



# The Tailbearer

NEWSLETTER OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY 

January 2019

## Dogs & Cats Are the Real Winners at Night at the Reign!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Join us on Saturday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm for an exciting night of Ontario Reign hockey! Purchase your tickets from the HSSBV for only \$15 each, saving you up to \$14 per ticket!!! There are three easy ways to purchase tickets:

Stop by the HSSBV (at 374 W. Orange Show Road in San Bernardino) Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or Saturdays from 8:00 am – noon!

Call us at 909-386-1400 ext 218 or 224 and order tickets over the phone!

Purchase your tickets online at [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org)!  
*A \$1 flat fee applies for tickets that are mailed to you!*

Every ticket purchased from the HSSBV, goes directly towards our programs and services!

The Ontario Reign players will be wearing special HSSBV designed jerseys during the game. You will have an opportunity to bid on a game worn jersey directly after the game.

Can't wait to support the HSSBV and show your Reign spirit? We have you covered! Pick up your HSSBV Ontario Reign replica jersey t-shirt and/or sweatshirt on sale now (online or in our office)! These shirts and sweatshirts will also be on sale during the game at our table near the main entrance. Be sure to stop by the table early- the shirts and sweatshirts WILL sell out.



Replica jersey t-shirts:  
\$20

Replica jersey sweatshirts:  
\$30



Feeling lucky?

Don't forget to pick up your HSSBV 50/50 tickets in the concourse during the game. Last year's winner walked away with over \$3,000! You can also purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win a team signed jersey at the HSSBV merchandise table!

Don't miss this chance to save money on a night of fun AND help animals!

HSSBV Night at the Reign is sponsored by Nexgard.



Have questions or need more information? We would be happy to help! Call us at 909-386-1400 ext 224.



# From the Vet's Desk: Dental Care

Your pet has teeth that need care, just like ours!

Dental disease is the number one health problem diagnosed by veterinarians. Bad breath is usually the first thing owners notice and is often the first indicator of dental disease.



By three years old, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats have gum disease. When tartar starts to build up then bacteria hides under it. Every time your pet chews on a toy or food, they spread this bacteria through their blood stream. This can cause problems with the heart, liver, kidneys and other organs.

Your pet needs annual dental check-ups and regular brushing to stay healthy and free of dental disease. If you have never brushed your pet's teeth here are a few steps to help keep their gums and teeth healthy:

1. Always use pet toothpaste. "People" tooth paste contains fluoride which can be harmful.
2. Use a soft toothbrush or a tooth brush made for pets. They are angled to help you do a good job. If you have never brushed their teeth before you may want to start with a finger brush. Avoid forcing them or reprimanding them. Try to make it a fun experience that your pet will enjoy.
3. Keep the sessions short. Just brushing for 1 minute a day can make a world of difference to your pet's health. Remember to make your pet's dental health a priority. It will allow them to live a longer healthier life.

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## Volunteer of the Quarter (3rd Quarter)- Gus Sanchez

Congratulations to Gus Sanchez, our Volunteer of the Quarter for the third quarter. Gus has been volunteering at the HSSBV since August of 2018, donating over 200 hours of this time!

When Gus first started, he was very shy. It has been so exciting to see him excel at his work in recovery, as well as come out of his shell.

Thank you so much for all you do, Gus!

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## Volunteer of the Quarter (4th Quarter)- Tina McDermott

Congratulations to the Volunteer of the Quarter and our laundry room rockstar, Tina McDermott! Tina has been volunteering at the HSSBV since November 2017. In this time, she has volunteered over 300 hours of her time.

Tina not only volunteers doing laundry, she always find other ways to help clean, and decorate the laundry area and the HSSBV! Her crafting skills are matched only by her enthusiastic and upbeat personality and attitude. She always goes the extra mile!

Tina says her favorite part of volunteering is the people she has met, her love of animals, and how it makes her feel! "I love working at the HSSBV and I hope to be here a long time," she says.



In her spare time, Tina enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, Sophia and Anthony. She also has three dogs and one cat at home to take care of!

Thank you so much for all you do, Tina!



# Humane Officers A “Fishy” Situation

With the recent news and social media attention focused on people selling sick and underage puppies, we thought now would be a good time to shine a light on other animals that are often sold under rather unscrupulous and inhumane conditions. There are currently numerous laws in the State of California that regulate animals and their care at swap meets, pet stores, and also dictate the size of turtles that can be offered for sale. There is also a risk of diseases spread by contact with those turtles. Far too many times people encounter betta fish and baby slider turtles being sold in small pet shops and swap meets, to convenience stores and markets. Sadly, these laws and dangers are for the most part unknown by the public and vendors. These laws are in place to ensure the protection of both the animals and the public.

Recently our officers were asked to check on two betta fish and a small slider turtle being offered for sale at a small market in Highland. Our officers found the animals in small containers with very dirty water. These animals were sitting by the cash register next to food items also offered for sale. Do you see possible health code violations here?

Yes, bettas and turtles can live in shallow water, but both species are rather dirty when it comes to waste and need water changes frequently to ensure their health and well-being. Many experts recommend at least a 2 gallon aquarium for one betta to live and thrive, not a small plastic dish. Water turtles will also need some kind of log or platform to get out of the water and bask. These three guys were all kept in separate plastic dishes with filthy shallow water. One betta was in such dirty water you couldn't tell there was a fish in the container. The turtle had no perch to bask, he just floated in his container. All three animals appeared very lethargic and sickly. Our officers seized the three and brought them to the HSSBV right away.



The first order of business was getting them in adequate enclosures with proper water conditions and temperatures. The two bettas instantly responded to the warmer water temperatures they were given (the water they were in was too cold and probably tap water that can slowly kill a betta). The turtle was given a basking perch and was able to finally get out of the water and warm up. To date, the turtle was released to a turtle rescue and the two bettas were adopted and are living the good life in a nice aquarium set up.

All too often, animals like these three are viewed as disposable. Remember, no animal is disposable, all are worthy of humane treatment and are protected under California State Law. Thanks to a caring person, there are three less animals that will end up dying a slow death and getting flushed down the toilet or thrown in the trash.

*As always, be a voice for those that don't have one.*

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## Pet Items On Sale

Back by popular demand our HSSBV Pet Items Sale will be held Friday, March 22nd from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm in the Joyce Martin Education Center!

Items on sale will included dog and cat toys, beds, clothing, collars, leashes, beds and so much more. We will also have HSSBV merchandise including t-shirts, tote bags and bracelets.

ALL items will be offered at special discounted pricing. See you there!



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## Santa Paws Another Successful Event!

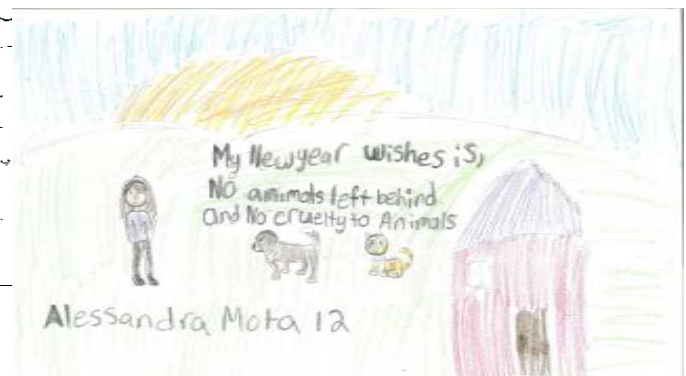
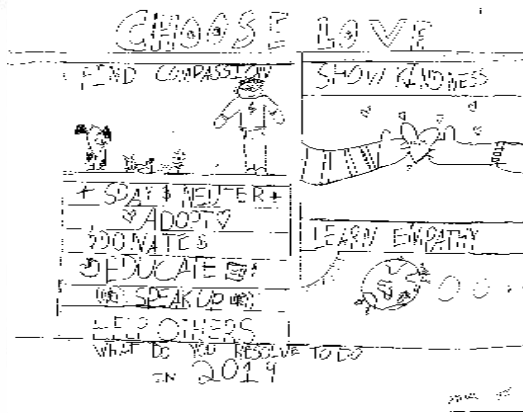
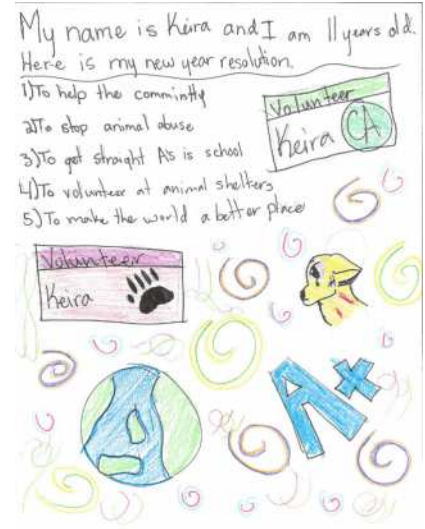
Fun was had by good cats and dogs at another successful Santa Paws Pet Photos & Holiday Boutique Fundraiser! Over \$6,000 was raised to support the HSSBV programs and services!

Thank you so much to Earhart Photography, Santa, and all of our event donors, volunteers and attendees!



# Humane Education: Thoughtful New Year's Resolutions

We asked students to share their new year's resolutions that would better serve animals, the environment, the community and themselves! Here are their responses:



## Mark Your Calendar- Walk for the Animals

Games, Prizes, Vendors, Pet Contests and MORE!  
The HSSBV Walk for the Animals has it all!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 11th to join us for a stroll and some fun at San Manuel Stadium.

See [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org) and our facebook page for updates!



# HSSBV Volunteer of the Year- Ruby Urbina!



Congratulations to HSSBV Volunteer of the Year 2018, Ruby Urbina!

Ruby has been with us as a reception volunteer since March 2018. **She has donated over 550 hours of her time and talent!!** Ruby comes to work every day with a smile and a great attitude! She is always one of the first to respond when we need extra help!

Ruby originally decided to volunteer for hands on experience and to build her resume, but mainly because of her love for animals. "I enjoy being able to interact with animals all of the time, but the awesome staff here makes volunteering even better," she says.

In her spare time, Ruby enjoys spending time with her family and her ten pets - one Chihuahua and nine cats!

Upon hearing she was voted Volunteer of the Year, Ruby said, "I would like to thank the entire HSSBV staff for making my experience here amazing, especially the reception staff. They have always made me feel like family."

Although Ruby will be here less since she is starting school this month, if you see her in our clinic, please say hi and congraultaions! We are so excited for this next chapter in her life!

Thank you so much, Ruby, for your dedication to animals and the HSSBV! We appreciate you and all that you do!

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## HSSBV Employees Celebrate Anniversaries!



Join us in celebrating these HSSBV employee anniversaries:

Lynn Hildebrand, Humane Education- **28 years!!**

Eric Cross, Call Center- 19 years!!

Teri Seymour, Executive Director- 14 years!!

Janice Spires, Reception- 7 years

Donna Hibbard, Administration- 6 years

Vanessa Dorame, Recovery- 2 years

Karina Spendlove, Call Center- 2 years

Sheryl Perez- 1 year

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## Volunteer at the HSSBV!

**WE**  **VOLUNTEERS**

Start the New Year off right and give back to animals- Become a HSSBV volunteer!

We have positions available working with animals, our clients and in our administration of-  
fice.

Visit our website at [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org) or stop by our office to apply!

Need more information or have questions you would like answered before you apply?  
Call 909-386-1400 ext 224!

# Why Leave A Charitable Bequest In Your Will

All donations generously made to the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley support programs and services that help animals in our community.

It is a common misconception that only wealthy or famous people leave money to a charity when they pass away. However, bequests are made by regular, hardworking people who want to make a positive difference after they are gone. Over the years, many animal loving, compassionate people have chosen to leave a charitable bequest to the HSSBV. These individuals have been part of our history and have given us the opportunity to grow and serve more animals.

Charitable bequests come in all sizes and each one leaves a lasting impact and legacy. You can create a better world by including a charity bequest in your will, and you can make a better life for animals by choosing the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley. Suggested verbiage and information for charitable bequests:

Legal Name: Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley  
IEN: 23-7078944  
374 W Orange Show Road, San Bernardino, CA 92408  
909-386-1400



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## Kenai's Corner- The Importance of Play!



Happy New Year everyone. Kenai, here! I am so excited for a new year and to learn new things. I received some cool new toys for Christmas and can't wait for Mom and I to go out and play.

Having fun is a natural behavior for dogs. Puppies do it without any training. For some reason, Mom sees a lot of dogs that either don't know how to play or they are frightened of your attempts to get them to play.

Dogs need to play for their mental and physical health. Playing with your dog will strengthen and build a solid bond. One of the reasons dogs are man's best friend is because they share our love of playing.

Whenever we encounter a dog with behavior problems, our first question is how much exercise does he get? Lack of exercise can cause any number of behavior problems. Dogs that get into things they shouldn't, tear up your belongings, or try to escape their home are normally lacking in positive exercise. Keep in mind that a tired dog is a well-behaved dog.

Playing with your dog and encouraging other family members to play with them will result in a well socialized dog. Allowing your young dog to play with other dogs also results in good socialization. However, supervise your dog and keep his play time positive.

Unfortunately, some dogs never have an opportunity to play with humans. They may be puppy mill dogs, dogs banished to the backyard, or rescues that have been kept in a kennel. Before attempting to teach your play deprived dog to play ensure he trusts you. To begin to teach your dog to play, grab one of his toys and toss it around gently, smile and laugh a lot, then put the toy away out of reach but where he can see it. Do this several times and then leave the toy where your dog can check it out. If he approaches or picks up the toy offer him some treats. Never shove a toy at him. If he begins to play offer treats and encourage him. Using toys that allow treats to dispense during play are a great training tool. While training your dog to play, take it slow and never correct or punish him. Spend time each day playing and you will see how rewarding it will be for you and your dog.

Sometimes, humans get so wrapped up in their daily lives they forget about the importance of having fun. So when your dog drops that ball in your lap, lowers the front of his body and the tail is in the air wagging: Stop, take a break and go out and play with your dog.

*Want more information on dog training? Contact Dances with Dogs Training Center!  
909-496-5356 or [www.danceswithdogstc.com](http://www.danceswithdogstc.com)*

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## HSSBV 50th Anniversary

Did you know the HSSBV turns 50 years old in 2020? We are so excited to celebrate with YOU! Stay tuned during 2019 to be the first to know about our plans and events!

Do you have any old photos from our early days? Do you have a story you would like to share about a time the HSSBV helped you and your pet? We want you to share them with us! Please email [jhenderson@hssbv.org](mailto:jhenderson@hssbv.org)!

# Thank you to all those who support the mission of the Humane Society.

Donations from October 1, 2018 - January 2, 2019

## Donations given in loving Memory of:

Honey Bee by Dee Matthews	Mavis Lancaster by Peggy Noble	Cheetoh by Cathleen Galloway Brown	Roxy by Karen Houston	Sue Dawson by Dee Williams
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## Donations given in loving Honor of:

Cathy Fisher by Heather Begnaud	Dani Schmitt by Teri Thomas	Mrs & Mrs Mark Minard by James Poss	Robert Zaragoza by Teri Thomas	Harry Forster & Bobbie Artis by James Poss
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## Make A Difference Club Members

Val Cornwell ~ Tim & Diane Henderson ~ Beth Jahanneck ~ Christine Marquez ~ Phyllis Meadows  
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*A special thank you to all of our in-kind and Wish List donors!*

**We would also like to thank the following supporters who generously donated \$100 or more from October 1, 2018 - January 2, 2019**

Tammy Abrams	Diane Sandri Hurd	Robyn Tokar
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**... And to so many other friends and steadfast contributors, past and present, you make a difference. Thank you.**



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## HSSBV Hours & More

We take appointments for all services including vaccines, and vet exams.  
 Limited walk-ins will be available!

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8 AM - 5:00 PM

### Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

By appointment 909-386-1400

### Vaccination Service

Monday-Friday 8:30AM - 4:30 PM

Please schedule appointment

Saturday 8 AM - 12:00 PM

### Monthly News/Other Info

Visit our website at [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org)  
 or [www.facebook.com/hssbv](http://www.facebook.com/hssbv)

## WISHES & WAGS

- Dog houses (new or in good condition)
- Oster® A-5 hair clippers (10 blade)
- Laundry detergent HE (unscented)
- Towels (new & used)
- Dog, Cat, Puppy & Kitten food
- Dog sweaters, size small
- Kitty litter (scoopable)
- Large litter boxes
- Dog & Cat beds
- Dog & Cat toys
- Gift cards
- Office supplies, colored paper
- Pillowcases

... And we always need **people** like you!  
 We have opportunities for volunteers 18 and over in several areas, from our Saturday Shot Clinic to surgical recovery.

Call us today at 909-386-1400 ext. 224  
 or **apply online at [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org).**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Night at the Reign

Saturday, February 23, 2019  
 Citizens Business Bank Arena  
 \*Tickets on sale now\*

### HSSBV Pet Items Sales Event

Friday, March 22, 2019  
 HSSBV Joyce Martin Education Center

### Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

Friday, March 19, 2019  
 Call to book your appointment!  
 909-386-1400 ext 218

### Walk for the Animals

Saturday, May 11, 2019  
 San Manuel Stadium, San Bernardino

### Mark your calendar now:

Castle Park Discount Day- July 6  
 Fiesta Village Discount Day- August 10  
 Blessing of the Animals- October 4  
 Santa Paws Pet Photos & Holiday Boutique- November 23

### Dances with Dogs Training Center

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