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Española Valley Humane Society

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## Little Man Finds Love in Colorado

Little Man was hit and dragged underneath a car, which badly damaged his front paw. He was picked up by Animal Control and brought to the Española Valley Humane Society. When contacted, his owner surrendered him to the shelter because of the expense of medical care. In spite of being in extreme pain, Little Man was full of personality and heart and quickly became a staff favorite. Sadly, his paw was so badly shattered that his leg had to be amputated.

Staff members at the Humane Society were anxious to find a loving home for Little Man and knew that it would happen quickly through the Driving Doggies transfer program. Each year, about 670 of the Society's canine strays are transferred by van to Colorado rescues facing high demand and low intake. The sister organizations oversee the placement of these dogs—both adults and puppies--into loving homes.

Early on transport morning, shelter staff loaded 21 dogs, including Little Man, onto the transfer van. He was still adjusting to getting around on three legs and needed a little extra help getting into his crate. Four and a half hours later the van arrived at Pikes Peak Humane Society in Colorado Springs. Just over a week after that, Little Man was adopted to an incredible family that adores their three legged addition.

The Española Valley Humane Society's two cargo vans are an integral part of helping animals find forever homes in Colorado. The vans also transport locally to Santa Fe and Albuquerque for just over 35 mobile adoption events per year. In 2014, the Humane Society began conducting monthly vaccine clinics in struggling communities to help with animal health. For underserved residents who lack transportation, the Society offers to pick up and return animals for spay/neuter.

The Humane Society is currently looking to raise $25,000 towards the purchase of a third low-mileage van. No donation is too small or too large. Logos from the four most generous sponsors will be prominently displayed on the back of the van. To date, the Driving Doggies and mobile adoption programs have saved the lives of 14,472 animals. Your donation will literally save lives and create new beginnings.

# Kitten Festival -107 in 2 days

By 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2016, a long line of people waited to adopt a feline at the 9th Annual Kitten Festival, which the Española Valley Humane Society organized and the Santa Fe PetSmart generously hosted. The Humane Society's mobile adoption staff had set up 78 cages in the store the day before and brought van loads of cats and kittens to PetSmart that morning.

"Setting up a mobile event is much more labor intensive for cats," says Nicole Joswiak, Mobile Adoptions Coordinator. "More equipment is needed to house and care for the cats appropriately. We're delighted that so many pets went home with families during this year's successful event." Kennel staff also worked hard during the weekend to showcase additional adoptable animals at the shelter in Española. At the end of weekend, 107 animals were adopted thanks to the excellent work of staff, volunteers and a $5,000 PetSmart grant to help with advertising, equipment and medical care.

The Kitten Festival started in the summer of 2008 to help with the flood of kittens that arrive at the shelter during the spring and summer months. The Festival has grown to an annual event that draws attention to the overwhelming number of unwanted cats and the need for spay/neuter.

Though the Humane Society's animal intake has dropped because of a relentless focus on spay/neuter, the Festival has become an opportunity to partner with rural shelters in New Mexico that are inundated with kittens and have few potential adopters. Through the Transfer to Adopt program, the Society ensures that incoming animals are healthy, vaccinated and altered before showcasing them at large adoption events, including the Kitten Festival. This innovative program is not without expense, however, and the costs of Transfer to Adopt average $13,400 per year.

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# Newly Renovated Clinic is Open

Local resident Isaac Paña recently brought his 12-week-old pit bull puppy, Hunter, to the Española Valley Humane Society's newly renovated clinic for a second round of shots. The shelter staff took the puppy into the exam room and Paña followed, scratching the puppy's nose and comforting him while he received his vaccines. Paña adopted Hunter from a friend. When Paña's father told him about the free spay/neuter clinic, Paña had Hunter neutered and vaccinated.

"Hunter is very playful and outgoing. He's my buddy and is a member of our family," said Paña. "With the shelter's help, Hunter is going to be a really healthy dog and be around for a long time. I am so happy with the care Hunter got from the shelter. They provide a great service for our community, especially the 'free fix' surgeries." Paña had no qualms about fixing Hunter, "There are enough dogs in the community and lots of dogs don't have homes and are starving."

Earlier this year the Humane Society renovated and expanded its spay/neuter clinic. Donations earmarked for the project covered the cost of the $47,000 renovation. The new clinic features a dedicated lobby and space for client consultations, a renovated surgery suite and increased capacity for animal recovery after surgery. In addition, dogs and cats now have separate recovery areas. "We've been working on this new space for months, and it's wonderful to offer a spacious and comfortable setting for our medical team and the animals in their care," says Bridget Lindquist, Executive Director. "The new clinic increases our daily surgery capacity by 37% and enables us to help even more pet owners with affordable services."

In 2015, the Humane Society performed 4,121 spay/neuter surgeries. Also in 2015, the Society received a $92,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to fund rural outreach, free vaccination clinics and free transportation of animals to the clinic for surgery. In 2016 the goal is to perform 600 free sterilizations of animals from the pueblos of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh, and the villages of Alcalde, Chimayo and Hernandez.

Humane Heroes are dedicated supporters who have made a future financial commitment to provide a voice for animals for generations to come. Membership is easy. You simply need to name the Española Valley Humane Society as a beneficiary in your will, trust, insurance policy, donor advised fund, or foundation. You can make your gift anonymous or, with your permission, we can acknowledge your commitment.

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If you are already a Humane Hero or would like to become one, please join us on Wednesday, September 14 from 5 pm – 7 pm at the La Fonda Hotel. RSVP by Sept 9 to Bridget Lindquist at Bridget@evalleyshelter.org or call 505 930-1450.

*Thank you for considering a gift that will celebrate animals and end suffering for years to come.*

# Fostering Neonatal Kittens

Marian Sperberg-McQueen knows her stuff when it comes to caring for newborn kittens. She has been the "momma cat" for hundreds of neonatal kittens brought to the Española Valley Humane Society over the last 19 years.

Orphaned kittens are very fragile. When Marian first began fostering neonatal kittens in Oak Park, Illinois, not much was known about caring for them and they were routinely euthanized. Many shelters consider these tiny kittens too resource-intensive to raise and they often make up the largest single group of animals euthanized at shelters.

Orphaned kittens are vulnerable to infectious disease and raising them in foster homes is essential to keeping these kittens healthy. With the help of the shelter's vets and vet techs, Marian has developed successful techniques and routines for caring for these fragile kittens. "It's been very rewarding. It's fun to watch them grow and thrive," says Marian. "Kittens need hydration, warmth, nutrition and cleaning. It's not any harder than caring for a newborn and their need for extensive care only lasts a couple of weeks."

Marian would like to leave a legacy of good care for neonatal kittens. After 20 years of caring for kittens she is ready to teach what she knows to others who would like to help with this important life-saving mission. If you are interested in fostering neonatal kittens please call Shelter Manager, Lisa Gipe at (505) 753-8662 or email Lisa@evalleyshelter.org.

# calendar of events

**Fri – Sun, Aug 26 - 28, 10:30 am – 5 pm**
Adopt a Classic
*Fee waived adoptathon for senior cats*

**Fri and Sat, Sep 2 - 3, 10 am – 6 pm**
Labor Day Weekend Sale
*Barkin Attic and Barkin Boutique*

**Fri and Sat, Sep 9 - 10, 10 am – 6 pm**
Summer Clearance Closeout
*Barkin Attic and Barkin Boutique*

**Sat, Sep 17, 10 am – 4 pm**
National Adoption Event
*PetSmart in Albuquerque*

**Sat, Oct 15, 11 am – 3 pm**
Local Adoption Event
*PetSmart in Santa Fe*

**Fri, Nov 11, 10:30 am – 5 pm**
Veteran's Day Celebration
*Waived adoption fees and gift bags for military personnel*

**Sat, Nov 12, 10 am – 4pm**
National Adoption Event
*PetSmart in Albuquerque*

**Fri and Sat, Nov 25 - 26, 10 am – 6 pm**
Thanks for Giving Sale
*Barkin Attic and Barkin Boutique*

**Mon – Fri, Dec 12 - 23, 10:30 am – 5 pm**
Home for the Holidays
*Special holiday pricing on shelter adoptions*

**Wed - Sat, Dec 21 - 24, 10 am – 6 pm**
Holiday Blowout Sale
*Barkin Attic and Barkin Boutique*



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