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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' first 3 years of managing the Animal Shelter, 5000 animals have been placed.
- Sammie's Friends Animal Shelter has a euthanasia rate of just under one percent.
- In the 12 years since Cheryl Wicks went to the Shelter, over 12,000 animals have received veterinary care from Sammie's Friends.
- In 2012 Sammie's Friends spayed/neutered over 2000 dogs and cats in the community.



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The "Twelve Pet Tips of Christmas"

The Twelve Days of Christmas isn't complete without the "Twelve Pet Tips of Christmas."

Soon we will be into the full swing of the holiday season. We owe it to our pets to ensure their safety during this hectic and exciting time for family and friends. Our pets are family too and deserve to have their safety, health and happiness foremost in our minds.

There seem to be hazards everywhere that can cause great distress for our pets, with decorations strung across the mantle, mistletoe & finger licking dishes galore. Tree's aglow and beautifully adorned with glistening ornaments are sure to get you and your pet(s) in the Holiday spirit. However, festive eye catching decorations are bound to catch the playful attention of the family pet. Whiskers can't resist climbing great heights to bat at the fragile tree ornaments, while Fido can't resist the fun urge to use them as chew toys. What's really on your pets mind and stomach is his hankering appetite for the Christmas ham. 'Tis the time for season's eatings!

We have all heard Christmas horror stories of a Christmas tree being knocked over by a rambunctious dog running through the room or playing tug of woof with a string of lights. Of course, your dog always wins leaving the tree & decorations toppling down. **TIMBER!!** Or perhaps, your Christmas dinner has fallen victim to your pup's hungry appetite, leaving your empty stomach growling for leftovers, but there aren't any. No one wants these scenarios being played out or repeated again this year!

We offer the following tips for keeping your four legged family members safe, healthy and happy during this festive season.

1. Anticipate your guest's arrivals and confine your pet to prevent it from escaping or jumping up on guests wearing their finest holiday clothing.

2. Reduce your pet's stress by maintaining its regular feeding and exercise routine. Develop a routine for your pet during holiday parties. A special treat in a special room of your house works well.

3. Put packages out of reach! Pets who smell food in a package will rip it open. Food is the number one holiday hazard for dogs. The foods that we eat can cause havoc on an animal's intestines. Put away children's toys after they are opened. Ingested toys can cause choking and may have to be removed through surgery.

4. Tell guests not to share indulgences with your pet. Poultry skin, fat trimmings, rich gravies, and buttery sauces can cause severe vomiting, diarrhea, or even worse, a life threatening inflammation of the pancreas. Also, remember that an ounce of alcoholic beverage can put a small dog or cat into a coma.

5. Stow chocolate candy or baking ingredients out of reach. Chocolate is the most common toxicity treat during the holidays. Small amounts cause problems. Larger amounts can cause above normal heart rhythms, nervous system malfunctions, and even death. Secure your garbage in bins with tight lids. (This is a good habit to get into all year!) A pet can chew up holiday garbage, which can result in intestinal problems.

6. Buy only decorating products that are labeled **non-toxic**.

7. Secure large trees to the wall to prevent tipping, or consider a smaller tree that can fit on a tabletop.

8. Remember that stomach problems can be caused by popcorn and gumdrops. Avoid using these strings of edible decorations.

9. Fasten all your tree decorations securely, with the more fragile ones at the top. Pets who chew these can suffer cuts in their mouth from broken ornaments, or worse yet damage to their intestines if swallowed.

10. Return paper and other gift wrapping materials to their storage places after gift wrapping is finished. Tinfoil type papers can cause great problems for your pets if ingested.

11. Place holiday plants out of reach and vacuum often. Poinsettia can cause drooling, oral pain, and vomiting. Mistletoe causes vomiting, labored breathing, shock, and death from cardiovascular collapse. When animals eat the needles from real or fake trees, they can also get intestinal blockage.

12. Display candles on high shelves to avoid painful burns and singed whiskers and make sure that cords are tucked out of reach. Electrocution can put a huge damper on Holiday festivities.

All of us at Sammie's Friends, the two legged and the four legged wish all of you a safe, exciting and fun filled holiday season.

*Love,
Cheryl, Curt and the Gang*



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



Pictured here is Petra, one of 31 dogs brought to Sammie's Friends due to an animal cruelty case. Several of them are available for adoption. Contact Sammie's Friends for further information. 530-471-5041.

Help the Giving Spirit Last All Year Long!

Hello Everyone — The animals really do need your help. Please pass on to friends and family that may be interested in what we do and want

to be a part of the fun by donating to help the many animals that we cross paths with every day.

~ Thank You, Cheryl



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Happy Holidays to Sammie's Many Friends - We love you all!

A big thank you to our fabulous animal loving community, inside and outside of Nevada County, that so generously supports Sammie's Friends. We would be hopeless without you; but **with you, we fly high and can do anything.**

You inspire us and keep us working hard for the animals. Together we create **MIRACLES**. Since 2001 when Cheryl first set foot in the Nevada County Animal Shelter **approximately 20,000 lives have been saved.** This was only possible because huge numbers of individuals, businesses, veterinarians and others pulled together to make this happen.

Sammie's Friends claim to fame is the reduction of the euthanasia rate from 68% to less than 1%. **There is no other municipal shelter that has done this.** What an awesome blessing we have all given the precious animals that cannot help themselves. Our mission is to ensure that there are no more **HOMELESS, abandoned, neglected or abused animals** in Nevada County. We have made immense progress in this direction.

Every year we care for approximately 1800 animals, mostly strays, who come to the shelter because they have nowhere else to go. These are not the pampered pooches and putty tats, that so many of us have. These animals often need spaying/neutering and additional medical care.

We also work hard at our community programs to keep animals out of the shelter. I can best tell a story about how this started in 2004. An 80 year old woman called and said "I am 80 years old, I have a 15 year old cat that is sick; he is my last friend on this earth. I receive \$800 per month in Social Security and cannot afford a vet. Can you help?" Curt and I talked it over, agreed to help and our community program began. Today we assist about 800 animals a year that need our help. Sammie's Friends also spays/neuters about 2,000 community animals every year and takes 25,000 pounds of food to the hungry animals in North San Juan and the town of Washington.

We need your help. We hope the spirit of the upcoming holiday season will be with the animals. Please donate large or small. We are so grateful for any amount.

Bless you for helping the animals. They cannot help themselves and **desperately need all of you to help** them to have a better life.

May all good things and the blessings of the season come your way.

Cheryl Wicks and
Curt Romander
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What's Been Happening Around Sammie's – UPDATE!

SAMMIE'S NIFTY THRIFT SHOP

Thanks to all our supporters, Sammie's thrift store has continued to thrive! We are doing a booming business and we thank our shoppers, donors, volunteers and employees who have made this such a success.



We are ALWAYS looking for new volunteers! There are many different areas where help is needed; running the cash register, sorting and pricing clothing, intake and sorting of donations, organizing and straightening the store shelves, etc. If any of these opportunities interest you, please come in and fill out a volunteer application! We all work hard, but it's a FUN place to be; just ask any of our current volunteers!

*Hope to see you soon!
Joanne Castles*



Our beautiful Christmas tree!

commodate our inventory. Just months after opening, and because we were continuing to receive so many great donations, we started encroaching on the space upstairs. We now rent that space in addition to the first floor. Our motto is to "get it in and get it out" otherwise we'd be up-to-our-eyebrows in inventory with no space to store it. The way we do that is to price low and reasonably! That way we "get it in and get it out" to make room for all the great new donations that continue to roll in.

When we first leased our space and started figuring out the design for the store, we thought we'd initially open only half of the floor. Our plan was to block off all the space to the left of the registers and gradually grow into that space. We quickly realized we were receiving so many donations that we needed all the space in order to ac-

On November 3rd, we opened up "Nifty's Christmas Shop" located in a part of our donation area in the back. We had so many wonderful Holiday decorations that we felt it needed to have a separate area of its own, otherwise Christmas would take over the store. Come by and check it out! We have everything from ornaments, trees, linens, glassware, lights, music boxes, candles, etc. This area is open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 to 3:00 PM.



Festive Santas and holiday decorations!



Cute figurines, lights and snow globes!



Gift wrap galore!

What's Been Happening Around Sammie's – UPDATE! (cont)

RIDING FOR SAMMIE'S

The Ride for Sammie's Friends was held October 12th and went very well. The Ride made about \$7,500 with registrations, raffle ticket sales, silent auction, and sponsorships. The weather cooperated beautifully as the registration started at Rough & Ready Fire Department and wound its way around the historic Sierra Nevada foothills. The ride was 92 miles and went through Nevada City, Grass Valley, Meadow Vista, Applegate, Colfax, Dutch Flat, and ended back at Condon Park in Grass Valley. There were between 70 and 80 riders that participated. After arriving at Condon Park, the riders were treated to music, lunch, a raffle, and silent auction.



One of Sammie's riders and his little passenger all tucked in and ready to go!



Another of Sammie's riders and her little, but stylish passenger!

There were several Sammie's Friends volunteers that helped with registrations, the card stops, helping set up, donating, and selling raffle tickets. Some even worked double shifts at registration and helped at Condon Park. We wish to express our appreciation to all

those volunteers that helped the day of the ride. Krista Putnam helped get us the Love Building at Condon Park, got the permits and did so much to help out before the ride. Pam Raschke and Terri Hobart helped with the beautiful route we had for the ride, put up signs along the route so no one would get lost, and helped with the raffle prizes and setting up. Liz Vardara picked up several nice raffle prizes and Terri Nelson donated a hand made Harley Davidson quilt and two Harley Davidson purses. Cheryl and Curt helped with sponsorships and pre-registra-

tions. Martin and Marcie Beaver, owners of Vintage Menagerie, donated about half of the food for lunch and some raffle prizes. There were several businesses in town that donated items for the raffle. Helping out before, during, and after the ride were Sarah Sanford, Thomas Pinkerton, Ralph Ellis, Cheryl Schutt, and Chris Carnes.

Grass Valley Host Lions were so very generous in covering the cost of the Love Building, doing a great job in barbecuing our lunch, setting up the bar, and helping with verification of the poker hands. We were sponsored by Brunswick Veterinary, Telestream, Best Friends Animal Clinic, Grass Valley Host Lions, Pine Creek Vet, Mother Lode Vet, Fischer's Firestone, and Animal Clinic at Lake of the Pines. DJ DLT donated his time and services and did a great job in providing the music for the event.

Claudia Ellis

YOGA GONE TO THE DOGS

Yoga Instructor Kristen Rieger wanted to help Sammie's Friends. She said she didn't have much spare cash herself but she was willing to donate her time. So, she set up a series of Yoga Classes that she titled "Yoga for the Down Dogs." She held the classes once a week for 10 weeks at the South Yuba Club, located in the Raley's Shopping Center in Grass Valley. The South Yuba Club chose to support the Sammie's Friends cause and graciously do-



Panda enjoying a bit of yoga with Cheryl and Kristen.

nated the space to Kristen. Proceeds from the classes totaled \$817 which she donated to Sammie's Friends. Thank you so much, Kristen!!

SPD SHOPPERS

Sammie's is continuing to bring in approximately \$1,600 per month through SPD's Escrip program. This program doesn't cost you a cent and it's so easy. All you have to do is be enrolled to support Sammie's Friends and input your phone number, or have your card scanned during check-out, and SPD will contribute 3% of your total purchase to Sammie's Friends. If you shop there (or know anyone else who does) and you are not enrolled, email jcastles@sbcglobal.net and I'll get you set up.

Thanks - Joanne

Help Sammie's Friends!

Use the SPD Community Card! (Escrip)

Ask the cashier to enter Sammie's Friends phone # to contribute 3% of your purchases!!!!

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Volunteer Spotlight

Vici Downing first came out to the Shelter in July of 2010.

She said that "maybe it was too hard before" Sammie's Friends took over management of the Shelter but she has since embraced the philosophy that "it's all about what the animals need" and she puts heart and soul into her work.

Vici joined the Wednesday AM Cat Care shift. We refer to the "cat people" as "Kitty Cuddlers" but truly there is so much more to it. They clean the cages and arrange clean bedding, provide fresh food and water, check the cats for signs of any problems and then spend as much time as they can giving affection and pets. After about 2 1/2 years Vici expanded her time at the Shelter to almost a full day on Tuesday. She comes in early and starts with kitty evaluations, using the "Meet Your Match" system, developed by the SPCA, which is a series of exercises designed to reveal the cat's personality and give guidance on the type of home for which the cat is best suited. She also works closely with Ruth Rasmussen, one of our hard-working Staff members, in deciding where to place a kitty where it will be happy and where it might best present itself. Sometimes the best place for a cat is in our large outdoor enclosure, The Cat-O-Rama, where cats have room to climb and jump and where there are other kitties with whom to play. If potential adopters come into the area, Vici is available to help them select a cat that is well-suited to their lifestyles. And, in the afternoon, she is the PM Cat Care person, checking to make sure all the cages are in good order and the cats ready to settle in. She has enlisted the aid of her friend Joanna Britt who comes in as many Tuesday afternoons as she can. Vici loves her help because Joanna makes certain that every single kitty gets attention and affection.

Vici's husband, Mike Downing, has helped Sammie's Friends co-founder Curt Romander with building projects around the facility, including some sorely needed large cabinets and the outdoor cat enclosure.

Vici and husband Mike, both of whom are retired from the Monterey Fire Department, as well as their two cats, moved to the Grass Valley in 2001. Now

they have four cats: Panda, a temperamental female, and formerly-feral, kitty, plus three Tuxedo kitties, Romeo, Pe-



Vici and Flower

truccio and Pip, all males and all rescues. They have had dogs in the past but feel that their current lifestyle isn't conducive to giving a dog the attention it needs. And, of course, Vici has fostered several of our neediest of cats and concentrates now on fostering Senior kitties.

Vici says she feels "blessed and lucky to work with (Sammie's Friends') Staff and volunteers." We, in turn, feel blessed and lucky to have her help. Of course it's the cats who benefit the most. Thank you, Vici!!!

Cathie Loucks and her husband, Dave, have lived in Nevada County for 30 years. They ran their own business, producing an innovative, easy-to-use scorebook, from their home in Grass Valley. After a move to Oroville,



Cathie with fosters Mandy and Muffin.

they returned to the Grass Valley area where Cathie, now retired, wanted to find a constructive use of her time but also wanted the flexibility to travel with Dave. She came out to Sammie's Friends Nevada County Animal Shelter in April of 2010 and signed up to walk

the dogs. She willingly substituted for people who could not make their regular shifts and walked two to three shifts per week until her back went out. Even with the bad back, she continued walking, selecting the smaller and more gentle dogs to take out. She hung up her leash in Spring of 2011 and took to the road with Dave.

Once Sammie's Friends began managing the Shelter, there was a need for volunteers to work the front desk. When Cathie received an email expressing this need, she came back to the Shelter and signed up to work the Wednesday shift. She has also worked numerous sub shifts. The Front Desk people have a myriad of responsibilities involving interaction with the public, completing paperwork, answering phones, etc.

Then, one day Cathie was asked to help with Sammie's Friends' Letters of Solicitation. Sammie's Friends sends letters out twice a year, explaining our mission, detailing our efforts to help sick, injured and neglected animals within the County, and asking for monetary support. Currently there are about 1800 recipients of our Letters. Cathie decided to take that particular project on by herself; she folds the letters, hand-addresses and stuffs the envelopes, applies postage and gets them in the mail. It takes hours and hours to get this done, and it's tedious work, but it's vital to Sammie's Friends success. Of the \$110,000 that Sammie's Friends receives annually from private donations, the majority of that money is raised as a result of Cathie's mailings.

Cathie has also done some fostering for Sammie's Friends. She cared for Trinket, a little Pitbull mix pup who was the only one of his litter to live. After three months of intensive care, Trinket was adopted to his forever home. Currently she has two dogs, Maltese/Poodle mixes named Mandy and Muffin, who were found in a sack on the side of the road a couple of years ago. She originally took them in as fosters but officially adopted them in January 2012.

Sammie's Friends thanks Cathie for all that she does but particularly for taking charge of the mailings. They are so vital to our being able to care for the veterinary needs of the animals.

Acupuncture for Our Furry Friends

By: Mace Dekker, D.V.M. — Grass Valley Veterinary Hospital



Dr. Mace Dekker

Not infrequently people ask me “so what is this acupuncture thing? And does it work?”

It’s hard to explain other than to give one of the many examples that I have experienced over the 16 years that I have been practicing it.

“Oscar” is a little mix-breed papillion that had been seen 3 days earlier by a colleague for a back injury. Unfortunately for Oscar, he was unable to use his back legs and despite medications did not look to have any improvement over the past 3 days, and was in significant discomfort, and his owners had come in to have him put down.

Looking at him, I was able to convince his owners to at least give this acupuncture thing a try – and despite some reservations we went ahead and placed the needles and let him be for a bit. He fell asleep – and stayed asleep in our busy hospital for about an hour, until he decided it was time to wake up and jumped off the table! He has been walking ever since without noticeable difficulty; and while he needs a tune-up from time to time it has been 4 years ago since his injury and he has not looked back since.

While this is a dramatic case, it is by no means the only one – most recently we managed to



Odelia struttin’ her stuff!

get “Odelia” to get back up and out of her cart.

In the narrowest sense, acupuncture is the application of small-gauge needles to various points on the body for the purpose of eliciting physiological responses in the treatment of almost any disease or condition, and it seems especially useful for relieving pain. In a broader sense, acupuncture is an ancient procedure used in TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) for the treatment of whole-body conditions.

No one really knows when or where it started, but it has ancient roots. A primitive acupuncture-like therapy was practiced in India some 7000 years ago, and Stone Age humans used fishbone needles in China 5000 years ago.

Although acupuncture terminology still is largely based on philosophy, it has become apparent that the scientific method has crept into the practice

with the result that the Western veterinary and medical establishments are less able to discount acupuncture as a pastime of shamans. Multiple scientific studies support its use as an effective treatment options for multiple conditions, particularly pain associated treatments.

Along with acupuncture’s increased use in human medicine, veterinary acupuncture has moved closer to mainstream practices. It also might be said that the mainstream has moved closer to acupuncture, given that chapters on acupuncture now are standard in many major veterinary texts. In addition, acupuncture has become a big business worldwide. Today nearly 3 million veterinary and medical practitioners, assistants and pharmacists are trained in acupuncture. Of this number it is estimated that 150,000 are veterinarians and 700,000 are paraveterinary assistants.

The International Veterinary Acupuncture Society has become the primary professional society for veterinary acupuncturists in the United States; here at Grass Valley Veterinary Hospital Dr Dekker is IVAS certified, and has the honor of being able to treat our patients based on both Western and Eastern treatment modalities.

STOLEN FROM THE SHELTER!



Bud is still missing!
We still miss him. There is still a **\$1500 reward** for his return!
Call the Sheriff’s Dispatch at **530-265-7880** if you have information.



Sammie - Forever Our Inspiration!



*Without Sammie
there would be no Sammie’s Friends.
Sammie was born on March 31, 1991 –
“Easter Sunday”
A time of new beginnings.*

*We Love You Forever,
Mama and Cwutie*

Where Are They Now? Duke, the Miracle Kitty Nothing Can Stop Him and Justice

In the fall of 2007 a family called me and were devastated that their nearly one year old kitty, **Duke**, had been run over by a car and had a broken leg that needed to be plated. They did not have the money to pay for it. So Sammie's Friends paid for most of the bill and the family contributed what they could. Duke recovered and returned to having a normal life with his family.

In the fall of 2008 (one year later) I received a call that Duke had been run over again. This time it was much more serious. Duke's tail had been run over and it was broken and flaccid. He could not walk on his hind legs or pee or poop on his own. His spine had been damaged. The veterinarian amputated his tail and said we should give him a couple of weeks and see if any function returned before euthanizing him, as he could not live a life in that condition. Thank goodness for a wonderful vet who kept him in her clinic and her staff patiently expelled his bladder and rectum every day.

I scratched my head and thought about what else we could do. I contacted a DVM/acupuncturist I had used before. He came over to the other vet office and gave Duke a treatment during his lunch hour. After two treatments Duke was jumping up on five foot counters. What a miracle! Within 2 months Duke could poop on his own and within four months he was able to pee on his own. The one problem he had was that, although he didn't need any help to poop, he had no sensation in his anus so the poop would just fall out when it was ready. He did not necessarily know he was pooping. He would pee in the litter box but often the poop did not end up there. However, he had normal somewhat hard little kitty poops so it wasn't too difficult to pick it up and toss it.

Duke went to live with a man and woman and their many other cats and dogs. Duke loves everybody, two and four legged. Another miracle finding someone who would tolerate Duke's pooper problems and love him. Duke had a home for five years and recently the family came apart through divorce and financial problems.

Duke came back to Sammie's Friends shelter. This was not an ideal situation for a kitty with this problem. We cared for Duke as best we could. Duke was stressed in his new surroundings in a shelter and his poop wasn't so consistent, so he would sometimes sit in it and it would stick to his bottom and we wouldn't notice it right away because we have a shelter full of animals. This would require bathing Duke once or twice a day. Bless his little heart, he hung with it all and went with the program. We went back to the acupuncturist who told us to put a little Vaseline on his body where the poop was sticking.



Duke in 2007 after his first injury.

We did and problem solved.

Next we found a wonderful woman who has cats, dogs and horses and has another one of Sammie's Friends cats and a dog from Sammie's Friends. Duke is doing well in his new abode. Duke has been through a lot and Sammie's Friends has been with him at every twist and turn in his life to give him the support that he needs.

We are so happy we could do this for this wonderful, happy, good natured kitty who could teach us all a bit about having a good attitude even in trying times. Thanks to the wonderful vets and people that have helped our precious Duke.

Our big friend **Justice**, a Mastiff/Pit-bull mix who was a Shelter guest for about ten months, is a good example of our observation that some of the animals who stay the longest, end up in the most perfect homes. Justice was just waiting for Mark Lossman to show up!

It wasn't love at first sight. The first time Mark saw Justice he thought Justice was downright "scary," not an uncommon reaction to Justice's size and breed. But Mark kept thinking about him and went back for a second look. Still thought he looked scary!! But one of the volunteers suggested Mark spend time with Justice in the play

yard. Once Mark got to know Justice and saw how playful and nice and loving he really is, Mark was hooked and Justice had a home.

Mark makes Justice's health, happiness and security a very high priority for himself. At first all Mark had was a sturdy kennel with an igloo and tall fencing in which Justice spent the day while Mark was at work. Mark then added a long, light-weight chain, that absolutely can't get hung-up on anything, giving Justice more space to cruise around. But Mark wanted Justice to be able to really run so he built a 95' long run where he and Justice play ball and Justice can stretch his legs. The two of them take regular walks and, when Mark has time off, they go hiking up in the mountains and along the river. Mark always keeps Justice either in the house or confined, unless the two are on a walk when Justice is kept on leash. Mark is only too well aware that Justice would be in real danger if he were to be running loose. When they're out-and-about in the truck, Justice rides in the covered back, sometimes in a crate and sometimes loose. One time, when loose, Justice stuck his head through a little hole in the window screen, making it a big hole for his ol' big head, so Mark constructed sturdy screens out of no-climb fencing.

Mark says that Justice is still a little leery of strange men but he sure is devoted to his dad, Mark. The two of them so clearly love each other and Mark has been quite the doting "dad." In fact it's hard to tell who loves whom most. Oh, and Mark got Justice a bed befitting his size - it's a sofa bed, left open for his big friend. Love it!

Those of us who had the privilege of getting to know Justice are so very grateful that Mark adopted him. He wasn't the easiest dog to place but we all came to love him immensely and knew the right person would come along. We wish Mark and Justice many happy years together!!!!



Mark and Justice making nice for the camera.

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.**

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Veterinary Care for Disadvantaged Nevada County Animals

Sammie's Friends is a 501c 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 NCAS Volunteers who help to socialize and find forever homes for the unwanted dogs and cats of Nevada County.



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