Everyone is welcome to the annual fundraising celebration of The Redwood Coast Humane Society. Check our website for upcoming details.

GUALALA COMMUNITY CENTER
NOON TO 4PM

“Any dog can win” dog show • Musical dog chairs • Silent auction • Face painting • Raffle prizes ($500 Grand Prize) • Kissing booth • Doggie cookie tasting • Photo portraits of you and your pet

Rewards of Being a Volunteer by Judy Kohn

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Having retired from nursing, I still recall how we would “give report” to the next shift to provide continuity of care for our patients; likewise at the shelter, we write pertinent notes in our report for the next shift, and we read the previous several days’ reports so that we always know what is going on with each kitty. What a positive reward it was, watching the progress of a feral cat over several weeks who became more socialized, was adopted, and accepted by the other cat in a household, proven by a picture the owner sent, with the resident cat having his paws around the new adoptee in a loving hug! I watch with delight when visitors of all ages visit the shelter, who love playing with the cats, want to adopt one, or are eager to learn about the dogs who are being fostered who need a loving home. Volunteering is very rewarding!
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To provide temporary foster and medical care for animals that are surrendered, abandoned, injured or rescued.
To locate permanent homes for companion animals through adoption programs.
To control dog and cat population by providing financial assistance for and education about spay/neuter services.
To act as an information resource for a variety of animal related issues, including lost and found, feral cat management, referrals and counseling.
To educate the public on animal related issues through workshops, special events and publications.
To develop and sustain a skilled volunteer network to support the organization’s activities.
To attain financial resources through fundraising activities to support our mission and goals.

Note from the President
The publication of our Spring 2012 newsletter coincides with the completion of the initial year of operation at “Jakes Place”, our first public shelter facility. Prior to this, all pet care occurred in volunteers private homes.

As we embark into the second of hopefully many successful years of providing care to our community’s homeless pets at Jakes’ Place, it is appropriate to reflect upon and express our gratitude for the enthusiastic “vision” of past presidents Sally Campbell and Joyce Omer, to the development skills of Marghi Hagen, the fortitude of Jody Sparks in the handling the daily operating tasks, and the countless shelter volunteers who contribute their skills, patience, and most of all, love, not only to the pets in our care, but to their fellow volunteers as well. Additionally, the spouses and partners of many of our volunteers also deserve our appreciation for their direct participation in the organizations activities, and also for the many hours spent without of the company of their loved one.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the financial support of our benevolent community members and visitors. Please see the many acknowledgements of our appreciation contained within the pages of this newsletter. We truly are appreciative, two and four legged alike.

—Lisa Scott
RCHS President

Lily

Last November, Don and Heidi Endemann adopted Lily from Redwood Coast Humane Society. Heidi, an accomplished artist, decided to paint Lily. Heidi said, “Lily is a performer. She’s very social, and loves to play. We even dance once in a while!” Heidi and Don say they’re very lucky to have found Lily. We think Lily is very lucky too!

RCHS is on Facebook Redwood Coast Humane Society

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Low Cost Spay/Neuter Services for Cats & Dogs for low-income families
For more information Please visit us on the web at www.redwoodcoasthumane.org or Call 884-1304
Lisa Scott—
Our Long Time Champion

In the late 1980s, a small group of community members concerned about the welfare of our coastal animals organized the South Coast chapter of the Mendocino Coast Humane Society. Lisa Scott became involved at that time and she has continued since then without interruption as Board President, VP, dog fosterer, Spay Neuter Program Manager and unsung performer of all other jobs that need to be done.

Lisa is the longest serving and, without a doubt, a very dedicated, hardworking volunteer at RCHS. When we have a ‘difficult to adopt’ foster dog, Lisa fosters and works with that dog until it finds a good home. When the rest of the volunteers are pulling our hair out in frustration over the multitude of problems that arise, Lisa calmly deals with them. She has been an inspiration for all of us. Our community is lucky to have such a dedicated, caring animal lover.

Why Spay and Neuter Your Pet?

EASIER FOR YOU
Spaying (female) or neutering (male) companion animals eliminates messy “heat” cycles, the scent that attracts persistent males and the frantic pacing and crying while in heat, and usually stops males from “spraying” foul smelling urine. It also reduces the annoying and embarrassing urge of male dogs to “mount” people’s legs and reduces aggression against other animals.

HEALTHIER FOR YOUR PET
Spaying female dogs and cats eliminates the problems and risks of pregnancy and birth as well as the common problems of cancer and infection of the uterus later in life. It also decreases the possibility of mammary tumors, and eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer. Neutering male dogs and cats eliminates the urge to seek out females in heat, reducing the risks associated with free roaming animals as well as the chance of prostate problems and testicular tumors later in life.

REDUCES THE OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM
Every day in the United States, unwanted litters of puppies and kittens are brought to already overcrowded shelters. An estimated 6 to 8 million homeless animals enter shelters every year, many of which must be euthanized due to overpopulation.

MYTHS ABOUT SPAYING AND NEUTERING
Spaying and neutering will not make your pet fat or lazy. Too much food and not enough exercise are the main causes of obesity. Neutering will not make your cat or dog feel like less of a male. Pets don’t have any concept of sexual identity or ego. Neutering a male dog or cat will not change his basic personality. He doesn’t suffer any kind of emotional reactions or identity crisis when neutered. www.marinhumanesociety.org

LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM
The Redwood Coast Humane Society is highlighting its Low Cost Spay/Neuter program that is offered to provide financial assistance for low income pet owners for this essential medical procedure. For information about this service, please call The Redwood Coast Humane Society at 884-1304.

Successful Spaying Thanks to Dave Norman
RCHS had been hearing from many people about several female dogs in the area who were having multiple litters of puppies each year. Many of the puppies died due to lack of nourishment, and the mothers continued to get pregnant and continued to have more litters each year. After two years of failed attempts to get the owners to spay and neuter their dogs, RCHS succeeded, with the great effort and help from local resident, Dave Norman. Two females were spayed and 16 eight-week old puppies were rescued and placed in good homes. Thank you, Dave, for being willing to take the time and energy to help RCHS and the dogs and puppies that would have continued to suffer and likely die.

Liv, The Delivery Girl
Liv came to us as a ‘failure to thrive’ puppy. We named her Olivia (Liv for short) to encourage her to choose to live. At eight weeks, she weighed 1 pound, 4 oz. After lots of love and some force feeding, Liv is now a healthy, happy girl weighing in at more than 5 pounds. She’s still small, but now has a happy home with the Jennifer McQuaid family of Santa Rosa. She even does personal glasses delivery once in a while!
Waiting for New Homes
Wouldn’t one of these beautiful animals make a great addition to your family? Please contact us at 884-1304 to get information about these and other pets available for adoption.

Coco & Chanel

Mokey (recently adopted)

Lucy (recently adopted)

Piper & Luna

George

Coal (recently adopted)

Tonks

Jose
Recently Adopted

Left Column:
Ellie & Peanut with their new family, the Richardsons
Tango with Uncle Felix

Right Column:
Charlotte and Frankii
Liv meets Thelma
Cindy & Brutus
Foster puppies romp
The perfect family, Bowie with his new mom Rebecca O’Neil and sister HolliLu.
Recognition of Donations

The Redwood Coast Humane Society would like to thank our donors whose generosity and financial support allows us to continue our mission of serving the needs of animals and pet owners on the Redwood Coast.


Read to Benefit Cats and Dogs

Here’s another way to help our coastal pets—donate your gently read books and purchase previous best-sellers read by other animal lovers! Kathy Kopfer at The Sea Trader has a special shelf of used and for sale books whose proceeds go directly to help support The Redwood Coast Humane Society. Visit Kathy at 38640 S. Highway 1 in Gualala or call her at 884-3248 for more information. Thank you Kathy!!!

Thank You for Your Support

Businesses

The Redwood Coast Humane Society couldn’t survive without the support from local businesses. We also are grateful to those businesses that host our donation collection “dog houses”: Accents by The Sea, Action Network, All-Coast Mobile Lock & Key, Anchor Bay Store, ARFF Feed & Pet Supplies, Blue Canoe, Brodie Architecture & Design, Copy Plus, Cypress Village, Flowers by Natasha, Four Eyed Frog Books, Gualala Building Supply, Gualala Nursery & Trading Company, Gualala Sport & Tackle Shop, Gualala Supermarket, Gualala Veterinary Clinic, Holmgren & Associates, Independent Coast Observer, Jay Baker-True Value Hardware, KGUA, KTDE, The Loft, Outback Garden & Feed, The Screen Shop, The Sea Ranch Association, Sea Ranch Building Supply, The Sea Trader, Stewart’s Point Store, Sundstrom Family, Surf Super Market, WestAmerica Bank

The Good Night Foundation

The Good Night Foundation is a non-profit organization that partners with The Sea Ranch Lodge to raise funds through the generosity of caring guests. Guests are asked to make a small nightly donation to The Good Night Foundation which supports local and global initiatives, making all parts of the world a safe, healthy and desirable place to live and to visit. The Redwood Coast Humane Society would like to thank The Good Night Foundation for their continuing support and their 2011 annual contribution.

“Dog House” and ARFF Feed & Pet Supplies Box Donations

We would like to thank all of the people who have donated funds to our “dog house” collection boxes at local businesses, and to those who have donated food and supplies at the collection box provided by ARFF Feed & Pet Supplies in Gualala for the benefit of the RCHS. Those donations have really been helpful not only to our shelter pets, our foster animals and our feral cat population, but also to people in our community who are having financial difficulty in caring for their pets.

Individual Recognition

How can we ever acknowledge and sufficiently thank all of the people who give their time and energy to make The Redwood Coast Humane Society a successful organization?... We truly appreciate those who socialize with cats in the shelter, foster homeless animals, clean cat boxes, tend to the garden, take on construction projects, do laundry, clean the facility, organize feline, create amazing meals for fundraising events, wrap presents, judge dog shows, answer phones, trap feral cats, take sick animals to the vet, shop for pet food, do accounting, decorate a Christmas tree, feed the birds, take meeting minutes, collect and account donations, record radio spots, fix our computer, organize fund raising events, take out the garbage & recycling, and the list goes on and on... We love you!

Memorials and Honors

MEMORIALS--PEOPLE

Generous Donations were given to The Redwood Coast Humane Society in the Memory Of the following People:


MEMORIALS--PETS

Generous Donations were given to The Redwood Coast Humane Society in the Memory Of the following Pets:

Scully, Tytu, Kelsey, Hobo, Flora & Tailing, Pookie, Bernie, Wolfie, Meggie, SKIPPER, Cody, and Zelda

BED & BONE MEMORIALS

Bed & Bone wishes to honor the passing of the following faithful boarding and/or grooming dogs, cats and other friends.

Dogs

Zoe Weatherford, Cleo Valley, Sunny Phelps, Thai Laiwa, Winston Gallagher, Roxie Plumer, Max DuPuis, Molly Griffith, Rosie Devens, Chewie Bohn, Roxy Fedeli, Arrow Rhine, Floria Franklin, Casey LaMar, and Scully Tyler

Cats

Magpie Levine and Eric DicksonSmith

People

Jim Donaldson and Cliff Barry

HONORS--PEOPLE

Generous Donations were given to The Redwood Coast Humane Society in the Honor Of the following People:

Charlie Hitt, Alicia Rebmann, Mr. & Mrs. David Liggett, Colby Bihl, Bob & Jacqueline Kapecky, Craig & Suzanne Alexander, the Sea Ranch Escape staff, Kathy Hitt & Marty Covinton, and Richard Kalustian

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Oliver & Frank, Tio, and Kelley’s friends

News from the United States

Hume Society

Dog and Cat Overpopulation

Four million cats and dogs—about one every eight seconds—are put down in U.S. shelters each year. Many cats and dogs who die as a result of pet overpopulation could have made wonderful pets. A solution is possible and starts with each of us taking one small step: Getting our own pets spayed or neutered. To help stop pet overpopulation further, consider adopting your next pet from a shelter. (United States Humane Society)
Redwood Coast Humane Society
Financial Overview 2011

RCHS 2011 INCOME BY CATEGORY
Adoption Fees.......................... $2,900.00
Spay/Neuter Program Fees............. $1,675.00
General Donations ..................... $49,048.13
Fundraising Events ..................... $14,402.06
Merchandise Sales ....................  $3,010.15
Miscellaneous/Refund Income ........ $1,485.38
Total General Income ............... $72,520.72

RCHS 2011 EXPENSES BY CATEGORY
Angel Fund................................ $1,135.77
Spay/Neuter Program ................... $12,559.75
Feral Cat Program ...................... $3,927.98
General Veterinary Expenses ......... $12,500.72
Total Veterinary Expenses .......... $30,124.22
Facility Rent (Annual) ................. $11,268.00
Shelter & Foster Supplies .......... $3,816.16
Utilities Expenses...................... $3,026.00
Advertising ................................ $3,788.99
Insurance ................................ $1,762.00
Merchandise Expense ............... $7,379.56
Consultant ................................ $4,000.00
Operating Expenses .................. $11,067.00
Total Non-Veterinary Expenses ...... $45,697.61
Total Expenses ......................... $75,821.83

OVERALL TOTAL ....................... ($3,301.11)

2011 Statistics
During 2011, the Redwood Coast Humane Society received approximately 620 (ave. 52 per month) inquiries for assistance with local pet and animal issues. Of these, 76 concerned lost animals, 80 for found animals, with 43 of them reunited with their owners. Unfortunately 48 local pets were surrendered to the organization with many others acquired by other means, but 68 inquiries were received to adopt the pets in our foster care. Over 130 requests for financial support for spay and neuter services and other veterinary care were received with 87 spay/neuter vouchers issued. These figures verify the continued need for the Redwood Coast Humane Society in our coastal community.

Volunteer Form
Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering. The gift of time is invaluable; no matter how much or how little time you can share with us, we appreciate it. Helping your Humane Society can be both fun and rewarding. Our goal is to find an activity you can enjoy. Please complete this questionnaire and return it to the address below.

Date____________________
Name__________________________________
Address________________________________
City_______________________State_______ Zip_____________
Phone home____________________work_________________
cell_____________________________
email__________________________________

Your personal information will only be used by RCHS and will not be shared.
Volunteer Activities of Interest:

_____Kitten/Cat Fosterer  _____Spay/Neuter Program  _____Dog Trainer
_____Kitten/Cat Socializer  _____Feral Kitten Socializer  _____Small Construction Projects
_____Puppy/Dog Fosterer  _____Trap Feral Kittens/Cats  _____Errands
_____Puppy/Dog Socializer  _____Retail Inventory  _____Fund Raising/Event Planning
_____Dog Walker  _____Errands  _____Work in Shelter  _____Transportation
_____Kitten/Cat Fosterer  _____Website

Please return this form to
RCHS, PO Box 1072, Gualala, CA 95445
Other Ways to Help Redwood Coast Humane Society

In the past two years, while the number of cats that we have assisted has increased, the number of dogs in need has actually doubled. And though we have a large number of generous volunteers, we find ourselves over extended on many fronts. We are short-handed specifically with the non-animal related tasks such as website manager, public relations, fund raising, bookkeeping, event planning, newsletter editing and distribution, retail sales, photography, gardening, and database maintenance.

If you’d like to help us with any of these tasks, please mail the Volunteer Form on page 7 to POB 1072, Gualala, CA 95445, and we’ll get back to you as soon as possible.

Sally Campbell working in Helen’s Garden (on right). Carol Skaug, Joyce Omer, Harriet Wright, Dianne Rasmussen, and Linda Bell helping with the newsletter mailing.

Donation & Gift Form

I want to help The Redwood Coast Humane Society serve the animals and people in our community. Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:

$25 _____  $50 _____  $100 _____
$250 _____  Other ______

Please give my gift towards:

General Donation ______
Veterinary Care ______
Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program ______
Shelter Operation ______
Foster Program ______
Angel Fund ______
Feral Cat Program ______

Planned Giving ______ Yes, I have included The Redwood Coast Humane Society in my will.

_______Yes, I would like more information on how to include The Redwood Coast Humane Society in my will.

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707-884-1304

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Memoriams & Honorariums

This gift is:  In Memory Of ______  In Honor Of ______

Name:
Person __________________________________________________________
Pet ____________________________________________________________

Please send notification to:
Name __________________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________
City ____________________________  State__________  Zip_________

Donor:
Name __________________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________
City ____________________________  State__________  Zip_________

Phone  Home___________________________  Cell____________________________
Work ______________________________

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