



The Tailbearer

Newsletter of the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley

Celebrating 50 years!

January 2020

HSSBV Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Happy New Year! We are so excited to share that 2020 is the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley's "Golden Paws" 50th Anniversary year.

History

On March 16, 1970, with the hard work and dedication of a few key volunteers committed to caring and protecting animals in order to improve the quality of their lives, the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley became incorporated. As with any new start-up organization, there were many challenges. Along this challenging path, the Society's dream became one to provide the residents of the city of San Bernardino and their pets with quality animal services sufficient to meet local needs. This dream was inspired and led by a true visionary, Joyce Young Martin.

Beatrice Tupman Prothero who documented the Society's first history stated: "Joyce's dreams centered on the developing of a much-needed low-cost spay and neuter clinic to help alleviate, in our area at least, the national disgrace of dog and cat overpopulation. Alone, she planted a fertile seed..."

Person by person, she brought in a small group of dedicated people to implement this dream. They began with efforts to change conditions at the city "pound". While pursuing this objective, the small founding group was continuing to grow, using their time and resources to educate the community on behalf of all animals, both domestic and wild.

In 1978, they launched a \$175,000 campaign to build a low-cost spay/neuter clinic and general offices. The Humane Society used these original buildings until November of 2005 when they moved to the present location at 374 W. Orange Show Road.



This was the beginning of that initial dream to address the causes and prevention of pet overpopulation. Today the Humane Society of San Bernardino serves in excess of 50 – 60,000 animals a year by providing low-cost spaying and neutering services, low-cost vaccinations, medical services to pets of indigent people and education classes to over 17,000 children annually. In addition the Society employs two cruelty investigation state humane officers to help prevent animal abuse and neglect.

Celebrations All Year Long

We have so many exciting programs and events all year long to celebrate this milestone year in our history! For more information on any of these events, visit us at www.hssbv.org or call 909-386-1400 ext 224 or 218.

- March 16th- Our Anniversary date! Stop by the HSSBV clinic for free giveaways for pets!
- April 4th- HSSBV Night at the Reign event. This annual fundraising event takes on a new twist with special 50th Anniversary designed jerseys. Tickets on sale now! See the article in this newsletter for all the details!
- May 9th- Walk for the Animals. Build your own custom fundraising page and join us at San Manuel Stadium to enjoy a day of play for you and your pet!
- July 11th- Castle Park discount day!
- August 8th- Fiesta Village discount day!
- August 22nd- Paint Your Pet event at Purple Easel! This is the ONLY Paint Your Pet event for 2020. Seats WILL sell out!
- September 26th- HSSBV Golden Paws Gala at The Doubletree Hotel in San Bernardino.
- For sponsorship information or to purchase a table, please call 909-386-1400 ext 224 or email jhenderson@hssbv.org.
- Individual ticket sales information will be available soon!
- November 26th- Santa Paws Pet Photos & Holiday Boutique!

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A Look Back at 50 Years of Helping Animals- Guest Writer, Aurora Soriano

What better way to remember the HSSBV's rich 50 year history, than hearing from those who were there? In this issue we hear from HSSBV donor, Aurora Soriano. Aurora is a former HSSBV President, board member and volunteer.

The Humane Society – 1990's

It was an early Saturday morning on the corner of Waterman and Mill Street in San Bernardino when I first met Sue Dawson. She was standing in a storage facility parking lot with mounds of plastic bags behind her filled with donated blankets, pillows, clothes and various house wares. All for cause - the animals. The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley (HSSBV) had just launched a Thrift Store to help generate money for humane education and cruelty investigation programs and also to help build a new facility. At the time, Sue was President of the HSSBV Board and was collecting the donations to equip the store with merchandise. This would help increase the much-needed revenues for the new facility. The old HSSBV building on Highland was not big enough, nor was it able to accommodate the volume of animals that hit its doors during the week and especially on the weekends. The community needed something bigger and better.

I had started to volunteer for Saturday shot clinics for a number of months before Sue and Joyce Martin asked me to attend the HSSBV Board meetings. I was so impressed with the caliber of people serving on the Board. People who cared for the community from all walks of life, teachers, businessmen, accountants, and legal experts with one thing in common, the love and passion for animal welfare. Joyce Martin, co-founder of the Humane Society had a dream. She wanted to see an end to the senseless abuse and neglect of many animals in San Bernardino and improve the conditions of the City-run shelter. She believed that working with the community and schools, in particular educating young children about the humane treatment of animals, was the beginning of change. I wanted to be a part of the dream.

Sue Dawson and Joyce Martin were women of substance. They were leaders, negotiators, and activists who were determined to unite a community to action for animals. Sue contributed greatly to the board with her business connections and Joyce, as an educator, was a champion for humane education. Together they built a valuable animal welfare organization that did not exist in San Bernardino, and they challenged us all to make a better world for animals.



Who they were:

Joyce Martin: Caring, loving and self-sacrificing for animals. I remember when I called her late one evening to help me rescue a dog that was in the middle of traffic on Highland Avenue in Rialto. I had tried to coax the dog to no avail. Finally, the dog got into my car and I drove it to my home in Fontana. Unfortunately, with all the cats in my care at the time, I could not add a dog to the mix. With no hesitation, she drove from San Bernardino to Fontana to pick up the dog. When she arrived, we celebrated the rescue for the dog had been spared from being hit by a car. We toasted later with a glass of wine.



Sue Dawson: Determined, innovative and passionate about animal welfare. A savvy businesswoman, who engaged many in the business community to support the Humane Society. She worked tirelessly for animals and was always open to trying new things. I remember when we worked together in getting Delta Airlines to donate airline tickets and do a raffle for animals and the HSSBV hosted an event in San Bernardino. Although we did not generate as much money as we wanted, the publicity and awareness increased. It was a great event that brought the community together.

HSSBV Website Getting An Update!

COMING SOON! Our website will have a new look. Head on over to see our new design and features in February, including: online pharmacy, HSSBV store, events calendar, blog and so much more!

www.hssbv.org



Cruelty Investigation Department: Officers Rescue Starved Dog

In October, our officers responded to a welfare check in the Inland Empire. The reporting party stated there was a dog chained in a backyard that appeared extremely malnourished and without shelter. Our officers arrived at the residence and were shown an extremely emaciated female Boxer mix chained amongst debris without any water or shelter available. The dog was very weak and trembled when trying to stand due to severely diminished muscles. She was dehydrated and so starved that every rib and spinal vertebrae was easily visible. She was even lacking muscle on her neck and head, as her eyes were sunk in.

The owner claimed the dog had recently ran off and then returned in that condition, and they had been trying to fatten her back up. Neighbors had reported they had not seen the dog being fed. Our officers seized the skeletal looking dog based upon her health and the conditions she was found in, and transported her directly to the Humane Society where she was immediately triaged. She weighed 55 pounds upon arrival (approximately 30 pounds underweight for her large frame) and also suffered an ear infection, dehydration and malnourishment. She was put on medication for the infection and fed a closely monitored diet. Within 2 weeks she gained 20 pounds and was no longer weak and trembling. After two weeks she was fit enough to go to a rescue to find her forever home!

There were several Health and Safety Code and Penal Code violations regarding how this poor dog was kept. As of the printing of this publication, a cruelty case is being completed for filing with the District Attorney's Office. It is our hope there can be justice for this poor dog.

This case had a happy ending because someone cared enough to ask for help for this dog. If you suspect animal cruelty or neglect, be a voice for those that don't have one.



From the Vet's Desk: Keeping Your Pet Healthy in the New Year!

Welcome to the HSSBV's newest veterinarian, Dr. Shiraki!

As we begin the New Year with our own resolutions, we can resolve to remember the importance of preventative care for our beloved four legged family members. Preventative care minimizes the occurrence of diseases in our pets and can save money in the long run. As an example, fully vaccinating appropriately for parvo virus in a puppy usually costs less than \$100. Compare that to the treatment of this potentially deadly disease, which can cost thousands of dollars.

Vaccinations. Vaccines are very effective at preventing diseases and keeping our pets healthy if the proper schedule is followed. Diseases like parvo and distemper can be deadly for puppies. Vaccinating for rabies is the law (for dogs), and if your pet was to bite someone and not be up to date with his or her rabies vaccine, they would be required to be quarantined. Even indoor cats should be vaccinated for rabies. They could escape in the case of a fire or earthquake and there has been a confirmed case of rabies in an indoor cat.

Spay and Neuter. Spaying or neutering your pet at a young age helps prevent disease. We see several dogs and cats a week with mammary cancer and pyometras which could have been prevented if they were spayed at a young age. Male dogs often can also have prostate problems and cancers that could be prevented by neutering.

Intestinal parasites. Routine fecal testing and deworming can help prevent or treat intestinal parasites in our pets. Many parasites cannot be seen in the feces, so just because you don't see worms, doesn't mean they aren't there. Many of these parasites can infect humans, most commonly children, so it is very important to monitor.

Heartworm. Heartworm is a blood parasite transmitted by mosquitos. Adult heartworms reside in the heart, where if left undiagnosed and untreated, can be fatal. A simple blood test can screen for heartworm and a monthly preventative is recommended year round to protect them from this deadly disease.

Fleas and ticks. Fleas and ticks are one of the most common problems we see as veterinarians. They both can be irritating to our pets and to us, but they can also cause allergic reactions and transmit diseases to our pets as well as to humans. Just because it is winter, in Southern California that does not mean these parasites are in "hibernation." Our fur babies should be on prevention year round.

Microchips. Microchips carry a unique identification number that when scanned can be used to reunite you with your beloved pet. In the event of a fire, earthquake or your pet escaping from home and being found by animal control or a Good Samaritan, they can be identified as owned, even if they lose their collar.

Dental Care. A human dental hygiene routine includes brushing twice a day and a deep cleaning every 6 months. If you translate that to how we should care for our pet's teeth it is easy to see why they develop dental disease or "bad breath!" Dental disease can lead to pain, losing teeth, abscesses and even heart disease.

Make sure to stay up to date on your pet's health with your veterinarian or here at the HSSBV! Call 909-386-1400 to make an appointment.

Night at the Reign is Back!



Everyone's favorite night of the year is back- HSSBV Night at the Ontario Reign Hockey Game & Jersey Auction will be held **Saturday, April 4, 2020**. Doors open at 5:00 pm, and the game will begin at 6:00 pm.

Purchase your tickets today- only \$17 (saving you up to \$16!) by visiting our website www.hssbv.org, stopping by our office or calling 909-386-1400 ext 218 or 224.

Be sure to stay after the game for the post-game jersey auction benefitting the HSSBV! Specially designed HSSBV Ontario Reign jerseys will be auctioned off the players back, even Kington the mascot's jersey will be auctioned.

Stop by the HSSBV table near the main entrance for your chance to WIN one of these jerseys in our raffle. Tickets are only \$1 each and the winner will be pulled at our Walk for the Animals event on May 9th. You can also purchase our popular HSSBV Reign replica jersey t-shirts and hoodies. Be sure to arrive early to get yours- they WILL sell out. Want to wear yours to the game? Shirts and hoodies will be on sale at our office soon!



We look forward to spending another fun filled night of hockey with you and your family (sorry, pets must stay at home for this one!).

Humane Education: SOAR Charter Academy Field Trip

SOAR Charter Academy Field Trip, Submitted by SOAR teacher, Nubia Wilson

On October 29th, SOAR Charter Academy walked over 40 third graders to the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley to learn about animal safety and careers in animal care. The students enjoyed learning about kindness and compassion towards animals. When asked what was the highlight of this day, a student shared "getting to meet the therapy pug!"

The students learned about The Power of One and how each person can make a difference.

Students collected and donated dog and cat food that will be given to low income and homeless pets.

Soar Charter Academy is proud to continue our relationship with the Humane Society and continue to teach our kids the importance of compassion and giving back to our community.



HSSBV Volunteer of the Year: Phyllis Bruner

Congratulations to Volunteer of the Year, Phyllis Bruner! Phyllis has been volunteering in our surgical recovery area since 2016 and has donated over 400 hours of time and talent!

Phyllis is a retired elementary school teacher. Her passions have always been both children and animals. Once she retired she started volunteering at Wildhaven in the San Bernardino Mountains. After three years there, she wanted to try something new and applied at the HSSBV! Phyllis shares, “My time with the HSSBV has given me a wonderful sense of fulfillment. I have enjoyed my interaction with other volunteers. The staff are such special people and I consider all of them another family. Plus I love taking care of our animal patients.”

Phyllis not only volunteers at the HSSBV! She does good all over the community by participating in Meals on Wheels, volunteering at the Presbyterian Church in Lake Arrowhead as a Deacon, as well as singing in their choir and doing community outreach. She also enjoys yoga with her daughter who is an instructor. Phyllis’ daughter and SIX grandchildren live near by and she enjoys spending time with them.

Congratulations, Phyllis! Thank you for all of your hard work and dependability! We appreciate you!



Volunteer of the 3rd Quarter- Gil McMurray

Gil McMurray has been volunteering with the HSSBV since October 2017. While primarily a confirming call volunteer, Gil has now also become a staple working our fundraising events as well! In his time with us, Gil has donated over 350 volunteer hours! Gil is known around the office, not just for his upbeat personality, but for always being dependable and willing to help out with extra work during busier days!



When Gil was looking into volunteer opportunities in the community, he was drawn to the HSSBV because of his love for animals. He also was familiar with the organization because of the HSSBV Ontario Reign jersey auctions, where he and his wife had been winning bidders in the past.

When asked what he enjoys most about volunteering, Gil shares, “Volunteering allows for many different interactions and working at the HSSBV has given me many chances for fulfillment. I enjoy working the events and interacting with the public. It's pleasing to see so many people who are advocates for animals and how much time and effort people give to help animals. It really gives me a sense of community. Working with the staff is also an enjoyable experience since everybody is so friendly and can always be counted on for a laugh.”

In his spare time Gil enjoys gardening, and has recently began playing pickle ball. He and his wife have a Border Collie mix, Lolli.

When asked for any final thoughts, Gil said, “As I tell others about my volunteerism, I would hope that it would spark some interest and perhaps get others to think about donating some time and effort to the cause. One really does get a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment doing something that is not required of themselves.”

Volunteer of the 4th Quarter- David Michaelson

David Michaelson started volunteering with the HSSBV in March of 2019. Since that time he has volunteered over 150 hours of his time!



David was looking for opportunities to make a positive impact on society, in addition to finding an activity to take his mind off school! He loves animals, so the HSSBV was a good fit. Michael has a 2 year old husky, Rufus, at home. He is currently slowly introducing Rufus to his girlfriend’s cat, Pistachio.

When asked what he enjoys most about volunteering, David shares, “Helping to ensure that people get their pets treated and vaccinated affordably and in a timely fashion is certainly rewarding. Additionally, I get to work with fantastic employees at the HSSBV. I always leave feeling better than when I walked in.”

David started volunteering in our Saturday Shot Clinic as a receptionist. With his changing schedule, you can now find him in reception during the week.

Thank you, David for all you do! We appreciate you!

Congratulations!

Raymond Pryke Foundation Awards \$25,000 Grant to HSSBV

Thank you to the Raymond Pryke Foundation for their generous grant awarded to the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley (HSSBV)!



On November 1, 2019, Charles and Linda Garber, Officers for the Raymond Pryke Foundation, visited the HSSBV to drop off this generous gift, which will be used across all of our programs and services.

Started in 2016, the Raymond Pryke Foundation's focus is on education and animal welfare. Raymond Pryke was born in England in 1923. He served in the British Army, as well as the Royal Air Force. He became an American citizen in 1949. Mr. Pryke started his career in publishing in 1962, owning and acquiring several publications in San Bernardino County, as well as Orange County and LA County, including Apple Valley News, Adelanto Bulletin, Hesperia Reporter, County Legal Reporter and The Antelope Valley Journal.

Mr. Pryke was married to Rosemarie Jane Pryke for 54 years. She was not only his wife, but also his business partner. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pryke were generous and active community members supporting the ASPCA, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Rescue Missions, The First Amendment Coalition, as well as endowed a Chair in First Amendment Law at the University of California, Irvine.

The HSSBV is excited to begin this new partnership with the Raymond Pryke Foundation!

Casino Night & Santa Paws Recap



Our "Howler-ween" Casino Night was a scream! Together, we raised over \$13,000 for HSSBV programs and services.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated to the raffles, volunteered, and our sponsors!



Good boys and girls (animal and human) were able to meet Santa Claus during our annual Santa Paws event on November 23, 2019. A total of \$5,800 was raised for our programs and services.

Thank you to all of our raffle donors, sponsors, attendees, volunteers, and of course SANTA!

HSSBV Employees Celebrate Anniversaries!



Please join us in celebrating these HSSBV employees celebrating anniversaries!

Lynn Hildebrand- 29 years!!
Teri Seymour- 15 years!!
Janice Spires- 8 years!
Donna Hibbard- 6 years!
Vanessa Dorame- 3 years!
Karina Spendlove- 3 years!
Sheryl Perez- 2 years!
Jose Mariscal- 1 year!

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

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- Dog & Cat toys
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 or **apply online at www.hssbv.org.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16

HSSBV 50th Anniversary

April 4

Night at the Reign (tickets on sale NOW!)

April 17

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training
 (Save \$5 when you preregister)

May 9

Walk for the Animals

Save the date for these upcoming events later in the year:

July 11- Castle Park Discount Day

August 8- Fiesta Village

August 22- Paint Your Pet

September 26- Golden Paws Gala

November 21- Santa Paws Pet Photos & Boutique

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