



# The Poop Scoop

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

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## Facts About Us & the Work We've Done:

- During Sammie's Friends' first year of managing the Animal Shelter, 2000 animals have been placed.
- Sammie's Friends Animal Shelter has a euthanasia rate of just under one percent.
- In the 10 years since Cheryl Wicks went to the Shelter, over 4000 animals have received veterinary care from Sammie's Friends.
- In 2011 Sammie's Friends has spay/neutered over 300 feral cats in the community.

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Iggy first came into the lives of the Sammie's Friends staff back in October of 2010. A young lady from Nevada County found Iggy rummaging through a trash can on the streets of LA. She could see how thin Iggy was and saw the desperation in the dog's eyes. She enticed Iggy into her car with some leftover food she had in the car and Iggy's life was changed forever.

The young lady brought her to the shelter to inquire about getting Iggy spayed and some medical attention. The staff member noticed that Iggy had several cyst-like bumps on her head. An appointment was made for Iggy where she was spayed and the cysts were removed. The young lady hoped to keep Iggy but her roommates weren't as keen about the idea. They complained that Iggy was getting left alone for too many hours. The young lady tried to placate them by putting Iggy on a tether to keep her out of their way. Unfortunately, Iggy got ter-

ribly tangled on the tether and suffered a deep and painful cut to her back leg. The young lady called the shelter in tears and said things just weren't working out. Thus, Iggy came to live with us in February of 2011.

We all thought that Iggy would get adopted quickly. We knew she wasn't very good with cats and that she'd need a tall fence to keep her contained but we never imagined that those things would keep her at the shelter for six months! But that's how long we had our special little Iggy. Luckily we have a group of amazing volunteers and staff that were able to keep her sane in the kennel. Some of the volunteers really took a shine to her and took her on walks to Empire Mine. We contacted Greater California German Shepherd Rescue to see if they would take her but when they came to meet her they felt she would be too active for their program. Beverley Ward, our dog behaviorist, started working

with Iggy and before we knew it, her behavior had improved by leaps and bounds.

We contacted Greater California German Shepherd Rescue again in August. They came up to see Iggy and two other German Shepherds at the shelter. They were so impressed with the improvement that Iggy had made...we were all on pins and needles hoping that they'd give her a try. After an hour of playing in the side yard, the rescue lady came in and said, "Oh my goodness, we love Iggy, we'll take her!" And just like that our special Iggy was gone.

We got a call a week after Iggy left, the rescue people wanted us to know just how special Iggy was. We, of course, already knew how exceptional Iggy is. Sometimes they're here for a week, sometimes a month, sometimes even longer. No matter how long the stay, they all leave their paw prints on our hearts.



*Look into my eyes...You are getting sleepy...You DO NOT see the cone surrounding my cute face...You do not see the cone!*



*Don't try to sneak away...I heard you say it!...You said COOKE!*

## Different Organizations, One Goal: Helping Our Animals

I often hear comments like the following: "Why are there so many non-profits?" "Why do you all duplicate efforts?" "Why don't you all join together?"

We do not duplicate efforts for the most part. Each of us does something different to help the animals in this community.

Non-profits are not government agencies required to perform services.

Non-profits exist because an individual decided to create the non-profit to provide services for a specific purpose, something near and dear to the founder. We do all work together to help the animals. We are all in this for the same reason — to help the animals.

### **AnimalSave**

**AnimalSave** provides low-cost mobile spay/neuter services, a low-income supplemental pet food distribution program, a foster/adoption program, a cat room that provides housing for about 18 cats, and a re-homing assistance program for people who cannot keep their pets. AnimalSave rescues mostly cats and kittens and some puppies. AnimalSave was founded in 1998 by Judi Calor. [www.animalsave.org](http://www.animalsave.org). 530-271-7071.



**Pound Puppy Rescue** was founded in 2001 by Kathleen O'Sullivan. PPR is a volunteer run organization whose purpose is to keep puppies out of overcrowded shelters where they are at risk for disease and euthanasia. Puppies are fostered in volunteer foster homes where the puppies stay healthy, socialized, and in their litter until they are old enough to be placed in permanent, loving homes. All the rescued puppies come to PPR looking for love and a "forever" home. The hope is that all puppies placed through PPR will never experience being homeless or unloved again. Pound Puppy Rescue will provide financial assistance for the spaying/neutering of dogs that the owner cannot pay for. [www.poundpuppyrescue.org](http://www.poundpuppyrescue.org). 530-274-8079.



**Scooter's Pals**, a volunteer organization, provides forever homes for abused or abandoned dogs scheduled to be killed in shelters. All rescues are vaccinated, spayed or neutered, provided vet care, and microchipped before adoption. Scooter's Pals also provides refundable pet deposits for dog and cat guardians needing help relocating, allowing them to keep their pets instead of placing them in shelters. The financial crisis and housing debacle has created this need more than ever before. Scooter's Pals was founded by Susan Wallace. [www.scooterspals.org](http://www.scooterspals.org) 530-350-2099.



**Rescue For Pets Sake** rescues mostly small dogs and occasionally large dogs if they can find a foster home. Rescue For Pets Sake takes in dogs rescued from various sources (shelters and individuals) who need a place to go and be safe and get adopted. Rescue For Pets Sake was founded by Pam Gorman in 2011. Pam also produces a television show called "For Pet's Sake" to give the homeless animals visibility and help them get adopted. Pam has produced this show for 20 years.



**Nevada County PAWS** is a non-profit group dedicated to assisting people in our community re-home their pets through education, support and an awareness of resources available to them to help make their pets more adoptable. 530-263-1876 or 530-277-3986



Animal Place Sanctuary was founded in 1989 to fill a much-needed niche

of farm animal rescue, sanctuary and adoption. The mission of Animal Place is to extend compassion to all life with a special emphasis on farm animals. This is executed by providing permanent sanctuary, education, legislation and appropriate placement of needy animals. 530-477-1757.

**Grass Valley Animal Control and Shelter** provides shelter and adoption services for stray animals and animal control services for the cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City. 530-477-4630.



**Sammie's Friends** operates the Nevada County Animal Shelter under contract to the county since July of 2010. Sammie's Friends provides care for the many animals that come in as strays and have nowhere else to go. Nevada County Animal Control is responsible for law enforcement issues. [www.sammiesfriends.org](http://www.sammiesfriends.org) 530-471-5041.

Sammie's Friends has several other programs that are separate from running the animal shelter. Sammie's Friends provides veterinary assistance for sick and injured animals in the community that have no one to care for them and would otherwise be left to suffer or die. Sammie's Friends provides food for the cats and dogs of North San Juan and Washington who would not otherwise have sufficient food to eat. The horses of this community benefit from aide from Sammie's Friends horse fund. Any cat that needs to be spayed or neutered belonging to a person without the funds to pay for it will be paid for by Sammie's Friends. Sammie's Friends provides spay/neuter vouchers for spaying/neutering of dogs and cats for low income families. The shelter volunteer program was founded by Cheryl Wicks in 2001, Sammie's Friends was founded by Cheryl Wicks and Curt Romander in 2004 to pay for the medical care of the shelter animals. Over time services were expanded to cover the county to ensure no more abused, abandoned, neglected, homeless animals. [www.sammiesfriends.org](http://www.sammiesfriends.org) 530-471-5041

*Love, Cheryl*

## Look At What's Been Happening!

### First Anniversary Party A Success!

On Sunday July 31st fans and supporters of Sammie's Friends Animal Shelter came together in Lake Wildwood at the beautiful Hamilton Estate to celebrate the one year anniversary of running the Nevada County Animal Shelter.

The festive evening was attended by over 150 guests. Everyone enjoyed appetizers and wine to the music of the Thomas Angell Trio.

While socializing, the attendees could visit with several of our resident dogs and cats or read the decorative story boards about some of our "Happy Tails" that were placed around the lush garden grounds.

Our guests sat down for dinner at beautifully dressed tables on the lawn and then enjoyed a song written in honor of Sammie's shelter by Joan Larsen followed by a presentation by Cheryl.

Dessert of fresh berries, brownies and ice cream was served to top off the evening.

In the end the event netted over \$11K for the benefit of continuing the good works of the shelter.

Many volunteers and sponsors made the event possible — too many to list here — and Sammie's Friends is deeply grateful for their contributions.

An extra giant thanks to Vici Downing whose vision, leadership and hardwork made this event possible!

### Outside Kitty Enclosure

**A**t last, the new cat enclosure has been completed. This enclosure is at the rear of the Animal Shelter under the overhang in the Sally Port area. The project was one of the first we identified when Sammie's Friends assumed management of the shelter in July 2010. It took a year to find

the right materials and round up the financing to make it a reality. The enclosure makes a very nice, secure area for the cats to enjoy a bigger space to relax and interact. Curt and his friend Mike Downing assembled the enclosure in late June and now 8 cats share the spacious facility. Many thanks to Joanne and Dan Castles for donating the funds to construct the enclosure.



Curt hard at work building the kitty enclosure.



Our wonderful outside kitty enclosure ready to go!

### Our Wayward Goat

**G**oat Man, had no intention that morning of ending up in the back of an Animal Control Truck. In fact he had had every intention of doing whatever he wanted to do. Usually whenever he encountered a human they were chasing him off. They even had the audacity

to say he smelled bad! Can you imagine?

Then one day Goat Man found himself in a nice neighborhood. He was just surveying his surroundings when he heard a soft voice calling out to him. Now, Goat Man had a mean set of horns that had curved around and were pressing into his head. This had put Goat Man into a state most of the time. So like I was saying, he heard this soft voice calling out to him and out of the corner of his eye he saw a lovely lady approaching him. Well Goat Man, like a sailor that had been at sea too long, took this kindness as, well, something else if you catch my drift. Next thing you know he had that poor lady on the ground trying to show her a good time!! Well at that point Animal Control had been called and upon arrival saw what was going on.

When the officer approached the situation Goat Man looked up and went charging after her! She jumped into her truck and called for back-up. Well before you can blink an eye old Goat Man was trussed up and tossed into the back of the animal control truck and on his way to Sammie's Friends.

When Goat Man was dropped off at Sammie's he didn't know what to think. One minute you're on your own and the next you have a bunch of humans staring at you and making comments about your odor, like he hadn't heard that one before. What is one man's B.O. is another's Old Spice.

So the days went on and Goat Man's attitude was not improving. No one could get close to him without him charging at them. Cheryl wasn't sure what to do. She spoke to the Animal Control officers and they thought maybe Goat Man's days should be numbered. Well when Cheryl came back down

### Did You Know...

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

*You can get vouchers from Sammie's Friends.*

- \$60 for female dogs
- \$40 for male dogs
- \$30 for female cats
- \$15 for male cats

*There are two low cost clinics you can use:*

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

*AnimalSave:  
530-477-1706*

*If you need additional financial support you can call:*

- *For dogs:*  
Kathleen at Pound Puppy Rescue  
530-274-8079
- *For cats:*  
Cheryl at Sammie's Friends 530-471-5041

to the shelter and told Ruth what the officers had suggested Ruth thought that was not the best plan. Lately she had Goat Man eating grass out of her hand. He deserved a chance at a new life. Cheryl agreed and the vet was called. A few days later after Goat Man had been relieved of his manhood a decision was made that maybe those horns should go too. What we now have is the new improved Goat Man. His demeanor is gentle and he no longer has that horrible headache that got him into all that trouble, what seemed so very long ago.

**Wise Words  
from Beverley****Balance Is Key  
...doggie tips****Dog Rehab Center  
Breaks Ground!**

*We have broken ground on the dog rehab facility Sammie's Pit Stop on my property. The footings are in, the mudsill is in and now the walls start going up. Yip-pie skippy! We hope to have the building sealed towards the end of October. We will start with 9 kennels, an office, laundry/kitchen area, storage/tool area, dog runs and a covered training area. Our entire focus will be socialization and rehabilitation of problem dogs. Future plans call for expanded training area and 11 more kennels. Visitors are welcome – please call first 530.575.6571.*

**Sammie's Pit Stop**  
is compliments of  
Sammie's Mom and  
Sammie's Friends Co-  
Founder, Cheryl Wicks.

*The better behaved the shelter dogs are the more adoptable they become!*



**Oh my! Maybe I need to contact Sammie's Pit Stop!!!!**

Rita was born in Kiel, Germany, and came to the United States in 1964. She spoke no English, but after a year became more proficient, although American slang confused her sometimes!

She met her husband, Bob, in Philadelphia and moved to California to get married and they were happily married for 35 years. Bob was a pilot and loved to travel. Together they had many wonderful vacations to Europe, Mexico and Africa.

She played golf and tennis several times a week. Her favorite trip was to Australia for the Open in 1999. Rita spent 30 years managing a very successful restaurant in Atherton, as well as managing various properties before retiring to Alta Sierra in 2000.

**Volunteer Spotlight**

While living in Germany, Rita's family had many animals which she took care of — chickens, rabbits, pigs and of course cats and dogs. Bob loved animals too. He flew several cats and dogs to new homes for Pilots and Pals and also Sammie's Friends.

Rita can't imagine life without animals. People sometimes say they don't want one because of the heartbreak when they die, but Rita thinks about all the years of companionship her animals have given her — waiting at the door when she comes home, purring and sleeping on her lap, cuddling up to her when she is sad. Her four rescue cats, Moni (14), Fritzie (13), Rudy (3), and Maximillian (2), have given her so much pleasure.

"I find it hard sometimes," says Rita, "especially when a favorite cat or dog waits too long for adoption, but I realize I cannot quit. The animals need us volunteers and when you see someone adopt an animal on your volunteer day, it makes it all worthwhile."

**A**s far back as Dick Delisser can recall, except for short periods, he's always had a dog in his life (often along with other pets). He does not believe it's an exaggeration to say they have helped shape the person he is and have taught him lessons on living and loving.

After four years in the military during the Vietnam days, Dick took a job in Silicon Valley running a semiconductor manufacturing line. A few years later he accepted a position in Human Resources and spent the next 25 years in different HR functions, eventually running HR departments for a both high-tech and bio-tech companies. Along the way, he received his Masters and Doctorate degrees in Organizational Development.

Dick became involved with the County Shelter about a year after moving here. He really didn't know much about it, but not having an animal at the

time, he wanted to do something with and for dogs. Dick soon learned about the volunteer program for walking dogs at the shelter, and shortly after began and has been a dog walker for six years, only missing one period when he had open heart surgery.

For Dick there are many benefits in walking the dogs at Sammie's Friends. The most important, though, would be his personal gift from the shelter — Maggie. She was a scrawny, pitiful, sick Pit Bull puppy with hardly any hair, an ear infection and kennel cough. "I had not intended to adopt a dog for a few more years," says Dick, "but we fell in love with this dog. Very briefly, Maggie had multiple fractures in her left wrist, had a metal plate with nine screws put in, had terrible infections, and has been 'through the mill.' Thankfully today she is fine, although

she'll always limp. She's up at 6:30AM every morning chasing geese from the Lake Wildwood beaches and parks, and goes swimming with me every evening. She's also won her AKC 'Canine Good Citizen' Award and is now a Therapy Dog allowed to go into hospitals, schools and nursing homes."

Way to go, Maggie and Dick!



*My person couldn't make it for the photo shoot, so I'm filling in! I love to show off my smile!*

## Facing the Abandoned Horse Situation in Nevada County

Within the last year, Sammie's Friends has received some 28 horses. Most of these horses have ended up at the shelter after Animal Control has intervened and impounded them. Generally animals are impounded because they are being neglected or abused. The largest group of horses came from the Banner Lava Cap area. The elderly owners had become overwhelmed; their horses had been untouched for years and just kept on reproducing. There were eight stallions and four mares. These poor creatures had been living in 4-5 feet of mud in tiny 10x10 and 12x12 pens for the last

5-15 years of their lives. They were all thin, with rain-rot on their faces and bodies, overgrown feet, dreadlocked manes and horribly overgrown teeth.

Luckily, we have some amazing foster parents who have been working with these horses and settling them down. Several vets and a local foot-trimmer offered their services at a discount and we set about scheduling castration and veterinary dates. Amazingly, it only took a week or two for the horses to start looking healthy again. These beautiful animals are in dire need of a caring home. To provide an opportunity to adopt one of them, **there is an adopt-a-thon**

**scheduled for October 7th and 8th at The Farm Store located at 10110 Harvest Lane in Rough and Ready.** We will be bringing several adoptable horses and informational flyers on the others.

We hope to see you there! Anyone interested in learning more about these horses may **contact Kristina@sammiesfriends.org or 530-471-5041.** Monetary donations to help with the ongoing cost of the horses' care are being accepted. I will be writing more about the horses in the next issue of the POOP SCOOP, and hope to report that many were placed in caring homes.



*This really skinny guy's name is Knickers. He wasn't able to eat because his teeth were so overgrown they were literally growing into the gums! Horses have to have their teeth floated (filed down) about once a year. He's 28 and hadn't had vet care for some 15 years! The pic on the right is Knickers about a month into fostering him.*



*CoCo had MAJOR rain rot on her face... it's now healing up, thank goodness.*



*Blue, before rescue.*



*Blue, after rescue.*



*The last group of five we got :)*



*Cinders' feet, they are majorly overgrown*



*You can also see Cinders' nasty dreadlocks! One horse had a dread lock that went all the way down to her feet!*



*An after pic of Cinders.*



Dr. Rob Avery

## Fleas Aren't Just Pests, They're Dangerous to Cats and Dogs

By: Rob Avery, D.V.M. — For the Love of Pets

**F**leas can be killers. It's true. A recent patient of mine actually died due to a severe flea infestation. He was a tiny kitten and had become so anemic from lost blood that we were unable to save him. While fortunately this is an unusual story, it prompts a discussion about fleas and best ways to avoid problems with this annoying parasite.

Traditionally Nevada County has enjoyed a less-than-most risk of flea problems. Perhaps due to our climate, altitude, rural lifestyle or some other reason, fleas just haven't been a big issue. This year, things are different. Many people are now seeing fleas on their pets. Most commonly, animals itch, especially around the rear half of the body. Fleas can be seen, although they are small and with a heavily coated animal, may be hard to spot. Flea dirt, or fe-

ces, can also be found. It looks like coffee grounds on the skin.

Most times flea infection is just annoying. However, more serious illness can be seen, usually skin infections and dermatitis. Fleas can transmit disease, from minor problems like tapeworms, to the more serious such as Bartonella or Yersinia pestis otherwise known as the Plague. These conditions can require additional treatment from your veterinarian or could even be fatal.

The good news is flea control is usually not difficult. Fleas cannot live as adults freely in the environment. They require a furry host in order to feed and reproduce. This gives us an excellent window of attack. Our modern flea products are much more effective than the pesticides of the past. Most have greatly reduced toxicity, are easier to use and work

extremely well. Applied to the skin monthly, they provide protection for the entire period, thus preventing the fleas from reproducing. Some oral products are now available that either provide for a quick kill of all fleas on the animal or provide monthly protection. The key to success is to provide protection to all animals in the household in order to remove any reservoir for fleas to hide. The environment should be treated, usually with frequent vacuuming and possibly the application of an insect growth regulator (IGR). Most times an environmental pesticide is not necessary. It may take several weeks or even a month to get all animals flea free in a household. It is very important that you only use products intended for cats on cats. A dog flea product could be extremely dangerous.

## Third Spay/Neuter Campaign

**S**ammie's Friends is running its third low cost/no cost campaign to encourage owners to spay/neuter their pitbulls.

The first campaign saw 69 pitbulls spayed and neutered in five days. The second campaign there were 15 spays/neuters.

This campaign titled "Don't Be A Turkey - Spay/Neuter Your Pitbull" will be run from November 7th to November 12th. For every pitbull a person has spayed/neutered they get to put their name in a hat for a drawing and the winner receives \$250.00.

**Nearly 1,000,000 pitbulls are euthanized every year** because there are no homes for them. The only way to protect these dogs is to stop the reproductive cycle. We are a long way from running out of pitbulls in America.

Please do the right thing and **spay/neuter your pitbull** and maybe win some money in the process!

**"DON'T BE A TURKEY"**  
  
**SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PIT BULL"**  
**November 7th to November 12th**

Call any vet in town for a **low cost/no cost** appointment



I'm no turkey  
I got spayed!

Enter drawing....**one chance to win**  
**for every** pit bull you spay/neuter.

**ONE GRAND PRIZE \$250**

The more pit bulls you spay/neuter, the better your  
chance of winning!



Transportation provided, if needed.

Questions? - Sammie's Friends 530-471-5041

[www.sammiesfriends.org](http://www.sammiesfriends.org)

## Whatever Happened to Teddy?

Teddy came to the shelter in July of 2003 as a LARGE two year old pit bull mix who had allegedly killed a cat. It was later determined that he did not kill a cat. The owner of the cat was located and she said that she still had the cat and Teddy had not killed the cat. Because of his alleged crime he was never taken out of quarantine and given the chance to be adopted. After six weeks he was scheduled to be euthanized.

Teddy had been dumped on someone's property when he was a five month old pup. The person who owned the property kept Teddy. She had him neutered and got him his shots. She had twenty acres that Teddy and her other dog, a small Australian Shepherd, ran free on in North San Juan. When Teddy was two, the owner and the two dogs moved to a trailer where the yard was tiny. Teddy was not a mean or vicious dog but he was a very big rambunctious dog. He knocked

over the other dog and this resulted in a torn cruciate and a big outlay of money. The owner was older with bad knees and felt that Teddy, in his exuber-

cantly smaller, so great caution was used in the introduction of so many other dogs. It all worked out fine. Eight years later Teddy still lives with Curt and Cheryl. Pretty sure he's not a foster dog anymore. Ha!

Over the years Teddy became less and less good with other dogs, with the exception of the three he lived with. However, the Sammie of Sammie's Friends died and so did Destiny. Both at ripe old ages. That left Teddy and Mon-Mon. Thanks to Beverley Ward, our dog behaviorist Teddy is now happily playing with other dogs at the animal shelter. He learned this at ten years old. It is never too late to get help for your doggie if there are problems. Humans can learn until they are very old and so can dogs.

Curt and Cheryl would not have traded the last eight years with their Teddy dog for anything. He's been a lot of fun and very entertaining.



ance, would knock her down and hurt her. She brought him to the shelter.

Teddy was such a character with a great big personality, Cheryl couldn't bear to see him die. Cheryl took him home from the shelter to foster him until a home could be found. Cheryl and Curt had three other dogs, Sammie, Destiny and Mon-Mon, all of whom were signifi-

## Our Van Gets a New Look!

Thanks to a number of people Sammie's Friends has a cute little van to drive our cute little creatures around in style. Tom and Terri Nelson donated the van, which needed quite a bit of work to make it into what it is today. Ralph did a lot of

work on the van himself and Claudia arranged for the rest of the work to be done by an air conditioning shop, a tire shop and a couple of other places. Bill Parrish paid for all the work that needed to be done on the van.



From left to right: Tom Nelson (his wife Terri was not available), Bill Parrish and Claudia and Ralph Ellis.

We are so grateful to all of them for their generosity.

Tim Johnson of Maaco - Roseville provided a great paint job gratis in memory of his beloved pitbull, Ivy, who passed away recently.

He had raised her from a puppy and she lived to be an old girl. There is a tribute to Ivy on the van.



Tim's beloved Ivy...the rainbow bridge shined a little brighter to guide her way.

*“Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear.”*

- Dave Barry

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](http://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!**

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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.