans to improve our shelter. (See Cheryl's article explaining some of our plans.) We thank each and everyone of you who has encouraged and supported our efforts.

Joanne Castles

Where Are They Now?

Good ol' Samson...his journey to finding his family started all the way in Texas, where he spent the first four years of his life. Before going to Smiling Dog Farm, he was at a shelter where he was on a euthanasia list, at no fault of his own of course, despite being the amazing dog that he is, he just wasn't getting adopted, and overpopulation in shelters is a huge problem. Luckily for him the wonderful Smiling Dog Farm, in Wharton, Texas took him in. After spending a few months at Smiling Dog Farm, it was time for Samson, along with six other dogs to make the long journey to beautiful Grass Valley, where they would all be able to find their forever homes. After arriving at our facility in October of 2012, Samson instantly thrived. He loved all the attention from our wonderful volunteers and absolutely had a blast in the side yard with Beverley's pack, as well as having the luxury of being fostered by Dina Jacopi and Vicki Lake. **In February of 2013, Samson finally hit the doggy jackpot and found the perfect home with Jeff and Taylor.** After spending some time with them poor Samson started showing a lot of pain in his hind end. After multiple veterinarian visits and x-rays, it turns out that Samson has a condition known as Lumbosacral Disease, which causes stress on the joint and the LS intervertebral disc, as well as causing compression of the nerves. For now Samson is on anti-inflammatories, which are working wonders, but he will



Samson enjoys some outdoor time with his new family, Jeff and Taylor.

more than likely require surgery in the future. Despite Samson's hardship, he gets around just fine and is a very happy boy! He is very well loved at his apartment complex. His parents joke that he has more friends there than they do. When he isn't strutting down the halls, posing as the buildings mascot, you can find Samson running around at the dog park, hiking, playing in the water, spending time in the mountains or just lounging at home destroying his favorite toys! **Thank you Jeff and Taylor for giving Samson such a great home!**

Sara, the Himalayan, hit the Mother Lode when she was adopted by Dr. Tim and Erin Van Geem. The Van Geems — of Mother Lode Veterinary Hospital, met Sara soon after her arrival at Sammie's Friends. She was found outside the Alta Sierra Market, scraggly, thin, matted to the flesh and declawed. That's right; declawed and defenseless and left outside!

River Dogs gently shaved Sara's mats and we began work on her recovery. When Dr. Tim Van Geem examined her, he and Erin knew this cat needed to be part of their family. They renamed her Bindi (Tiny Drop) and have been lavishing her with love and care ever since. She's needed a lot of care too — with a number of conditions that require daily medication — but the Van Geem's are happy to give it to her. **How do you fall in love when you are surrounded by pets all day? As Erin put it, "Every now and then you see one, and it's just meant to be."** We completely understand, Erin.



Dr. Tim and a very fluffy Bindi (aka Sara) discussing the day's appointments.

Our Incredible Pettable Pits!

So, let's say you're thinking about adopting a new dog. Perhaps you're looking for a dog to help out around your ranch. Maybe you have lots of cats. Maybe you'd like a dog that's prefers its independence. Maybe you don't like dogs to lick your face! Well, then, the odds are that you wouldn't be happy with a pit bull.

But perhaps you're looking for a devoted companion who would like to spend as much time with you as you can spare, hiking or riding in the car or sitting in front of the fire. Or you want an addition to your family which includes children. Maybe you thrive on doggie kisses! It just may be that a Staffordshire Terrier, a pit bull, is just the right dog for your situation.

The Staffordshire Terrier has gotten a lot of bad publicity. It seems that every time one bites someone, or gets in a dog

fight, it makes front page news. That is not true of other breeds of dogs. Even though many people have no real direct experience with pit bulls, they are afraid of them because of the stories. In truth a number of the volunteers who came to the shelter and volunteered to walk dogs were initially alarmed by the pit bulls. But almost all of them (including the writer of this article) became very fond of the breed after being exposed to them. They are among the most loving dogs to grace the shelter's kennels. They give you the warmest welcome when you come to their cages and eagerly show their appreciation for your attention. Many love to give kisses. People will argue that pit bulls are bred to fight so they're inherently dangerous. Some have been bred to fight. Many a pit bull has been abused because she/he didn't want to fight! And the Staffordshire Ter-

rier was bred first to be a "nanny dog" because they are so good with children and so devoted to their families. Way more pit bulls are harmed by humans than the other way around. But they still love us! At the bottom of the page are some pictures of pit bulls, or pit mixes, who have been adopted from Sammie's Friends; and some of the pit bulls and pit bull mixes that are currently at the Shelter. There are quite a few more, too, as well as some in foster care. Some would make good pets for most households. Some need a home without cats or, perhaps, any other animals. One current resident is Dumpling, a real sweetheart who happens to be deaf so she's looking for a very special home. **You can see the rest of our available dogs on SammiesFriends.org, Petfinder.com and on Sammie's Friends Facebook page.**

Looking for our forever home!



Handsome Copper. They don't make them more loving than Copper! He is absolutely wonderful with people of all ages but not so good with other animals.



Stephanie is a very loving and gentle dog who seems to like other dogs and to ignore the cats. She's a real sweetheart!!



How do you spell "sweetness"? J-a-c-k-i-e. So very loving and affectionate.

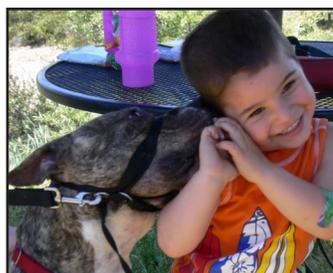


Mikey is Mr. Cool: nothing seems to rattle him. Nice, nice boy!

Previous shelter stars!



Miss Piggy and her doting dad.



Bruce is an all-star kisser! He's loving a family with two boys.



Star & Twinkle, beloved family members and Therapy Dogs-in-Training.



Chrissy, aka Christmas, and her new family.

Volunteer Spotlight

Karen Reif was a regular fixture on the Wednesday morning Dog Walk shift from 2002 until 2012. She was among the very first of the Dog Walkers and remembers the days of two or three walkers per shift. Today we have an average of five walkers per shift! But Karen had to give up Walking due to a bad back and neck. She hung up her leash and took up her camera, photography having been a hobby of hers for years, and now she takes the pictures of the Shelter animals that are seen on Petfinder and Sammie's Friends' Facebook page. She comes in Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to meet and photograph the new arrivals, dogs and cats and whatever else might come in, and to get a list of those who had been adopted so that their pictures could be removed from the list of Available Pets. Karen also provides the write-ups on the dogs for the Facebook postings, drawing insight from Staff Member Ruth Rasmussen, by watching Beverly Ward's assessments of the dogs, and from her own observations and experiences with the animals. She also updates the original postings as new information becomes available. All of this entails about four hours of info-gathering, picture-taking and then info-disseminating on her Shelter days as well as another hour or so on each of the other four days of week. It's a big task which requires a strong, daily commitment and Karen does it diligently and passionately. Her work is so very important because exposure is one of the key ingredients to getting the Shelter animals adopted. And her pictures are so wonderful!!! Her goal is to "capture the spirit and soul of the animal" and she truly does.

In Karen's work-for-money days she had three distinct careers, all of which she liked. She spent 11 years as a First Grade Teacher which she enjoyed because she enjoys children. Then she was a Union Painter for another decade which satisfied her artistic streak, finding pleasure in doing the final touch-up work inside a home ("after all the Trades were done making their messes") so that the interior looked just perfect. And then she went to work for the Post Office from which she retired in 2003 after 11 years of service. She liked being a mail carrier because of the one-on-one contact with people and relationships that she de-



Karen and her dog Nikki.

veloped. Despite being happy with her monied jobs, she gets the most pleasure and satisfaction out of working for Sammie's Friends.

Karen currently lives with Nikki, an almost-2 year old Mini Australian Shepherd. Nikki is petite, being a "mini" to begin with and also being the runt of her litter. She's a happy, absolutely precious little dog and Karen's devoted companion. Karen had had a 10 year old Red Merle named Joey who gave up his life protecting Karen from a bear. She still loves that dog with all her heart. Thank you, Karen, for all you do to help the Shelter animals find their Forever Homes!!!

Maureen Rumsey (who says she would rather remain anonymous - sorry!) has been affiliated with Sammie's Friends in various capacities for about 13 years. Her initial experience with the Shelter and Cheryl Wicks, co-founder of Sammie's Friends, came when she and husband John wanted to find a nice medium-sized dog to adopt. Cheryl introduced Maureen and John to Shannon and Keely, two Lab/Shepherd/Cattledog mixes who had been found very skinny and infected with heart worm, tape worms and cut worms, and who had open, festering sores. It was love at first sight!! No, not really, but John was really attracted to Shannon, and she to him, so Maureen and John took the

dogs home. Keely, now over 14 years old, is still with them. Her sister Shannon passed on August 7, 2013.

Maureen was never a Dog Walker but she would come to the Shelter to help bathe and groom the dogs before an event, ie., the Adoptathon. I remember one Great Pyrenees who came in totally matted. Maureen spent about two hours gently brushing the dog. The result was an absolutely beautiful Pyrenees standing in a small mountain of hair. How nice is that?? When Sammie's Friends took over management of the Shelter in 2010, Maureen began working with Beverley Ward, our resident Trainer/Behaviorist, helping to better socialize the dogs in order to make them more readily adoptable. Maureen continues to do that every Thursday. And on Fridays she works the Front Desk from 8AM till about 1:00, answering phones, helping the public and doing a myriad of other things to help the Shelter run smoothly. It's not the most glamorous job, and it can be quite frenzied, but it's essential to Sammie's operations and she does it extraordinarily well.

After her shift is over, Maureen likes to go work with some of the dogs that she met the previous day. She spends a couple of hours with them and seems to be particularly drawn to the shy dogs. Maureen also does Outreach at community events like the Penn Valley Equine Aquatics Dog Fair.

In Maureen's work-for-money days, she did PR work in the wine industry, was an Operations Manager in the banking industry and worked for Puget Power in the state of Washington. She and John still enjoy life together after more than 46 years of marriage and they care for a 44 year old daughter, Erin, who has Cerebral Palsy. Erin is active as an artist with the Neighborhood Center for the Arts. Erin's twin sister, Stephanie, works for Tahoe National Forest.

We thank Maureen for her many years of great service to Sammie's Friends!!



Maureen and McGruff, a Shelter dog who has found his Forever Home!

Protect Your Best Friend From Heart Worms!

By: Jon Peek, D.V.M. — Grass Valley Veterinary Hospital



Dr. Jon Peek, DVM and Christmas.

In June of 1967 I went to work at Grass Valley Veterinary Hospital. I was a rookie just one year out of UC Davis Veterinary School. I had worked in Sonora and Sacramento and now Grass Valley.

hardly paid attention in vet school when it was mentioned since it was exotic and so far away.

In the 1960's heart worm disease just wasn't a big deal in Nevada County. We didn't routinely test for it and we only suspected it in coughing dogs. Rarely we'd autopsy a dog that died suddenly and we'd find a heart full of long skinny worms. As time went by, heart worms became a very big deal in western Nevada County and all of the Sierra foothill region.

Mosquitoes carry the disease. They suck blood from an infected dog. The blood contains a microscopic baby worm called microfilaria. When the mosquito bites another dog the organism is transferred to the new victim. Over a period of weeks the microfilaria mature into adult worms that make their home in the victim's heart.

Symptoms, such as coughing, tiring easily, labored breathing and a swollen belly, are most likely related to congestive heart failure. Sometimes there are no symptoms except sudden death. Heart

worms are killers! Fortunately they can be diagnosed with a simple test. The treatment is often successful — especially in non symptomatic patients. Today there are techniques that improve the odds of recovery. In the 60's sometimes the treatment was worse than the disease — definitely not the good old days if you were a dog with heart worms.

Gloriously the prevention is simple, not terribly expensive and very successful. A once per month dose of a heart worm preventative (the active ingredient is ivermectin) prevents heart worms. Ivermectin is a prescription drug, so an annual visit to your pet's veterinarian for a physical exam and a prescription renewal is recommended. Over the years I've advised dog owners in western Nevada County, **"If you own a dog that's not on heart worm preventative, sometime in its lifetime it will get heart worms!"**

Dieing from heart worms is a very miserable way to die and is so easily prevented. Please do not let your dog down!

Early on I overheard Dr. Ray Law and Dr. George Knox discussing a case:

"That's the first case we've seen this year," Ray said to George

"There must be something special about Colfax," George replied.

"What's going on in Colfax?" I asked. At the time I hardly knew where Colfax was.

"Heart worms," they both replied.

Heart worm was one of those mosquito borne diseases from the deep south. I'd



Brooklyn Gives To Sammie's!

This precious little girl, Brooklyn, had a 6th birthday party. She did not want presents. She asked for donations for Sammie's Friends. **We received \$300 from her.** As well we received leashes, rain ponchos and harnesses for the dogs. I am so totally impressed with this little girl.

She visited all the animals while she was here at the shelter. She was particularly concerned about Lilly, an old kitty that we had here. Shortly after she visited Lilly was adopted. We let Brooklyn know that. We love you Brooklyn — from everybody at Sammie's Friends!

Participate in eScrip!

PLEASE remember to use your SPD eScrip when shopping at SPD. It's easy and costs you nothing! Only 40% of all people signed up are actively using it. **Last year we earned over \$22,200. Just think what it would be if 100% participated!** Also, if you don't have your card, just ask the checker to enter your phone number and your account can be pulled up. **If you aren't signed up, let me know and I'll set you up (Joanne Castles, 273-0603, castles@sbcglobal.net).**

rePLANET Recycling — Recycle for Sammie's!

One of our wonderful volunteers, Cyd Rochford, has arranged to have **proceeds from recycling go directly to Sammie's Friends**. Often, when we take our recyclables in, we don't really get a great deal of money. But if we ALL contribute our proceeds to Sammie's, it becomes a significant amount. And all contributions of any size are good contributions!

The place to go is **rePLANET Recycling which is on Freeman Lane in Grass Valley, across the parking lot from JC Penney's**. It's just a booth parked up by the road. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10AM till 4:30PM. They do have someone



there staffing the booth who can answer questions and who is willing to help you, if not busy with other customers.

The items that have the largest redemption value are aluminum, plastics and glass with CRV emblems on them.

They will also take those items without the emblems, as well as tin cans and aluminum foil. They ask that you sort your items before you bring them to the scales. They do not take paper products of any kind.

After your things are weighed, you will be given a receipt, indicating the amount donated. Bring that receipt to the shelter and put it in the envelope pinned to the Volunteers' Bulletin Board, across from the bathroom. Cyd will collect them and mail them in for redemption.

You can get information about rePLANET on their website, www.rePLANETUSA.com. They also welcome comments at 1-877-737-5263.

How To Volunteer?

It's easy to volunteer for Sammie's Friends! There are over 100 volunteers helping Sammie's Friends, and we are always looking for more!

At the shelter, there are volunteer shifts every day of the week for both dog walking and cat care. It's a rewarding experience. The human contact can mean so much for the shelter animals while they are waiting for their forever homes.

Sammie's Nifty Thrift Shop needs volunteers to help sort and price clothing, stock racks and shelves, receive and sort donated items and clothing, and clean donated items as needed.

Fosters families are always needed. Kitten season is upon us and we are in need of volunteers who can foster kittens until they are old enough to be adopted. We also need volunteers to foster puppies, older animals, or sick or injured animals.

If you are interested in joining our team, please send us an email with your name, phone number and area of interest (dog walking, cat care, thrift shop, fostering). Go to the website and print out our Volunteer Application, fill it out and mail it to the appropriate address or bring it by!

Barn Cats are available at Sammie's Friends!!!



Have a mouse/rat problem?

We have a solution!



We offer barn cats for just \$35 each. They are great for keeping unwanted critters away from your barns etc. We do require that you have a safe area for them to spend their nights.

All of our barn cats are current on their vaccines, spayed/neutered, and are tested for FELV.

We will deliver up to 25 miles!!!

(530) 471-5041



We desperately need kitten fosters!

Love kittens? Want to foster? Kitten season has begun and many of these babies need a safe place to live and be cared for until they're old enough to be spay/neutered and adopted. If you think you might be interested and would like to learn more about our foster program, please call Sammie's Friends 530-471-5041.

Why Do Animals Need Fostering?

Pets that need foster homes are typically: too young to be adopted; recovering from illness or injury; need socialization; is a senior pet who has special needs. It takes a special person to be a foster parent. Whether it's a litter of five-week old kittens or an abused dog who has become terrified of people, many animals that end up in shelters have potential, but are not ready for adoption. These special animals need the TLC that only a foster parent can provide. The love of a foster parent can get these animals back on track and boost their chances of being placed in permanent, loving homes. As a foster parent, you agree to: keep the pet safe (and indoors, if it's a cat); call shelter staff if pet becomes ill; give it medication as prescribed by our veterinarian; return the pet to the shelter when it's time. To learn more about fostering, ask staff for a copy of our foster manual.

YES, I want to help make a difference in the lives of the unwanted animals of Nevada County! Sammie's Friends is a volunteer organization created to raise veterinary funds for the animals at the Nevada County Animal Shelter and other disadvantaged animals in the community. Our work with the animals is made possible by the donations of generous individuals in our community. All donations are greatly appreciated, and all monies raised are for the benefit of the animals. Checks may be submitted to the address below, or visit our website at www.sammiesfriends.org and click on the Paypal link for credit or debit cards donations.

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As a 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit, all donations made to Sammie's Friends are fully tax-deductible and can be mailed to **Sammie's Friends, 14647 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95949.**

THANK YOU!

Did You Know...

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

There are two low cost clinics you can use:

Animal Spay and Neuter Clinic:
530-889-8800

AnimalSave:
530-477-1706

You can get vouchers from Sammie's Friends.

Or for additional financial support you can call:

- For pitbulls and chihuahuas:
Kathleen at Pound Puppy Rescue
530-274-8079
- For cats and other breeds of dogs
Cheryl at Sammie's Friends 530-471-5041



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