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**AN UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, GINNY NICHOLS**

Welcome to the first edition of the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary (SHAS) newsletter! We are excited to introduce you to the latest news, events and happenings with the sanctuary's development.

Safe Haven was founded on the belief that no animal should have to go hungry, be homeless, or live in fear or pain, regardless of it's appearance or health. The Sanctuary believes that all animals deserve to be treated with dignity and respect and provided with care that increases their opportunities for a safer life.

"When the idea for Safe Haven was first conceptualized, it was clear that it needed to be implemented. I eagerly began a fundraising campaign starting with an obvious resource: pet owners. I started with clients from my pet-sitting business – the donations received have been overwhelming."

"We're off to a good start, however, Safe Haven still has a way to go before reaching its \$1 million fundraising goal. Initially, money raised in the capital campaign will go towards purchasing land for the sanctuary—a cageless facility where animals will be housed together in small groups. Ideally, the new sanctuary would initially house 75 dogs and about 100 cats, with up to five acres being devoted to the care and

safety of up to an additional 100 feral felines. Another building would be devoted to the care of smaller animals, such as rabbits and birds. Our "no kill" policy means that all animals receiving care, would be either adopted or continue to live at the sanctuary."

Besides providing more space for more animals, the proposed sanctuary would also offer a veterinary clinic, visitation/play areas, and an adoption area. Safe Haven's educational center would host community seminars on topics such as spay/neuter awareness, animal behavior, and youth education.

"In 2000, I began operating a small sanctuary for feral cats in Saratoga, CA. This 3/4 acre property quickly filled to capacity hastening the need to move to a bigger piece of land. While there is no timeline in place for the construction of a new sanctuary, I am mindful of the constraints of the Pierce Road facility and I want to do right by our furry tenants. Feral cats are constantly searching for food and trying to survive—that's why they elicit so much compassion, and that's why we're here to provide them with long-term care ."

We need your help! Now is the time to send in your 2002 membership dues or sign up. See page 7 for more information.



## ***About This Newsletter***

Now you know our vision, and our goal for building a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to caring for special needs animals, and eventually a no-kill program for all animals that come to Safe Haven.

Our goal is to provide you with informative, interesting articles and to keep you up-to-date with events. We are still in the early development stages and welcome your input on what types of articles and news you would like to read, or subjects you wish to learn more about.

In this issue, check out our animal bios, adoption corner, funny stories, or even ask Bijou for advice! We're here to help make the world a better place for animals and their people!

Please write to us with your comments or suggestions! If you'd like to receive this in e-mail or snailmail format, please send us an e-mail at [safehaven4pets@aol.com](mailto:safehaven4pets@aol.com) with your contact information.

We thank you for your continued support!

## **WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR VISION FOR THE NEW SHAS FACILITY**



## ***Events***

On Saturday, October 26, the SHAS is hosting the first annual Treats For Tricks™ benefit—a unique festival that you and your canine companion won't want to miss! So come on out for a day of fun at the first annual Treats For Tricks celebration benefiting special needs animals. It's a festival for the whole family and your dog will love you for it.

The event is free! A \$5 donation per registered pet is requested. Goodie bags for first 1000 registered pets. Dogs must be leashed. Activities include: Dog Water Park, Agility Course, Specialty Vendors, Rescue Organizations, Food and Beverages, Live Music, Celebrity Guests, Dog Costume Contest and much, much more! Mark your calendars!





## ***Funny Pet Stories***

### **“The Chimney Sweep Strikes Again!”**

"Everyone thought I was crazy to drive from Texas to California in the heat of July with two teenagers and a cat. But, I wanted to make the move from Dallas to San Francisco an educational one.

All twelve of us (yes, teens seem to multiply by six with a laptop computer in the car) actually made it to Amarillo without incident, but by the time we got to Flagstaff, Arizona, all of us were pretty upset. The cat had stayed out of her carrier and at my feet most of the day. I was exhausted by the time we got to the hotel and extremely happy to hit the pillow that night.

The next morning I felt refreshed and ready to face another day of travel. I was excited that the hotel offered free work-outs at the local gym so I dashed past the continental breakfast buffet to get a pass from the front desk. Everyone looked at me rather funny. I thought, "hummmm, my Texas accent must be pretty obvious here--I guess?"

Once I got back to the room, I realized what had happened. My face and arms were smudged in black soot—everything in the room was black! And, we couldn't touch our cat without getting black. She had climbed up the chimney during the night.

Needless-to-say, we had a time washing her and everything else in the room before leaving. I also asked the front desk clerk why she hadn't questioned me earlier that morning about the black smear across my face.

"You just never know what to say in a time like that," she said. "Besides, I knew your credit card was good..."

– Sherry E.

### **Have a Funny Story?**

Chances are, if you have pets in your family or as part of your network of friends, you're going to have some great experiences and stories. We would love to hear from you! Send us an email at: [safehaven4pets@aol.com](mailto:safehaven4pets@aol.com).

## ***“Cattitude Corner” – Featuring “Bijou the Beautiful”***

Welcome, my name is “Bijou the Beautiful”—the queen of advice with a good dose of “cattitude”. My “special, pink, princess, powers” makes me the purrrfect puddy tat to answer all of your questions - between doing my nails, taking my nap, teasing Bailey-the-dog and making myself purrrrrty of course!!!

Dear Bijou

Now that I'm working from home, my dog seems to be barking all the time, especially when I'm on the phone talking to clients. Help! How can I teach my dog to be quiet?

Signed,  
Can't Hear Myself



Dear Can't Hear Myself,

You've brought up one of the distinct disadvantages of dogs—they're noisy. Cats, on the other hand, are an advanced and intellectual species. Until dogs evolve to a higher rung on the evolutionary ladder, I have put together some suggestions to control the noise – I hope they help.

Dogs naturally bark for many reasons, but to prevent excessive barking, provide your dog with plenty of play and mental stimulation, and be sure they receive the right amount of exercise recommended for their breed. If barking still seems to be excessive, I would suggest trying these methods:

Give the command "bark" when your dog barks, then follow with praise—maybe a treat (they need their egos stroked ya know) . Once it understands the connection and can bark on command, add a "no" command. Repeat the “stroking” and the “exercise”s until it understands both commands.

Get the attention of a barking dog with a rattle can (empty soda can with a few pennies inside and the opening taped over.) Rattle it when your dog starts barking, it will get the message.

Provide "white noise." Leave a television or music going whenever you're gone and be sure there are plenty of toys.



## ***SHAS Volunteer Program***

We need your help! If you have expertise in any of the following areas and would like to volunteer, send us an email or call us, we need your "collective, creative, connections!"

- **Event Volunteers**  
Work local events, provide creative input, etc.
- **Donations-in-Kind**  
Work with local merchants to request donations of pet food, merchandise, and services.
- **Entertainment**  
Know any animal-loving CEOs, key decision makers, or celebrities? We are planning some upcoming events and could use some local talent.
- **Educational Director**  
Responsible for designing, implementing, and managing

educational programs for children.

- **Fundraising Director**  
This person would also need to attend monthly board meetings and oversee other volunteers.
- **Promotions Coordinator**  
Works with iGive.com, eScrip, and other promotions
- **Membership Coordinator**
- **Foster Care Coordinator**

If interested, please send an email to [lawmelo@pacbell.net](mailto:lawmelo@pacbell.net)

## ***SHAS Wish List***

The Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary volunteers are working hard to reach our goal of building a new facility as quickly as possible. We are anxious to extend the care and peaceful environment to even more of our furry friends and you can help us get there!

Currently, we are in need of the following donations:

### *Urgently Needed\**

- Cat food (canned or dry)\*
- PC-based laptop computer\*
- Bedding supplies
- Paper towels
- Pet dishes
- Copy machine

- Plain paper fax
- High-speed printer
- Microsoft Office software package
- Office space in the south bay
- Building supplies

If you can help provide any of these items, please contact Ginny Nichols at 408•420•7233

## ***Adoptions***

Interested in adopting any of these beautiful babies? Send an email to: [safehaven4pets@aol.com](mailto:safehaven4pets@aol.com)

Take a look at these cuties!

Frankie – 6mos  
Punkin – 4mos

We're neutered and have all of our shots, we just need a great home!



**DUKE** needs a home too! Duke is a 9 month old pure-bred yellow labrador retriever. He loves people and kids and other dogs. Someone with puppy experience and a lot of patience would be a lifesaver for this dog. He has lots of potential and is simply one beautiful dog!



Louie, Donna, and Seanto, were born on December 22, 2001. I remember when their mother, BC, went into labor. She kept meowing and looking at me as if to say, "Mom, do something!" I remember thinking, "Well, there's not much I can do but just sit with you." So I grabbed a towel and blanket and sat down with her on the couch. In about 10 minutes she delivered her kittens right next to me! And there they all lived until the kittens were old enough to jump off the couch.



## ***A Special Thanks to Our Contributors***

We would like to sincerely thank all of our contributors whose contributions have really helped to keep us going! We look forward to growing our special network of friends with the common goal of providing a better place for animals.

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*In loving memory of our dear pets who have passed  
...we will never forget you!*

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Tigger, Watson, Windsor, Winnie, and Yoda*



## ***Thank You!***

The Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary would like to thank all of our volunteers, subscribers, readers, and friends who have worked so hard to help keep us going. It is our hope that we will continue to grow our family of friends...we're almost 100 volunteers strong! Our doors are always open to new members, please join us! When people work as a team, great things happen!

With warmest regards,  
The Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

### ***Our Volunteers***

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## ***Are You Ready for a New Cat or Kitten?***

If you are thinking about adopting a new pet, the chances are, that you have taken the time to carefully consider if you are truly ready to take the plunge. We have gathered these questions to help you make your decision:

### *Am I ready for the commitment?*

Getting a pet is a lifelong commitment. Cats generally live 15 to 20 years. Will you be moving or having a child in the next few years? Will the cat fit into your life a year or two from now?

### *Do I have the financial means?*

On average, it costs \$360 a year to cover basic veterinary care, food and supplies for a cat. Additional unanticipated costs can arise if the cat gets sick or if you travel often and need to find a reliable caretaker. Sometimes these costs can add up, so make sure you can handle them before you bring a cat home.

### *Can I give my cat all the time it needs?*

While its true that cats are more self-reliant than dogs, cats still need interaction with you every day. In addition to

daily feeding and litter box cleaning, spending quality time each day playing with your cats is important. Veterinarians believe that daily play time, love, and affection will keep your cat happier and healthier.

### *Is there anyone in the household who is allergic to cats?*

It may not be obvious if you have never had a cat... Everyone in the household will need to spend time handling the cat you have chosen before bringing it home, just to be sure.

### *How will my cat fit in with the rest of my family?*

Bringing a new family member home is exciting. However, its important to keep other family members and pets in mind when adopting a new cat or kitten. Talk to your shelter about your family (children or other pets) and lifestyle so they can help you find a cat who will more easily adjust to your home environment. And remember, regardless of the situation, it will take time for your new cat to feel at home. Your patience will pay off in the long run.





The Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing care and supported entirely through the donations of our members, volunteers, corporations, friends and families. Through your generous support, we can help ensure the animals who come to us now, and in the future will no longer know hunger, sickness, loneliness or pain. Check out these easy support methods:

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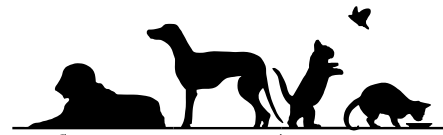
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## eSCRIP.com

Guess what...Safe Haven is now registered with eScrip! Show your support for our youth education program. To participate in this fundraising program, follow these steps:

How it Works:

1. Join via the [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com) Web site and register
2. Enter our name or group ID #9298226
3. Register your grocery club cards and all of your credit and debit cards and get shopping! Every time you use your registered cards at participating merchants, 5% of your purchase amount will be donated to Safe Haven!
4. Tell your friends!



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The Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary welcomes you to the first edition of our newsletter. This new quarterly publication is filled with information such as:

- Our Vision
- Fun pet stories
- Upcoming events
- A healthy dose of advice and "cattitude" from "Bijou the Beautiful!"
- Creative ways you can help us make the world a better place for our furry friends

Please join our network of friends! We hope to hear from you soon!

With our warmest regards,  
The Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

## *I'm ready for a new home!*

Shelby is approximately one year old. She was found with several other homeless kitties living in a field in Los Gatos. She has been spayed and is current on her vaccinations. She is a beautiful kitty and loves attention. She would like to live in a permanent loving home. She is ready to warm your home with her big heart!



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