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## HOLIDAY NEWS!

Of the 44 **Pet Food Express** stores, the San Carlos location ranks lowest in sales volume but rated #3 in donations this holiday season and those donations befitted PHS/SPCA animals. Our volunteers received approx.. \$2,000 in tips from shoppers at the San Mateo **Barnes & Noble**. We participated in the gift wrap program, and were one of several charities that sent volunteers to the store to wrap gifts. The **Peet's Coffee** near Whole Foods and Crunch Gym in San Mateo named PHS/SPCA their holiday season beneficiary. Tips for the month of December will benefit our animals...Volunteer **Staey Carpenter** organized another fantastic mini-fundraiser for PHS/SPCA. This time, **Half Moon Bay Brewery** played host. Like past events (also organized by Staey) at the **Moss Beach Distillery**, guests enjoyed drinks, appetizers and a patio with fire pits. HMB Brewery donated half of the ticket sales to PHS/SPCA.

## WE THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

As folks continue to learn that adoptable animals are at our new Center for Compassion, adoptions

are climbing. We've had several weeks with 70+ adoptions and a few three-day weekends that resulted in 50 animals finding their forever homes! Potential adopters who show up at 12 Airport Blvd. receive a flier with directions to our new center and 10% off their next adoption! If you have friends who haven't visited, please tell them to make this a New Year's resolution...Our **Pick of the Litter** resale store just ended a banner year – a 73% jump in net sales over last year! Congratulations to the staff and volunteers and to those who donated items or shopped at the Pick.

## WILDLIFE OPEN HOUSE

Our Center for Compassion's rooftop enclosures for rehabilitating wildlife weren't completed when we held our open house events last September. We're now functional and ready for the annual influx of wild animals who'll need care beginning this spring. But, since we don't yet have many animals, we're taking advantage of the timing and giving the general public a one-time opportunity to tour our facilities the weekend of Jan. 28-Jan. 29, 12-4 both days. Details to follow.

## SAVE THE DATE

**MOBILE ADOPTIONS, FROM NOON -3PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

### JANUARY

- 07 | Stanford Women's Basket Ball, 11:20am-2:30pm
- 14 | Petco, Bridgepointe
- 17 | Pick of the Litter, Burlingame
- 21 | Hillsdale Mall
- 28 | Bow Wow Meow, Menlo Park

### FEBRUARY

- 04 | Serramonte Mall
- 11-12 | CA Home & Patio Show 10am-4pm
- 17 | SAP Campus 11-2pm
- 18 | Hillsdale Mall
- 21 | Pick of the Litter, Burlingame
- 25 | Bow Wow Meow, Menlo Park

## PICK OF THE LITTER 9TH ANNIVERSARY SALE

*Monday, February 6  
from 10am-6pm*

(THAT'S 63 IN DOG YEARS!)  
Shop early and save big, between 10am and noon...  
**TAKE 63% OFF ALL YOUR PURCHASES! 50% OFF your purchases the remainder of the day from noon to 6pm.** The Pick of the Litter resale shop sells gently used items. It's located at 1127 in Burlingame, just off Broadway. 650/344.1662. The proceeds directly benefit the shelter animals at PHS/SPCA.

## NEW PROGRAM!

PHS/SPCA's Behavior Dept is offering a line-up of seminars in 2012. All those interested in learning more about behavior/training with canines are welcomed! Our first seminar features renown certified dog trainer, Martina Contreras. Seminars are about 1 hour long with a Q/A session at the end. Cost is \$20 and you can pre-register by contacting TWong@PHS-SPCA.org or call 650.340.7022 x317.

Seminars are people-only, so please leave your pets at home.

### "Am I Ready"

*Speaker: Martina Contreras*

*Month: Sunday Feb. 12th at 4pm*

*Location: The Lantos Center*

No-Nonsense Reality Check

- The good, the bad, and the unexpected about dog ownership

- **what you MUST know before getting a dog or puppy** –

Topics covered:

- Puppies vs. Adults  
the pros and cons
- Temperament Extremes
- Breed Stereotypes
- Time and Money Commitment
- Mandatory training
- Family Lifestyle and the New Dog
- And probably more....

## 7TH ANNUAL FASHION FOR COMPASSION

Save the date for this year's Fashion for Compassion fashion show. The show will be held at the Hilton hotel in Burlingame on Sunday, April 22. Which animals will be runway stars in this year's show? The only way to find out is to attend! For more information or to receive an invitation, please contact Dawn Kelsey Fanara at 650/ 340-7022 x375 or dkelsey@PHS-SPCA.org.

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION: PET ASSISTED THERAPY

Our Pet Assisted Therapy teams are made up of dogs, cats and rabbits who work with their handlers to visit hospitals and other health care facilities offering the unique kind of therapy only an animal can provide. The program also includes our exciting offshoot: *Paws for Tales*, our Reading to Dogs program. In addition to hospital visits, volunteers visit local libraries. If you're interested in joining the Society's growing therapy program or know of a facility that might like to schedule visits, please contact Brian Probst at 650/340.7022 x328 or by emailing him at bprobst@PHS-SPCA.org

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

04 | Johnny Thipsouvanh  
08 | Sue Kelly  
10 | Velma Santana  
11 | Alan Tomkins  
12 | Jim Fambrini  
13 | Marisa Burman  
14 | Adam Baggetta  
17 | Marie Bui  
19 | Terri Wong  
20 | Eric Suter  
21 | Alex Santizo  
26 | Thomas Zoz  
30 | Dana Troy

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

04 | Moranda McKay  
04 | Tani Myers  
06 | Sandy Dominguez  
12 | Amadeo Oviedo  
16 | Sarah Currie  
21 | Justin Reese  
26 | Sarah Henry  
26 | Mary Ellen Wood  
28 | Katie Dinneen

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lindsay Reynolds  
*for 5 years of Service*

Maria Eguren  
*for 10 years of Service*

Gaylyn Bollinger  
*for 15 years of Service*

## PAWS FOR APPLAUSE

A special thank you to these people and companies who made our annual Volunteer and Community Celebration... "Paws for Applause" a success: Calmont Party Rental, Guittard Chocolates, PHS/SPCA Staff & Auxiliary, Ramen Club, San Franstitcho, Sibby's Cupcakery.

### Honored at the Event –

#### 2011 Volunteer of the Year:

Nominees: Annamarie Azevedo, Deborah Dennis, Cathy Goldschmidt, Lana Hopper, Stacey Morgan, Harry Stevens

**Recipient: Harry Stevens**

#### Janessa Greig Youth Volunteer

**Award: Nicole Sinou-Parrent**

#### President's Award: Amanda

**Bradshaw – Frolic Photography**

#### Volunteer Ambassadors:

Annamarie Azevedo, Holly Borghello, Mark Borson, Jeff Bratu, Patricia Connor, Amy Delucce, Deborah Dennis, Meghan Eddy, Cathy Goldschmidt, Debby Grider, Stephanie Halliday, Carol Kelso, Heather Lynam, Jennifer Mason, Mari Mikuriya, Stacey Morgan, Lori Mueller, Rick Obwald, Shelley Obwald, Sue Oppenheimer, Deborah Robbins, Barbara Schnur, Wally Vollendorf, Lisa Woodcock.

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS MONTHLY DONATIONS

If you would like to provide ongoing support for the animals without having to remember to make regular gifts, consider enrolling in our *Faithful Friends* monthly giving program. You can set up automatic donations via credit card, electronic bank transfer, or we can send you envelopes for the year if you prefer to write checks. We'll send you a summary letter for your records after the year is over, so you don't have to keep track of individual letters for each donation.

For more information or to sign up, visit the donation section of our website at [www.PHS-SPCA.org](http://www.PHS-SPCA.org), or contact Dana Troy: 650/340-7022 x389, [dtroy@PHS-SPCA.org](mailto:dtroy@PHS-SPCA.org).

## SAVE THE DATE

### Critter Classic Golf Tournament

Monday, May 21, 2012

*Sharon Heights Golf  
& Country Club*

Our 5th annual Critter Classic golf tournament will feature lunch, golf and a cocktail awards reception. For more information or to receive a brochure, please contact Dawn Kelsey Fanara at 650/ 340-7022 x375 or [dkelsey@PHS-SPCA.org](mailto:dkelsey@PHS-SPCA.org).

## VOLUNTEER QUOTE

"The greatest tragedy is indifference." -- THE RED CROSS

## BEHAVIOR CLASSES NEED DONATED ITEMS

The Behavior Department needs these items for TLC, Second Chance Classes and the Enrichment Program:

- "doggy scents" : Specifically Lavender oil and Dog Appeasing Pheromone (DAP)/ Comfort Zone spray

- Yoga mats

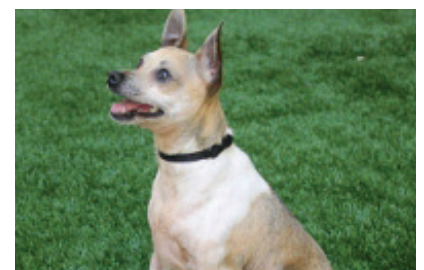
- Bathroom rugs or small carpets

- Paper towels

Please bring donations directly to the behavior office, or to the receiving area with "behavior" written on them.

## PET OF THE MONTH: PEETEY

Hi! I'm Peetey. I'm a 3 year old altered male Chihuahua/ possibly Jack Russell Terrier mix. I am a very active and outgoing. I would be a great companion for a first time pet owner. I can get along with other dogs but I don't know how I feel about cats. I would do well in a home with adults and children over the age of 10.



## **THANK YOU GALA SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS!!**

A great big THANK YOU to all volunteers who helped at this year's *A Home for the Holidays* gala ball and auction: Cole Anastassiou; Annamarie Azevedo; Jeff Bratu; Leslie Castellino; Jessica & Frank Cecena; Loretta Chen; Ruth Chofre; Peter Dating; Deborah Dennis (Kovalich); Nicole DuPuis; Katie Dinneen; Susan Faux; Linda Goodman; Stephanie Halliday; Annie Huacho; Beth Kabala; Megan Kovalich; Nicole Kyauk; Barbra Losel; Kate Low; Deborah Lynch; Brittany MacDonald; Kayla McKague; Michele Moffitt; Karen Montague; Larkin O'Toole; Deanna Penn; Becky Price; Brian Probst; Libby Roberts; Barbara Schnur; Sharon Selleck; Lori Skender; Kelly & Bryan Turner; Tim Tyler; Julian Wolff; Alice Wong; Les Wong; Lisa Woodcock; Betty & Clair Young. The event was a huge success, thanks to all your help!

Also, an extra special thank you to auxiliary the ladies for getting all the items for the live and silent auction donated. Their hard work all year long makes a huge difference to the hundreds of animals in our *Hope Program*.

We'd also like to thank our sponsors of the event: Atherton Lane Advisors; Borel Bank and Trust Company; Camino Real Pet Clinic; Carr, McClellan, Ingersoll, Thompson & Horn; Crosby N. Gray & Co.; Hood &

Strong, LLP; Valerie and Joe Hubachek; Kennon and Robert Hudson; Cheri and Peter Jaunich; LSA Associates, Inc.; Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps; Nelson Roberts Investment Advisors; Nixon Peabody, LLP; Pat and Nov Omana; Marilyn Porto, Pet Friendly Realtor; Marian Soss; Swatt-Miers Architects; Swinerton Builders and TM Summit, Inc.

Mark your calendar for next year's gala Saturday, November 3, 2012.

## **OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

PHS/SPCA attends community events, fairs, festivals, parades, dog shows, etc. whenever possible to educate community, expand our profile, recruit volunteers, encourage people to visit the shelter, use our services, etc. In some cases, outreach volunteers bring dogs available for adoption to meet the public. If you would like to share the good work PHS/SPCA does at community events please contact Lindsay Reynolds at 650/340-7022 x344 or [Lreynolds@PHS-SPCA.org](mailto:Lreynolds@PHS-SPCA.org).

## **ADOPTER RUNS FOR THE DOGS!**

We're guessing not many of you completed 52 marathons this year. One of our supporters did, and raised more than \$2,500 (to date) for PHS/SPCA shelter animals along the way. Tony Nguyen was inspired by his PHS-SPCA adopted dog, Chewbacca. The little Chiweenie (half Chihuahua half weiner dog) saved Tony's life a few years ago. Tony thought he was having a heart attack, as a result of his sedentary and nutritionally reckless lifestyle. His side kick, Chewbacca, barked and ran around in circles as if she sensed she was soon going to become an orphan. Tony thought his time was up. After everything settled, he got up and took Chewbacca for a walk. That was the turning point. Over the next few months, they walked everywhere, logging 15-20 miles/week. Before he knew it, he began running, dropped a truck load of weight, got off all meds, and ran his first marathon. Because of Chewbacca, Tony got healthy and is in the best shape of his life. This year, he vowed to run 52 marathons and did it. People tell Tony that he did a good thing by rescuing this dog, but he says she rescued him. You can read about Tony's journey at [www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/EndorphinDude/chewbacca](http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/EndorphinDude/chewbacca).